

Division - Photography

The purpose of this project area is to establish basic to advanced knowledge of and abilities in using photographic equipment, lighting, and composition to capture images, express feelings, and communicating ideas. Participants can work through the three project levels, progressing from basic to advanced photography skills and techniques. For help getting started with this project contact your county 4-H Extension office.

Rules

1. 4-H members are allowed to exhibit in only one photography level.
2. 4-H members may enter up to three exhibits but no more than one exhibit per class (see general rules).
3. An image may only be used on one exhibit with the exception of Portfolios, which may include images entered in other classes.
4. **Cameras:** Photos may be taken with any type of film or digital camera, including phones, tablets, and drones.
5. Photos must be shot by 4-H member during the current project year with the exception of Portfolios, which may include images captured and/or exhibited in previous years.
6. Securely attach photos, mats, backing, and data tags. Exhibits that are poorly attached may be disqualified. Do not use photo corners, borders, or place coverings over the exhibits.
7. **Portfolios:** All portfolios must include the following information: 1) 1-page max bio, 2) table of contents, 3) year each photo was taken, 4) title for each image, 5) device make and model used to capture each image, and 6) reflections for each photo. When writing reflections, youth should focus on what new photography techniques or skills they were practicing when they took the photo, what makes the image successful, and what could have been done to improve the image. Portfolios may be presented in either print or digital formats:
 1. Printed portfolios should be presented in a 8.5 inches x11 inches three-ring binder or similar book format. Recommended photo size is 8 inches x10 inches. Matting is not necessary.
 2. Digital portfolios may be presented online and must be exhibited along with a single 8.5x11 flyer. Flyers must include a link, URL, or QR code that takes users (judges and fairgoers) to their online portfolio.
8. **Display Exhibits:** At State Fair, display exhibits are only accepted in Level II. Displays consist of three 4 inches x6 inches photos mounted on a single horizontal 11 inches x14 inches black or white poster or mat board. Incorrect sizes will not be accepted. No foam board backing should be used. Each photo in the display must be numbered using a pencil. Numbers should be readable but not distract from the overall display. No titles, captions, or stick-on numbers will be allowed. Photos may be mounted vertically or horizontally. Appropriate Data Tags are required (see rule regarding Data Tags).
9. **Print Exhibits:** Print exhibits must be 8 inches x10 inches printed mounted in 11inches x14 inches (outside size) cut matting with a sandwich mat board backing. Incorrect sizes will not be accepted. No foam board should be used for matting or backing. Mat openings may be rectangular or oval. Photos may be horizontal or vertical. No frames are allowed. Appropriate data tags are required (see rule regarding Data Tags).
10. **Entry Tags:** Entry tags should be securely attached to the upper right-hand corner of the exhibit.
11. **Data Tags:** Data Tags are required on all print and display exhibits. Data tags are not required for portfolios. Each exhibit must have the appropriate number and level of data tags as outline below. Data tags should be securely attached to the back of the exhibit. Current data tags and help sheet are available at <https://go.unl.edu/ne4h-photography>.

1. **Level 2 Prints:** All Level 2 prints must have a Level 2 Data Tag.
2. **Level 2 Displays:** Each photo of the display must include a separate Level 2 Data Tag. Data Tags should be numbered with the corresponding photo's number.
3. **Level 3 Prints:** All Level 3 prints must have a Level 3 Data Tag.

12. On-Campus Exhibition Selection: Level 2 and Level 3 prints exhibited at State Fair may be selected for special on-campus exhibitions. Selected prints will be collected at the end of State Fair and will be returned to county Extension offices after the completion of their on-campus exhibition.

Eligibility - All static exhibits must have received a purple ribbon at the county fair to advance to the State Fair.

Quota

1-75 county entries: 1 entry per class

76-125 county entries: 2 entries per class

126-200 county entries: 3 entries per class

201-275 county entries: 4 entries per class

276+ county entries: 5 entries per class

Only allowed entries in one unit/level. Individuals may enter 3 exhibits but no more than one exhibit per class.

Scoresheets, forms, contest study materials, and additional resources can be found at <https://go.unl.edu/ne4h-photography>.

Special Awards On-Campus Exhibition Selection - Level 2 and Level 3 prints exhibited at State Fair may be selected for special on-campus exhibitions. Selected prints will be collected at the end of State Fair and will be returned to county Extension offices after the completion of their on-campus exhibition. Please contact the superintendent with questions.

