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 ______

Merits: 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: ______ 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