

Photography hints

Allow plenty of time to prepare your exhibit. The correct color mat can be hard to find even a couple of months before fair. It can take time to get enlargements or reprints, so allow enough time. If you print photos on your own equipment, make sure they are in focus and the color is correct.

Have I thought about a well-defined photography goal? (using: rule of thirds, focus, matting, lines, technique)	Yes	No
Is my picture's focus very sharp where it should be? (Sometimes not all of the picture needs to be in focus. i.e. depth of field)	Yes	No
Does my picture have the correct lighting/exposure? (i.e. Is someone's face so dark you cannot see it?)	Yes	No
Does my picture require the rule of thirds, and if so, is it easy to see in the picture?	Yes	No
Does my picture have a point of interest or subject? (Most pictures need a subject.)	Yes	No
Have I matted and cropped, if necessary, my picture to display it at its best?	Yes	No
Have I completed all parts of the exhibit label that pertain to my picture?	Yes	No
Have I written a specific photography goal?	Yes	No
Do I like the picture I have chosen and feel good about taking it?	Yes	No

If you were able to answer 'Yes' to all of the above questions, you should be very comfortable and confident presenting your exhibit to a judge.

Ask at the Extension office for publications – *Adventures With Your Camera-A* and *Adventures With Your Camera-B* . These will assist you with photography ideas and terminology.

The "4-H Photography Exhibit" label (available at the Extension office) must be completed and attached to the back of each photo exhibit entry. Tape it to the back of the mounting or fold as appropriate for each exhibit.

Remember to make this a fun project. Taking pictures is a skill you can use forever!

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