UNIT I - FOCUS ON PHOTOGRAPHY - class - COUNTY ONLY INELIGIBLE FOR STATE FAIR.

IF YOU EXHIBIT IN THIS UNIT YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO EXHIBIT IN UNIT II & UNIT III YOUR Photos can be any size, colored or black & white. YOUR Photos should be mounted on any size or color poster board.

- **Z-901-083 - PICTURE DISPLAY** - Entry will consist of three pictures. The 4-H member will exhibit ONE PICTURE FROM THREE DIFFERENT CATEGORIES. Categories to be selected from include: 1) animal, 2) building, 3) people, 4) Landscape, 5) special effects, 6) still life (inanimate objects that can be moved) or 7) sports. Encourage size variance, artistic arrangement, originality and creativity. May be taken with a digital camera.
- **Z-901-084- PICTURE STORY SERIES** - An entry will consist of a series of three photos that tell the beginning, middle and end of a story. May be taken with a digital camera.
- **Z-901-085 -PHOTO JOURNAL** – will consist of a single completed and bound section of project 1, 2, 3 OR 4 in the Level 1 project manual – Focus on Photography. Choose the project, complete the pages associated with the project area of your choice or recreate and print the pages (still using actual photos).
- **Z-901-086 - PANORAMA EXHIBIT** - entries will consist of an arrangement of 3 or more pictures connected to show a Wide angle of a subject. Panorama display must be mounted on a horizontal poster board (any size). Picture may have some overlap. Unwanted excess can be cropped (cut).
- **Z-901-087 - FUN WITH SHADOWS DISPLAY** - entries will consist of 3 pictures of 3 different subjects that capture the image of the shadow.
- **Z-901-088 - PICTURE DISPLAY** - entries will consist of 3 pictures. Exhibit one picture from 3 different photography techniques: 1) vertical framing, 2) horizontal framing, 3) close up, 4) different viewpoint, 5) trick photography, 6) simple background.
- **Z-901-089 - BUILDING/LANDSCAPE PICTURE DISPLAY** - entries will consist of 3 pictures of 3 different subjects which include buildings and landscapes.
- **Z-901-090 - PEOPLE/ANIMALS PICTURE DISPLAY** - entries will consist of 3 pictures of 3 different subjects which include people and animals.

- **Z-901-091** - MAGIC and TRICKS DISPLAY - entry will consist of 3 pictures of 3 different subjects that use a “special effect” to create interesting photos.
- **Z-901-092** – **INSECT PHOTO** –entries of 1 picture – any size mounted on any size or color poster board.
- **Z-901-093** – **FLOWER PHOTO** – entries of 1 picture – any size mounted on any size or color poster board.
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Level 2: Next Level Photography

- **B181010** - **Level 2 Portfolio** - (SF88) - : Level 2 portfolios should represent the photographer's best work and must include 5-7 different images from the 4-H member's photography career. At least 2 images must have been taken during the current year. The remaining images may have been taken at any time during the member's 4-H experience and may have been previously exhibited. Portfolios may include photos which are exhibited in other Level 2 classes during the same year. Portfolios must include: 1) 1-page max bio, 2) table of contents, 3) year each photo was taken, 4) title for each image, 5)

device make and model used to capture each image, and 6) reflections for each image. When writing reflections, youth should focus on what new photography techniques they were practicing when they took the photo, what makes the image successful, and what could have been done to improve the image.

- **B181020 - Creative Techniques & Lighting Display or Print** - (SF87) - Photos should capture a creative use of lighting, such as diffused lighting, backlighting, or hard lighting, reflections, or another lighting technique covered in Book 2 Next Level Photography (Activity 3, 4, 5)
- **B181030 - Creative Composition Display or Print** - (SF87) - Photos should capture a creative composition using the Rule of Thirds, Golden Triangle, Golden Rectangle, or another composition technique covered in Book 2 Next Level Photography. (Activity 6, 7, 8, 9)
- **B181040 - Abstract Photography Display or Print** - (SF87) - Photos should be abstract or capture a small piece of a larger subject. Abstract photos may not look like anything in particular but should be able to capture a viewer's attention. (Activity 11)
- **B181050 - Candid Photography Display or Print** - (SF87) - Candid photos should capture a special moment or meaningful interaction. Photos should be un-posed. (Activity 10)
- **B181060 - Expression Through Color Display or Print** - (SF87) - Photos should capture a creative use of color or a color scheme, such as complimentary, contrasting, monochromatic, warm, cool, primary, secondary, or tertiary. (Activity 13)

Rules - 1. Level 2 photographers should be utilizing all the skills and techniques they have developed thus far in their photography careers, especially topics covered in Book 1 Photography Basics and Book 2 Next Level Photography.

