

2023-2024 DISTRICT 5 4-H PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST INFORMATION

District Photography Contests

- General Photography
- Fall Foliage
- Colorful Flowers
- Entomology

Photographs that meet the category criteria can be entered in more than one contest. Example: a photo of a rose could be entered into the Colorful Flowers contest and General Photography contest under Plant/Flora category.

State Photography Contests

- General Photography
- Natural Resources

State entry information and rules of play are available at https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/photography-rules-24.pdf

Participation at the District level is NOT required to participate at the State level. Senior agedivision youth (grades 9-12) are welcome to participate.

General Information for all District 5 Photography Contests

Entry Requirements

- Open to enrolled District 5 Clover Kids, 4-H members, and adults.
- Register to participate through 4HOnline at https://v2.4honline.com
- 4-H member and adult Contest Fee Flat fee of \$10 per contestant (no per photo fee). NO LATE ENTRIES accepted.
- Clover Kids no fee to participate.
- All photographs will be uploaded via Submittable (see due dates for each contest).

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Clover Kid Participation

- District 5 Clover Kids that have a 4-H profile in 4HOnline can show off their photography skills.
- Same entrance requirements and categories as 4-H youth.
- The Clover Kid photography exhibit will be shown at Come Alive in D5 on May 4, 2024.
- All registered participants will receive a participation ribbon.

Adult Contest Participation

- District 5 adults (parents, volunteers, and agents) that have a 4-H profile in 4HOnline can show off their photography skills.
- Same entrance requirements and categories as 4-H youth.
- Show off your photography skills for District 5 "bragging rights!"

Awards and Exhibit

- The 2023-2024 Photography Show (General Photography, Fall Foliage, and Entomology) will be broadcast via PowerPoint during Come Alive in D5 on Saturday, May 4th, in the auditorium.
 - o $1^{st} 3^{rd}$ place in each age division and each category will be presented a ribbon by their County Extension Agent after the show.
 - o Ribbons will be awarded based upon numerical score (blue 81-100, red 51-80, white 31-50, green 30 and below).
 - A Best of Age Division award will be selected from photographs in each age division (one per Junior, Intermediate, and Senior).
 - o A Best of Overall Show will be selected from all photographs submitted.
 - Best of Age Division and Overall Show photographs will be on display during Come Alive in D5.
 - o Clover Kids will receive participation ribbons.
- Entry via 4HOnline gives permission to the District office to use the participant's name and photograph for marketing and promotion purposes.
- The Colorful Flowers Show will be broadcast via District 5 Facebook page in July 2024.

Come Alive in D5 Location

• Panola College, 1109 W. Panola Street, Carthage, TX 75633

Special Accommodations

• Any competitor who requires auxiliary aids or special accommodations must contact the District office at least 2 weeks before the competition or note such needs when registering on 4HOnline.

General Information

• See following pages for contest specific information, categories, and photograph requirements.

2024 GENERAL PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

General Information



- Open to enrolled Clover Kids, 4-H members, and adults in District 5.
- Individual event
- Contest based upon categories listed on pages 5-6

District Deadlines

- **Step 1:** Register to participate on 4HOnline between October 16, 2023 and March 1, 2024. NO late registration.
- Step 2: Upload photographs in Submittable with the specified format between February 1 and March 1, 2024. NO late uploads. A Submittable link to upload photographs will be emailed to registered participants once approved in 4HOnline.

Results and Placings

Photographs are judged as submitted after March 2, 2024. Results will be announced at Come Alive in D5 on Saturday, May 4, 2024.

Submission of Photographs

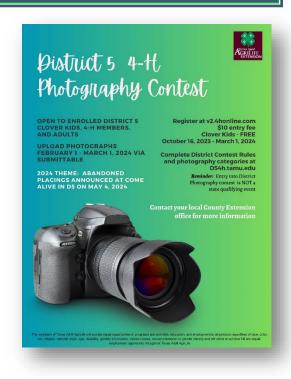
Photos are to be uploaded as a .jpeg, .jpg, or .gif file into Submittable via link emailed to you after registration on 4HOnline. If you do not have a Submittable account, you will need to set up a profile, at no charge, using this link: https://texas4-hyouthdevelopment.submittable.com/signup

1. Photograph Timeline

- Photographs must be taken by the 4-H members between January 1, 2023 and time of entry.
- Photographs may be submitted only one time to the District 5 4-H Photography contest.
- A single photograph may not be entered in multiple categories of this contest, but CAN be entered into other photography contests.

2. Number of entries

• Each 4-H member may submit one entry in each category for a total of 15 entries.



3. Formatting Photographs

- Photographs should be taken at the highest resolution possible.
- Photo must be in a .jpeg or .jpg or .gif format
- Photo must be a minimum of 1 MB (1,000 KB) and a maximum of 20 MB.

4. Labeling Photographs for Uploading into Submittable

- Each photograph will need to be clearly labeled with the age division, category, county, last name, and first name.
- File name should include an " " between each of the files
- Example: age_category_county_last_first.jpg
- Example: John Smith is in 7th grade from Tyler County entering the Food category. He would upload a file labeled: Intermediate Food Tyler Smith John.jpg
 - i. Clover Kid age division grades K-2nd
 - ii. Junior age division grades 3rd-5th
 - iii. Intermediate age division grades 6th-8th
 - iv. Senior age division grades 9th 12th
 - v. Adult

5. Permission

• By submitting an entry to this contest, the 4-H member grants permission to D5 4-H Youth Development Program, and any other public or private agency authorized by the Program, the use and rights associated to the use of the photographic likeness in promotional publications and other media without compensation.

