

### Kent County 4-H Photography Contest

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_

CAMERA BRAND AND MODEL: \_\_\_\_\_ as of Jan 1st

CATEGORY: *check only one photo per member per category*

1. \_\_\_ People
2. \_\_\_ Creature (any animal, insect, amphibian, fish or living thing)
3. \_\_\_ Landscape (apportion of land which the eye can comprehend in a single view)
4. \_\_\_ Marinescape (a view of the sea)
5. \_\_\_ Waterscape (center of attention on any body of water except the sea or ocean)
6. \_\_\_ Building
7. \_\_\_ Action
8. \_\_\_ Close Up
9. \_\_\_ Special Effects (explain) \_\_\_\_\_
10. \_\_\_ Composition: depth of field, backlighting, lines, or shapes
11. \_\_\_ Sunrise/Sunset
12. \_\_\_ Plants/Flowers
13. \_\_\_ Still Life (arrangement of no-moving or still objects in an interesting way)
14. \_\_\_ Delaware History
15. \_\_\_ The Delaware State Fair
16. \_\_\_ Patriotism
17. \_\_\_ What Green Means to Me: display of 6 photos on poster board
18. \_\_\_ The 4 Seasons: display of 4 photos mounted on poster board
19. \_\_\_ 6 Picture Story Sequence  
(display with title illustrating idea, event or how to project mounted on poster board)
20. \_\_\_ Best Photo Album or photos taken (minimum of 5 pages)
21. \_\_\_ Delaware Agriculture

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#### **JUDGE COMMENTS**

**Overall:**      Blue    Red    Disqualified: \_\_\_\_\_    Cloverbud Participation \_\_\_\_\_

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<b><u>Merits:</u></b>	Great / Good Composition	Clear and simple	Interesting
	Balanced	Dramatic	
	Nice Textures / Patterns / Shapes	Nice use of Lines / Curves	

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- Improvements to consider in future:**    \_\_\_ Sharpen focus (adjust lens or avoid movement)  
\_\_\_ Lacks clear point of interest, subject, or focal point (too many items competing for focus)  
\_\_\_ Cluttered / distracting foreground / background (framing should direct attention to subject)  
\_\_\_ Be aware of distracting shadows / lack of sufficient light (flash may be needed)  
\_\_\_ Avoid glare / harsh backlighting / reflected flash / flash shadows / over exposure  
\_\_\_ Consider change of angle relative to subject – move left / right / up / down  
\_\_\_ Consider moving closer / further away (or zooming in / out)  
\_\_\_ Adjust depth of field (lacks balance / proper isolation or highlighting of focal point)  
\_\_\_ Plan ahead or use patience to wait for a better time to take a photograph of this subject

#### **Printing improvements possible:**

- \_\_\_ Should crop top / bottom / left / right      \_\_\_ Some items seen cut-off in photo  
\_\_\_ Use “rule of thirds” to emphasize subject and to improve balance and interest  
\_\_\_ Rotate photo to emphasize vertical lines  
\_\_\_ Level the scene (avoid non-level water surface / out-of-plumb buildings)

**Other issues:**    \_\_\_ Entered in wrong category / only one entry allowed in each category

- \_\_\_ Matting does not meet requirements / mounting not neat  
\_\_\_ Title required for this category  
\_\_\_ Need camera information