

# Colorado State 4-H Digital Photo Contest

**New This Year:** Please submit digital entries into FairEntry

- This contest is open to (and only to) all Colorado 4-H members 8-18.
- Participation is NOT limited to those 4-H members enrolled in photography.
- 4-H members will enter their entries directly into FairEntry. This contest is strictly a state contest -which means that the 4-H member does not have to qualify at the county level to enter the contest.
- All entry photos must have been taken by the 4-H member submitting the entry during the contest year.
- Entrants must submit their photos within the division that applies:
  - Juniors 8-10
  - Intermediates 11-13
  - Seniors 14-18
- Classes for the contest will be as follows for each age division:
  - “4-H in Action”
  - People
  - Nature
  - Animals
  - Architecture
- Number of entries:
  - A 4-H member may submit up to 5 entries. However, each entry must be in a different class.
  - Photos cannot be dually entered into more than one class.
- Photos may be in color or black-and-white
- Photo size:
  - Photos submitted must be 8” x 10”
  - Photos should be at least 800 pixels by 1000 pixels and saved as a JPEG. The ideal 8 x 10 quality is 2400 pixels by 3000 pixels, which is the same as an 8 x 10 photo at 300 dpi (resolution). Any higher variations of the 8x10 ratio are allowed. The best way to tell is to take the lower pixel number

and divide by the higher pixel number. If you get 0.8 then you have successfully hit the mark.

- If your photos have a different pixel ratio you may still submit. However, the photos will be judged using the 8x10 pixel dimensions. This may cause your photo to appear stretched, compressed, or distorted. If you view a photo's properties on your computer it will tell you the width and height in pixels.
- If you are looking for a way to resize your photo, this website has received great reviews: <http://freepicresizer.com/>
- When submitting photos electronically please submit the Photo Release Statement at the same time. Upload the statement into FairEntry.
- Be sure to include in the description of the entry: Title of the picture and details of your photo that you would like us to know.
- Digital Files: When submitting an electronic photo there is no need for a CD. Please be aware submission will not be returned.
- Refusal Rights: The Colorado 4-H Youth Development Program reserves the right to refuse inappropriate or unsuitable entries. Photos must NOT be offensive, degrading, racists, or contain pornography of any form.
- Alterations of photo: Although slight computer enhanced photos are allowed, such as crop, trimming, adjusting lighting, and red eye reductions; substantially altered photos, such as changing colors or applying design styles, using computer graphics will disqualify an entry.
- Model Release Statement: Recognized pictures of adult or youth under the age of 18 must include "Model Release" signature. If a minor is in the photo, the signature MUST come from their parent or guardian. If the adult or parent/guardian will not sign the Model Release, then do not submit the photo into the contest.
- Awards: Juniors, Intermediates and Senior entries will be judged separately. Champions and reserve champions and 3-10 ribbons will be given in each class age category. From the champions in each class age category and over all Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion ribbons will be given.