

Texas 4-H & Youth Development  
District 10 4-H Program



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**TO:** District 10 County Offices and Agents

**SUBJECT:** 2018 DISTRICT 10 4-H PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST INFORMATION

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**REGISTRATION:**

Regular Registration for the District Photography Contest will be held on 4-H Connect **January 22 – February 1, 2018**. Cost for registration will be \$5.00 per person. Late Registration will be held on 4-H Connect February 2 – 5, 2018. Cost for late registration will be \$30.00 (\$5.00 regular entry and \$25.00 late fee). Agents need to have all entries certified by February 9, 2018 so that entry lists can be generated.

**2016-2017 DISTRICT PHOTOGRAPHY COMMITTEE:**

Nathan Tucker, Co-Chair  
Samantha Korzekwa

Jessica Stapper, Co-Chair  
Sandy Kunkel

*\*\*\*Committee members will need to secure at least three (3) people to serve as judges for the District Contest. Photographs will be available for judging online, but judges will use a hard copy form for scoring (so you will need to provide your judges with those). If you have any questions about selecting judges, please contact Megan Logan, Jessica Stapper, or Nathan Tucker\*\*\**

**AGE DIVISIONS:**

The age divisions for District 10 4-H Photography Contest are as follows. Make sure each participant enters the correct age division!

- Juniors – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade (and 8 years old) – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Intermediates – 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Seniors – 9<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> Grade (has not surpassed their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday as of August 31, 2017)

**NUMBER OF ENTRIES:**

Each 4-H member may enter up to three (3) photos. **A 4-Her CANNOT enter all three photographs in the same category; they will need to be entered in three different categories.** If a 4-Her submits more than 3 photos, it will be up to the committee's discretion as to which 3 photos will be judged. Photos must be taken by the 4-H member between April 16, 2017 – February 1, 2018.

The members of Texas A&M AgriLife will provide equal opportunities in programs and activities, education, and employment to all persons regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation or gender identity and will strive to achieve full and equal employment opportunity throughout Texas A&M AgriLife.

## **PROCESS OF SUBMITTING PHOTOGRAPHS FOR DISTRICT JUDGING**

All entries for the 2017-2018 District 10 Photography Contest will be completed using 4-H Connect. Please read these submission rules very carefully to prevent disqualification of entries! All entries will be uploaded to 4-H connect at the time of entry. Therefore, all photos are due by February 8, 2018

### **PLEASE READ THESE RULES VERY CAREFULLY AND FOLLOW EVERY STEP CORRECTLY!!!**

1. **Formatting the Photograph.** Photographs should be taken at a minimum of 300 dpi quality resolution. Photographs must be in a .jpeg, .jpg, or .gif format. Files submitted may not be larger than 5120KB (5MB). Photos must be a 3:2 (4"x6") or 5:4 (8"x10") ratios (either landscape or portrait). If you need assistance in resizing photos, you can use: <http://webresizer.com/>, or a program of your choice.

2. **Labeling/Naming the Photograph.** Each photograph will need to be clearly labeled with the Age Division, County, 4-H member's first and last name and the name of the category (see below for label name).

*For example: Junior 4-H member John Smith from Bandera County entering the Animals-Wildlife category would upload a file labeled:  
Junior \_Bandera\_John\_Smith\_Wildlife.jpg*

*Please use the following labels for the categories:*

CATEGORY	FILE LABEL NAME	CATEGORY	FILE LABEL NAME
ANIMALS - DOMESTIC	Domestic	LANDSCAPE & NATURE	Landscape
ANIMALS - WILDLIFE	Wildlife	MOTION/ACTION	Motion
CATCH ALL	All	PEOPLE	People
DETAILS & MACROS	Details	PLANT/FLORA	Plant
DOMINANT COLOR	Dominant	SPORTS	Sports
ELEMENTS OF DESIGN	Elements	THEME	Theme
ENHANCED	Enhanced	TRAVEL & PLACE	Travel
FOOD	Food		

