

ROSS FOUNDATION 4-H PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

The Ross Foundation 4-H Photography Contest provides an opportunity for Arkansas 4-H'ers to demonstrate, compete and exhibit their photography skills. All 4-H members ages 9–19 are eligible.

The contest consists of four (4) categories:

Color Living · Color Non-Living · Black & White Living · Black & White Non-Living

Photographs entered in the Ross Foundation 4-H Photography Contest must meet these guidelines:

- All photos that are exclusively plant-life (*bushes, flowers, trees, etc...*) should be entered in the “non-living” category. The “living” category is intended for people and animals.
- All scenes or subjects must be in Arkansas.
- Must have been taken during the current contest year.
- An 8x10 print is required for judging.
(*Negative or computer disk containing image MUST accompany photograph*)
- Only one version of each photo can be entered.
- Use of photo editing is limited to “darkroom techniques”.
(*cropping, dodging and burning, saturation, exposure*)

*photos thought to be outside the above criteria may be removed from consideration without the entrant being notified.

At the county level – each 4-H member may enter a unique, original photo into each category. Four county winners are selected – one in each category.

At the state level – County winners are submitted for consideration at the state level. First-, second- and third-place winners are selected in each category by judges. From those, a Best of Exhibit will be chosen. State winners will be framed and exhibited at the C.A. Vines Arkansas 4-H Center and other locations.

County winning entries and report forms are due in the Communications Office by **June 3**.

Cash awards are presented to winners.

- Winning photos in each of the four categories at the county level receive \$10.
- State winners in each of the four categories receive:
 - \$200 – First Place
 - \$100 – Second Place
 - \$50 – Third Place
- Best of Exhibit wins an additional \$100

Tips for entries:

- Be sure the date stamp isn't printed on the photo
- Shoot in a high resolution digital file (*for digital cameras*)
- Find a “focus” for each photo, something that draws your eye
- Explore your community, get away from the beaten path
- Keep your images sharp by using a tripod, two hands or leaning on something
- Be creative, find original and interesting angles

Images remain the property of the Photographer. The Ross Foundation 4-H Photography Contest reserves certain rights to use the images for all their purposes, including, but not limited to, promotion of future contests, public relations, production of brochures, advertising, education and a photo exhibit within the realm of the contest.

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