2013 4-H Photo Contest

Summary of the Contest

Entry Classes:

- People
- Animals
- Plant/Flora
- Scenic
- Architectural Elements
- Still Life
- Hat Tricks & Magic
- Photo Story
- Black & White
- 4-H Theme.

Photo Story Class submissions: A minimum of 3 photos to a maximum of 5 photos can be submitted individually in this class. Each photo must be sized 8” x 10” & individually mounted properly. On the back of the each photo should be the label/release statement, numbered to outline the sequence of the photos & to provide an explanation about your “Photo Story”.

Number of Entries: A 4-H’er may submit up to 5 entries. However, each entry must be in a different class. Photographs cannot be dually entered into more than one class. Photo Story category may have 3-5 photos submitted.

Eligibility of Photos: All photographs must have been taken by 4-H members within one year of the date of the photo contest state deadline (June 1 of the previous year).

Previous Winners: Previous Best In Show winners, are eligible to compete again but not in the same photo class. For example, a Best In Show JR winner in the Animals class can compete again by submitting a photo in another class.

Size & mounting of Photo: Must be 8”x10” & mounted properly for an overall maximum size of 8” x 10”. All prints must be securely & permanently mounted on a non-frame board that may be of 5mm foam board or mat board no larger than 8” X 10”. Masonite, photo folders, corrugated cardboard or thin poster board is not acceptable. Double faced tape, glue or rubber cement is not allowed for mounting purposes. An adhesive spray or special adhesive board is best. Mat Framing (of any kind) is not allowed & will result in disqualification.

DO NOT submit photos in glass or plexiglass (or any other coating) Maximum size for a single photo is 8” X 10”, not including mounting; 12” X 14” with mounting. Maximum size for the mounted series is 16” x 20”. Fill out legibly & securely attach the Florida 4-H Photography Exhibit Certification Statement form to the back of the photo mount found at: http://florida4h.org/programsandevents_/phot/. Refrain from writing on the photo.
**Digital Files:** All entrants must attach original photo file in a JPEG file format on a CD to the back of the submitted photograph. Photos taken with film or transparencies will need to be converted into a JPEG file, placed on a CD & attached to the back of the submitted photograph. For Photo Story submissions, only 1 CD is needed attached to the 1st photo of the sequence.

**Refusal Rights:** The Florida 4-H Youth Development Program reserves the right to refuse inappropriate or unsuitable entries. Photograph must NOT be offensive, degrading, racists, or contain pornography of any form.

**Alterations of photo:** Although slight computer enhanced photos are allowed, such as crop, trimming, adjusting lighting, & red eye reduction; substantially altered photography, such as changing colors or applying design styles, using computer graphics will disqualify an entry.

**Model Release Statement:** New to the Florida 4-H Photography Contest, recognizable pictures of any adult or youth under the age of 18 must include a “Model release” signature, [http://www.danheller.com/model-release.html#5](http://www.danheller.com/model-release.html#5). If a minor is in the photo, the signature MUST come from their parent or guardian. If the adult or parent/guardian will not sign the Model Release, then do not submit the photo into the contest. Examples of recognizable & un-recognizable photos of people are included on the Photography Contest resource Web page. This page has a lot of good info [http://florida4h.org/programsandevents_/phot/photo-contest-resources/](http://florida4h.org/programsandevents_/phot/photo-contest-resources/)

**Awards:** JR, INT & SR entries will be judged separately. Blue, Red & White quality awards will be given to entries based on the score sheet criteria. Best of Show Award will be presented to one photo in each age division & class. In the case of a tie, the winner will be decided by the highest Required Elements score of the tied photos. If the Required Elements scores are the same, the winner will be determined by the highest Impact & Creativity score. The process will continue in the following order: Required Elements, Impact & Creativity, Subject, Lighting, Focus, Composition. In the event a tie still remains the area specialist will judge the photos to determine a winner. Best of Show Winners prints will be framed & displayed at various events throughout the year & displayed on the website.

**Resources --** Additional resources, including curriculum photography project books, video tutorials, Frequently Asked Questions & other photography skill learning modules are available [http://florida4h.org/programsandevents_/phot/photo-contest-resources/](http://florida4h.org/programsandevents_/phot/photo-contest-resources/)