3. **Submitting the Entry.** Photo submission for the District contest will be on 4-H Connect between January 22 – February 1, 2018 (for regular registration) and February 2 – 5, 2018 (for late registration). Deadlines vary by county, so you will need to contact your County Extension Agent.
4. **Completing online entry.** In order to upload your photographs, you will go to the first upload section, and find the category you are entering. In the box for the category you will select upload, and it will add your photograph to that section. If entering more than one photo, continue to the next section and upload your next photo. **Only one photo may be uploaded per section.**

### **Judging Of Photos**

Judging will be held between March 1-31, 2018. Results will be posted on the District 10 Website by April 1, 2018.

### **Recognition of Contest Results**

Blue, Red or White award ribbons will be given for each photo. Judging will be done by a qualified judge and the State Photography Contest Score Sheet will be used. 'Category Winner' will also be awarded in each of the 15 categories for each age division.

An overall Champion will also be selected from each age division.

All scoresheets and awards will be given to County Agents during the Spring Round-Up event April 19-21, 2018.

### **Categories for District Photography Contest**

We will follow the State Photography Rules for Contest Categories. Categories and Descriptions are attached. There are no separate categories for color or black and white photos.

Please share this information with your 4-H members and work with them to get registered on 4-H Connect and upload photos by February 1, 2018.

- Additional Information: The 2018 State Photography Contest Rules can be found at: [https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/17-18\\_Texas4H\\_Photo\\_Rules.pdf](https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/17-18_Texas4H_Photo_Rules.pdf)

### **Enclosures**

- State Photography Categories & Descriptions

## CATEGORIES

It is extremely important that 4-H members, project leaders, parents, and county Extension agents review the descriptions of each category very carefully. Please do not enter photographs into categories that are duplicates from other categories or ones that do not clearly meet the category description. Photographs that do not meet the description of the category will be disqualified.

### ANIMALS - DOMESTIC

**Description**

Photos focusing on the various animals that have been tamed and made fit for a human environment. To be considered domesticated, the animal must have their behavior, life cycle, or physiology systemically altered as a result of being under human control for many generations.

**Examples**

- Dogs/Cats
- Sheep/Goats
- Pig
- Cow
- Chicken
- Hamsters
- Horse
- Goose/Ducks (domestic use)

### ANIMALS - WILDLIFE

**Description**

Category focuses on animals not tamed or domesticated and commonly found in the wilderness or the bodies of water throughout the country and world. Photos can be of wildlife in nature, zoos, and/or petting zoos.

**What is NOT Allowed**

Photos taken through glass.

**Examples**

- Deer
- Snakes
- Birds
- Elephants
- Whales

### CATCH-ALL

**Description**

Category for photos that DO NOT CLEARLY FIT into one of the other categories.

**What is NOT Allowed**

Do not submit a photo in this category which can clearly be submitted in another photography category.

Catch-all is not intended for the use to eliminate duplicate photos from multiple 4-H members.

**Examples**

- Polaroid image & emulsion transfers
- Still-life
- Long exposure zoomed images
- Painting with light.

### DETAILS & MACRO

**Description**

Getting in close is the name of the game for this category. We welcome pictures of small details that suggest a larger story. This is also the place for macro photographs (although a macro image of a flower might equally go into the Flowers category).

**Examples**

- Insects
- Coins
- Clocks
- Stamps
- Ice Crystals

### DOMINANT COLOR

**Description**

Photos with a dominant color. The dominant element in the image must be a specific color, such as red, yellow, blue, white, black, white, green, etc. Black & White photos, duotones, are excluded from this category.

**Examples**

- Bowl of lemons, in a yellow bowl, on top of a yellow table covering, with a bright yellow tone sunlighting on it.

### ELEMENTS OF DESIGN

**Description**

Images use of graphic elements of design. Photos that showcase line, shape, pattern, form, texture, perspective, etc. Photo can consist of any subject matter. Category is not for graphic illustrations made in commercial programs (i.e. Adobe Illustrator®) nor for extreme digital creations.