Level 3: Mastering Photography

- **B182010 - Level 3 Portfolio** - (SF88) - Level 3 portfolios should represent the photographer's best work. Level 3 portfolios must include 9-11 images from the 4-H member's photography career. At least 3 images should be from the current year. The remaining images may have been taken at any time during the member's 4-H experience and may have been previously exhibited. Portfolios may include photos which are exhibited in other Level 3 classes during the same year. Portfolios must include: 1) 1-page max bio, 2) table of contents, 3) year each photo was taken, 4) title for each image, 5) device make and model used to capture each image, and 6) reflections for each image. When writing reflections, youth should focus on what new photography techniques or skills they were practicing when they took the photo, what makes the image successful, and what could have been done to improve the image.
- **B182020 - Advanced Techniques & Lighting Print** - (SF89) - Photos should show an experimentation or exploration of advanced lighting, such as low-light or silhouette photography or another advanced photography technique, such as astrophotography, underwater photography, or infrared photography. (Activity 3, 4, 5, or 12)
- **B182030 - Advanced Composition Print** - (SF89) - Photos should show advanced compositions, such as using diagonal, horizontal, or vertical lines or repeating shapes to frame a subject or lead the viewer's eye through a scene; breaking the rule of thirds to compose a discordant image; or another advanced composition technique covered in Book 3 Mastering Photography (Activity 6, 7)
- **B182040 - Portrait Print** - (SF89) - A great portrait captures not only a person's physical image, but also something of the person's character or personality. Photos may be either formal or informal, but must be of one or more human subjects. (Activity 9)
- **B182050 - Still Life Print** - (SF89) - Photos should capture non-moving objects that have been arranged in an interesting way. Photos should demonstrate advanced control over lighting and composition. (Activity 8)
- **B182060 - Freeze/Blur the Moment Print** - (SF89) - Photos should capture a subject in motion. Photographers should adjust shutter speed to either freeze or blur the movement. (Activity 11)

Rules - 1. Level 3 photographers should be exploring and experimenting with advanced techniques. This may include but does not necessarily require using an SLR camera, manual adjustments, or other advanced equipment. Level 3 photographers should be utilizing all the skills and techniques they have developed throughout their photography career, especially topics covered in Book 1 Photography Basics, Book 2 Next Level Photography, and Book 3 Mastering Photography.

Resources – Photography - Get to know your camera; Practice keeping camera steady and level; Practice taking photos, noticing natural light; Notice shadows and their potential in photography; Practice

using natural light from several different directions; Practice using flash for fill, solving red-eye problems; Evaluate background, middle-ground, and foreground when taking photos; Practice filling the frame with the subject; Practice eliminating background clutter in photos; Practice using different viewpoints and perspectives in photos; Compose creative, unusual photos; Compose variety of selfies; Take photos of people, places, and things; Sequence photos to tell a story; Create black and white photos; Evaluate photos using critical thinking; Get to know your camera's capabilities using zoom; Practice using different lens filters; Practice using light to portray a specific mood; Practice taking photos of reflections; Practice taking photos without the flash feature on your camera; Practice using the Rule of Thirds and the Rules of the Golden Triangle and the Golden Rectangle; Practice taking photos from different points of view/perspectives; Practice creating photos with interesting negative spaces; Practice capturing unposed, candid shots of a subject or event; Practice taking photos of "bits and pieces" of ordinary objects to create a work of art; Practice using a camera to create a panorama; Use color to create photos that are cool warm, monochromatic, contrasting, and/or complementary; Practice taking photos with a specific purpose in mind to teach, instruct, or sell a product or service; Evaluate photos that represent body of work; Get to know your camera's capabilities using the mode dial; Practice capturing a focal point understanding how camera equipment and depth of field effects the photo; Practice taking photos in low-light situations; Practice taking photos that help you get the correct exposure; Practice taking silhouettes; Practice composing photos that include geometric shapes and interesting framing; Practice composing photos that break photography "rules"; Practice taking still-life photos; practice capturing portraits showing a person's character and personality; Practice taking photos of interesting shapes, patterns, and textures; Practice capturing photos where the subject is in motion; Practice taking photos that are outside the normal limits: astrophotography, underwater, infrared; Practice creating creative joiners; Evaluate photos that represent body of work

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