

### 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
22. \_\_\_\_\_ Science Matters – a photo showing how life science is behind the food you eat, benefits your health  
Or helps animals – write a caption telling us why science matters to you

#### **JUDGE COMMENTS**

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

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

- 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 / overexposure  
\_\_\_\_\_ 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