

2017 GUIDELINES FOR STATE FAIR 4-H PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITS



Exhibits must meet the guidelines below in order to be eligible to be displayed at State Fair. Exhibits not meeting these guidelines will be regretfully disqualified.



REQUIREMENTS

- 1) Photos must be mounted on an 8" x 10" solid matte board.
- 2) The matte board can be in a color of the photographer's choice.
- 3) Photographs must be 8" x 10" or smaller, with no more than four photos per matte board.

PLEASE NOTE:

- ✓ "Solid" requires means no cutouts or other holes in the matte board, either around or behind the photo.
- ✓ Mount photos on the smoothest side of the matte board.
- ✓ "Matte board" is a specific material, intended to keep the photo from getting bent or destroyed. It is not cardboard, foam core, poster board, etc. If local sources are not available, 8" x 10" matte board may be ordered from MU Extension Publications at <http://extension.missouri.edu/explore/shop> -Select 4-H members>project literature>photography. See item #Y3500 8x10 matte board.
- ✓ Photo exhibits should arrive in an exhibit bag that fits the photo. Goal: protect it from dust, humidity, and handling. The bag should not be oversized and folded, as this makes it hard to display.
- ✓ Photo bags/sleeves may be ordered in bulk from MU Extension Publications at <http://extension.missouri.edu/explore/shop> - Select 4-H members>project literature>photography. See item #Y3501, 8 x 10 display sleeve.
- ✓ Include name, address and county on the back of each photo.
- ✓ No more than seven (7) per county total.

DIGITAL CONSIDERATIONS AT THE STATE FAIR 4-H BUILDING

Techniques that can be performed in-camera, in a photo-editing software program, or in a film darkroom are permissible. At State Fair, the line is drawn between "enhancing" and "altering" a photo:

- 1) *Altering* (editing to change the contents of a photo) is not permitted for State Fair exhibits.
 - a. Examples include adding a sunset or object, removing someone from the shot, airbrushing to cover a bad complexion, etc.
- 2) *Enhancing* (editing to enhance the existing qualities of a photo) is permitted.
 - a. Examples include cropping, dodging, burning, brightness/contrast adjustments and red eye reduction.

State Fair 4-H Building photo guidelines are available at <http://4h.missouri.edu/statefair/4hbuildinginfo>