

September 18, 2008

TO: COUNTY 4-H COORDINATORS

SUBJECT: 2009 DISTRICT PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST INFORMATION

Registration:

Registration for the District Photography Contest will be held on 4-H Connect **March 16-April 1, 2009**. Cost for registration will be \$5.00 per person. Late registration will be open April 2-3, 2009 with an additional late fee of \$5.00. Agents need to have all entries certified by April 4, 2009 so that entry lists can be generated.

Age Divisions:

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

- Junior – 8 and in the 3rd grade to 10 years old as of August 31, 2008
- Intermediate – 11-13 as of August 31, 2008
- Senior – 14-19 as of August 31, 2008

2008-09 District Photography Committee

Jana Osbourn, Chairman Richard Parrish Patricia Rasor

Submitting Photos & Number of Entries:

Photos are to be **MAILED or delivered to the Bandera County Extension Office, postmarked by April 3, 2008.** Any photos postmarked after April 3 will be disqualified from the contest.

Each 4-H member **may enter up to 4 photos. Photos DO NOT have to be in different categories (i.e. 4-H'er may enter 4 color landscape photos).** Last year a new category was added in the District Contest – Creative Displays. This category will be offered again this year. In addition to the 4 photos, a 4-H member **may enter one item in the Creative Display category.** If a 4-H'er submits more than 4 photos, it will be up to the committee's discretion as to which 4 photos will be judged.

SENIORS: Please note that if you have senior 4-H members who are submitting photos for the State Photography Contest who also want to enter the same photo in the District Contest, they will need to do two copies of the photo to enter both events.

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Judging Of Photos:

Judging will be held prior to the District Consumer Judging Contest and Fashion Show. Photos will be on display at the **District Consumer Judging Contest and Fashion Show on April 25, 2009 in the Ballroom**. A more specific time will be provided to the agents for picking up their photos in the ballroom once the schedule for Fashion Show is confirmed.

Recognition of Contest Results:

Blue, Red or White award ribbons will be given for each photo. Judging will be done by a photography professional and the State Photography Contest Score Sheet will be used. Best Of Show will also be awarded in each of the 9 divisions for each age category.

Categories for District Photography Contest:

We will follow the State Photography Rules for Contest Categories. There have been several changes for the 2009 Photography Contest. Divisions, Classes and Descriptions are attached. **Please note that the creative display category that was added last year to our District Contest is included again this year! Here is the information for this additional category.**

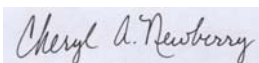
Creative Display: Color or black and white photos may be used. Exhibit will consist of one page, any size up to 12" X 12" paper, with pictures and embellishments. The entry must be in a page protector. All media can be used.

Please share this information with your 4-H members about this opportunity and work with them to get registered on 4-H Connect and photos mailed or delivered to Bandera County by April 4. Also enclosed for your use is a flyer for the District Contest, and the State Photography Contest Information.



Cheryl Mapston
District Extension Administrator

Sincerely,



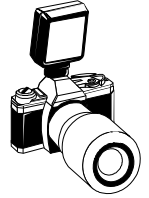
Cheryl Newberry
Extension Program Specialist—4-H

Enclosures

- District 10 4-H Photography Contest Flyer
- 2009 State Photography Contest Rules



2009 District 10 Photography Contest



The contest is open to all 4-H members in District 10. All photographs must have been taken by 4-H members between **May 1, 2008 and the time of entry**. **Registration is required on 4-H CONNECT between March 16-April 1, 2009 and will be \$5.00 per person**. Late registration will be open April 2-3, 2009 with an additional \$5.00 fee. Photo(s) must be mailed or delivered to the Bandera County Extension Office, **postmarked by April 3, 2009**.

Regular Mail

Bandera County Extension Office
P.O. Box 756
Bandera, TX 78003

UPS, FedEx, etc

Bandera County Extension Office
2886 Hwy 16 N / Mansfield Park
Bandera, TX 78003

Number of Entries:

Each 4-H member **may enter up to 4 photos** in the District Contest. **Photos DO NOT have to be in different categories (i.e. 4-H'er may enter 4 color landscape photos)**. In addition to the 4 photos, a 4-H member **may enter one item in the Creative Display category**.

SENIORS: Please note that if you are submitting photos for the State Photography contest and want to enter the same photo in the District Contest, you will need to do two copies of the photo to enter both events.

Photo Size & Types: (Must be mounted on black or white foam board 8"x10" size. Do not mat photos.)

- 8" X 10" only size accepted
- Black & White or Color Photos

Judging and Display of Photos:

Photos will be judged prior to the District Consumer Judging Contest and Fashion Show and on display in the Ballroom at the LBJ Student Center on Saturday, April 25, 2009. Agents will be required to pick up all photos for their county. Contest personnel will not be held liable for missing photos or photos not received at the Bandera County Office.

Entries that do not follow the State 4-H Photography rules, division guidelines, class description or general guidelines will be automatically disqualified. Photos that are not postmarked by April 3, 2009 OR delivered to the Bandera County Office by April 3, 2009 will also be disqualified.

Questions? Call Jana Osbourn, Bandera CEA-FCS at 830.796.7755 or by e-mail at josbourn@ag.tamu.edu

2009 District Photography Divisions, Classes and Descriptions

DIVISIONS:	CLASSES:	DESCRIPTIONS:
People	1. Color 2. Black & White	People (babies, children, adults, and senior citizens) alone or in a group, active or inactive. Such photos may be photojournalistic, or an interpretative portrait where the person rather than the environment is emphasized.
Animals	1. Color 2. Black & White	Animal life, including domestic, wild, insects, and underwater creatures. The animal(s) should be the focus of the photo and not human subjects or nature/scenic. No harm or injury should be inflicted on the animal in order to acquire the photo.
Still Life	1. Color 2. Black & White	Photography where objects are pre-arranged or set up by the photographer (composition does not occur naturally).
Natural Landscape	1. Color 2. Black & White	Scenes of natural landscapes, seascapes, skyscapes (sunsets, clouds, etc) or underwater scenes.
Plant/Flora	1. Color 2. Black & White	Any photo that focuses on the plant or flower structure and not on a scene or landscape.
Architectural Elements	1. Color 2. Black & White	Photos that emphasizes geometric details such as lines, patterns, textures of inanimate objects.
Special Effects/Creative Effects	1. All Media (color and black & white)	Any photo that has been enhanced to bring out dramatic or artistic qualities. These enhancements can occur using the camera or developing process. Antiquing, hand-tinting, color and black & white combination photos, and sepia-tone photos would be entered in this division.
Theme	1. Color 2. Black & White	The 2008-2009 theme will be "Volunteers in Action". Volunteers, youth and adults, play an import role in our society. 4-H members are encouraged to take photographs of volunteers in action. Photos can include 4-H volunteers, but also volunteers serving in action roles through other organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, etc.
Creative Display (District Category Only!)	1. Color or Black and White	Exhibit will consist of one page, any size up to 12" X 12" paper, with pictures and embellishments. The entry must be in a page protector. All media can be used.

Each entry must be labeled using the tag below. Tape or paste the tag on the back of the photo on the upper left corner. Make additional copies of the label as needed.

Name			
County			
Address, City, Zip Code			
Age Category (circle One)	Junior	Intermediate	Senior
Photo Division			
Photo Category			