

# New Castle County 4-H Photography Contest



**Date:** Saturday, January 26, 2019

**Details:** Photos will be displayed during the Favorite Foods Competition at Kirk Middle School, beginning at 11:00am.

**Awards:** Ribbons will be awarded for each exhibit, based on the Danish Scale. Additionally, an overall champion will be selected for each age category.

**Completed entries are due to the 4-H office no later than:**

**Tuesday, January 8, 2019**

Please deliver or send entries to:

**NCC 4-H Office  
461 Wyoming Rd, Rm 131  
Newark, DE 19716**

*If possible, hand-delivery is preferred due to the fragility of the photographs!*

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## Rules and Classes

### MOUNT

Mount individual photos on poster board, mount board or mat board; **not to exceed 6" x 8"**. Do not use foam board or construction paper.

### LABEL

Each photo should include the label below on the **back** of every exhibit: contestant age, class number, camera type, brand, model, and film size if film (if applicable). Please note anything unusual about your picture (e.g. mounting, focus, subject etc.) that you think will help the judges to better understand your picture. For example, if you enter a picture of yourself or a picture with you in it, explain how you did that.

Contestant Age	_____
Class Number	_____
Camera Type	_____
Camera Brand	_____
Camera Model	_____

### JUDGING

Judges will be asked to assess the entire exhibit. This includes not only the photograph, but also the mounting and any titles that are attached. Sloppy writing, glue on the mat, a poorly cut mat or crooked mounting all can detract from the photograph and lower the overall score.

### ELIGIBILITY

Photographs may be taken using a digital camera, color film or black and white film. Only one entry allowed per class, and each photograph may be entered only once.

All photographs must have been taken by the 4-H member between **January 2017 and January 2018**. Note that the name of each class indicates what the **primary** focus of that class should be.

## TIPS

- Your 4-H Photography Project Manuals (Units 1-3) have all the information you need to learn how to take great pictures.
- Fast Facts at <http://www.4-HPhotography.org>.
- Remember the rule of thirds when taking pictures. This places the focal point off center.

## Class Specific Information

**Class 2: Creature Picture:** any animal, insect, amphibian, fish or other living thing

**Class 3: Landscape:** A portion of land or territory which the eye can comprehend in a single view, including all the objects it contains

**Class 4: Marinescape:** A view of the sea

**Class 8: Special Effects Picture:** A picture with some sort of a special effect such as Hat Trick (a flowerpot or something else growing out of his or her head), Hand Stand (looks like one person is standing on another's hand), Magic or Bad Hair day. See page 50 of Unit 1 of the 4-H Project Manual Focus on Photography for tips and suggestions.

**Class 9: Composition:** Look for interesting shapes, patterns and textures. They can help create powerful images. Shadows and lighting are also important. Show one of the following: Depth of Field, Backlighting, Lines and Shapes

**Class 12: Still Life:** Still life involves arranging non-moving or still objects in an interesting way and then photographing them. Use a common theme in still life photos such as fruit, vegetables, flowers, toys or musical instruments.

**Class 16: Patriotism:** One photograph illustrating what patriotism means to you. It could be a picture of the flag, a parade or anything else.