**What is NOT Allowed**

Graphic design illustrations made in a program such as Adobe Photoshop or Illustrator. Digital creations DO NOT qualify in this category.

**Examples**

- Perspective
- Line
- Pattern
- Shape

<b>ENHANCED</b>		
<b>Description</b> A single photo that has been technically manipulated to be an abstract, panoramic, stitched or composite images. Others variations are allowed as well.	<b>Examples</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Photoshop® composites and creations</li> <li>Images greatly manipulated with a variety of filters</li> <li>Photos with artistic borders</li> <li>Photos stitched into a panoramic.</li> </ul>	
<b>FOOD</b>		
<b>Description</b> Category is a still life specialization of photography, aimed at producing attractive photographs of food for use in such items of advertisements, packaging, menus and/or cookbooks.	<b>What is NOT Allowed</b> No photos of alcohol beverages are allowed!	<b>Examples</b> <i>Thanksgiving dinner, cakes/pies, fruits and place settings, Easter eggs, sandwiches, ingredients, etc.</i>
<b>LANDSCAPE &amp; NATURE (NON-ANIMAL)</b>		
<b>Description</b> The focus of this category includes landscapes, outdoor scenics, nature images, sunsets, urban landscapes, seascapes, cityscapes, and farms. Images focus on the beauty of the outdoors.	<b>What is NOT Allowed</b> Photos which primary subject is wildlife or person.	<b>Examples</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Landscapes/Gardens</li> <li>Scenics</li> <li>Outdoors.</li> </ul>
<b>MOTION / ACTION</b>		
<b>Description</b> The capture of movement within a single photo.	<b>What is NOT Allowed</b> Photos which would clearly fit into another category, such as sports.	<b>Examples</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Horse Running across field/pasture</li> <li>Ferris Wheel Spinning</li> </ul>
<b>PEOPLE</b>		
<b>Description</b> Photos focus from all walks of life, parenting and family, children, babies, models/fashion, sports, and couples.	<b>NOTE:</b> All individuals in the photos must have provided consent and permission as a subject. If requested, a release will be needed from the photographer and subject.	<b>Examples</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Babies</li> <li>Kids</li> <li>Families</li> <li>Models/Fashion</li> </ul>
<b>PLANT/FLORA</b>		
<b>Description</b> Photos of interesting, unique, and beautiful flowers and flora. Photography can occur outdoors or indoors. Photo subject should be that of a single flower, plant, bush, tree, etc. Large collections of plant/flora should be considered for entry into the Nature & Landscape category.	<b>Examples</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rose(s)</li> <li>An upward shot of a tree</li> <li>A flower bouquet</li> </ul>	
<b>SPORTS</b>		
<b>Description</b> Photo that captures individual or team sports. Can be either professional or amateur (human) and the focus could be on the sportsperson, the sport environment, the effort expended, or the conflict/rewards. Must reflect a strong message.	<b>Examples</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gymnast</li> <li>Football player or team</li> <li>Swimming</li> <li>Rodeo contestant</li> </ul>	
<b>THEME</b>		
<b>Description</b> Theme photo focuses on a subject announced and outlined in the contest rules and guidelines. For 2017-2018 the theme is "BACKYARD". This creative category will feature photos what one would see when stepping out your back door.	<b>What is NOT Allowed</b> Photos should not be of ranch rangeland, but focus on immediate outside area of one's house.	<b>Examples</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kids swinging</li> <li>Swimming pool</li> <li>Person mowing yard</li> <li>Garden/Flower Beds</li> </ul>

## TRAVEL & PLACE

This category includes images that express the joys and adventures of travel photography, showcasing place as an important part of the photo.

This category can include historic buildings, ruins, islands, any subject you might encounter while traveling, as long as the photo expresses a sense of PLACE.

### **What is NOT Allowed**

Photos in the travel and place category cannot be entered into other categories (landscape & nature), but may be similar, however, photos in this category must depict traveling and experiencing other parts of the world.

### **Examples**

- *Disney World/Land*
- *Roman Ruins*
- *Great Wall of China*