

January 25, 2024

MEMORANDUM**TO: District 12 4-H Coordinators****SUBJECT: 2024 District 12 4-H Photography Contest**

District 12 will be hosting its annual 4-H Photography Contest for 4-H'ers in District 12. The contest will be open to all three age divisions (Junior, Intermediate, and Senior) and the theme will be "**Abandoned**". The contest will be done on-line including submission of photos and judging. The 2024 District 12 4-H Photography Contest Rules are attached and currently available on the District 12 4-H website at <http://d124-h.tamu.edu>.

of Entries per County

Each county is allowed 1 photo entry per category in each of the three age divisions for a total of 48 eligible photos. Counties should plan on hosting a county photography contest to determine which entries will qualify for the District contest. Entering multiple photos in the same category could result in disqualifying entries for that category and age division. **We added 1 new category this year that is in addition to the standard 15. The category is Panoramic.**

| Age Division | # of Entries |
|---|-----------------------|
| Junior (3 rd -5 th grade) | 16 (1 per category) |
| Intermediate (6 th -8 th grade) | 16 (1 per category) |
| Senior (9 th -12 th grade) | 16 (1 per category) |
| Total Per County | 45 Entries Max |

Please take note of any changes before hosting your county contests.

Registration, Fees and Deadline

Each 4-H'er entering photos for the District 4-H Photography Contest must register online through 4-H Online. The registration fee will be \$8.00 per photo entry. Online registration will open February 27, 2024 and will end March 21, 2024. Payment must be made on 4-H Online at the time of registration. Payments made by 4-H check must be postmarked within three business days of registration submission.

There will be a late registration period of \$18.00 with a deadline of March 26, 2024. NO REFUNDS will be given to any county and/or individual. This makes it very important for registrations to be correct. Payment is due prior to the event date. Please note, once you



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submit your registration for approval, you are agreeing to fulfill payment for registration regardless of whether or not you attend this event.

If you have a pending balance on 4-H Online, you will NOT be able to participate in any District 4-H or State 4-H event until the balance is paid in full.

Submitting Photos

All photos must be submitted through 4-H Online as part of the registration process. Please read these submission rules and requirements very carefully to prevent disqualification of entries. Photos must be in the correct format for proper evaluation. Entry steps, categories and other submission requirements are attached. Submit your photo(s) online between February 27, 2024 and March 21, 2024 as part of the registration process.

This contest is INDEPENDENT of the Texas 4-H Photography Contest. Deadlines, submission, and entries are different. Please make note of this when hosting a county contest.

Judging and Judges

All entries with submitted eligible photos will be judged between April 1st and April 7th via an online evaluation process. To ensure uniformity in the judging process all state judging criteria will be used for all submitted photographs. Be sure to review the attached judging guidelines. All judges will be able to evaluate entries and provide individual feedback for respective photos.

Awards

A summary of the results will be available after April 19, 2024 and will be posted online after judging and tabulation is complete. The award structure will be as follows for all eligible photos:

- **Participation** - All receive a Certificate
- **Quality Award** - All receive a Blue, Red, or White quality award ribbon
- **Best of Class** - One class winner per category and age division receive a rosette
- **Best of Show** – One winner per age division. Special award will be given (*see flyer*).
- **Grand Champion** – One special award among the Best of Show winners (*see flyer*).

The awards will be distributed to agents by May. 4-H members can contact county offices after that date to receive their respective awards.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the District Office.

Sincerely,



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