6. Categories (see full description on pages 5-6)

CATEGORY	FILE LABEL NAME	CATEGORY	FILE LABEL
			NAME
Animals – Domestic	Domestic	Leading Line	Leading
Animals – Wildlife	Wildlife	Long Exposure	Long
Catch-All	All	Motion/Action	Motion
Details & Macros	Details	People	People
Elements of Design	Elements	Plant/Flora	Plant
Enhanced	Enhanced	Shadow/Silhouette	Shadow
Food	Food	Theme: Abandoned	Theme
Landscape & Nature	Nature		

• Black and white pictures and color pictures will be judged together.

7. Disqualification



- Failure to register in the General Photography event in 4HOnline.
- Entries that do not follow the rules, category guidelines, and/or class description will be disqualified.
- The judges' decisions are final.

8. State Photography Roundup

- Senior age division contestants (grades 9-12) may submit photographs to be judged at Texas State Roundup.
- The Texas 4-H Photography contestant paperwork is available online at: https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/photography_rules_24.pdf

Category Descriptions

ANIMALS – DOMESTIC - Photos focusing on the various animals that have been tamed and made fit for a human environment. To be considered domesticated, the animal must have their behavior, life cycle, or physiology systemically altered as a result of being under human control for many generations.

• Examples: Chickens, cows, dogs, cats, geese/ducks (domestic use), hamsters, horses, pigs, sheep, goats, etc. All waterfowl (ducks and geese) such be entered in Animals – Wildlife.

ANIMALS – **WILDLIFE** - Category focuses on animals not tamed or domesticated and commonly found in the wilderness or the bodies of water throughout the country and world. Photos can be of wildlife in nature, zoos, and/or petting zoos.

• Examples: Birds, deer, elephants, snakes, whales, etc.

CATCH-ALL - Photos that do not fit into one of the other categories.

- Examples: Long exposure zoomed images, painting with light, polaroid image & emulsion transfers, still-life, etc.
- Not allowed: County's use of this category to eliminate duplicate photos from multiple 4-H members.

DETAILS & MACRO - Getting in close is the name of the game for this category. The goal is to zoom in close on an object to see its finer details or to make small objects appear life-sized or larger that we do not normally get to see with the naked eye.

• Examples: Insect eyes, veins on a leaf, a reflection in a water droplet, etc.

ELEMENTS OF DESIGN - Images use of graphic elements of design. Photos that showcase line, shape, pattern, form, texture, perspective, etc. Photo can consist of any subject matter.

- Examples: Line, pattern, perspective, shape, etc.
- Not allowed: Digital creations or graphic designs made in software such as Photoshop, InDesign or Illustrator.

ENHANCED - A single photo that has been technically manipulated to be an abstract, panoramic, stitched, or composite image. Other variations are allowed as well.

• Examples: Software edited composites and creations, images greatly manipulated with a variety of filters, photos with artistic borders, photos stitched into a panoramic, etc.

FOOD - A still life specialization of photography, aimed at producing attractive photographs of food for use in such items of advertisements, packaging, menus and/or cookbooks.

- Examples: Cakes/pies, Easter eggs, fruits and place settings, ingredients, sandwiches, Thanksgiving dinner, etc.
- Not allowed: A photo of alcoholic beverages.

LANDSCAPE & NATURE (NON-ANIMAL) - The focus of this category includes landscapes, outdoor scenes, nature images, sunsets, urban landscapes, seascapes, cityscapes, and farms. Images focus on the beauty of the outdoors.

- Examples: Gardens/landscapes, outdoors, scenes, etc.
- Not allowed: Primary subject is a person or wildlife.

LEADING LINE - This image composition technique features lines that draw the viewer's eye from point A to point B, which is the primary subject.

• Example: A river that begins in the foreground and draws your attention to a photogenic bridge in the background.

LONG EXPOSURE - Also known as time-exposure or slow-shutter, this technique involves using a long-duration shutter speed. It can be used to sharply capture stationary elements of an image while blurring, smearing, or obscuring the moving elements. It is also used in low-light conditions.

• Examples: fireworks, moving water, light trails, Milky Way, light painting, night or low-light conditions, etc.

MOTION/ACTION - The capture of movement within a single photo. The subject appears stopped or "frozen."

• Examples: Ferris wheel spinning, sporting events, horse running across field, etc.

PEOPLE - Photos focus from all walks of life, parenting and family, children, babies, models/fashion, sports, and couples. All individuals in the photos must have provided consent and permission as a subject. If requested, a release will be needed from the photographer and subject.

• Examples: Babies, families, kids, portraits, models/fashion, etc.

PLANT/FLORA - Photos of interesting, unique, and beautiful flowers and flora. Photography can occur outdoors or indoors. Photo subject should be that of a **single** flower, plant, bush, tree, etc. Large collections of plant/flora should be considered for entry into the Landscape & Nature category.

• Examples: A rose, an upward shot of a tree, etc.

SHADOW/SILHOUETTE - A silhouette is an outline that appears dark (typically a single color) with little or no details/features against a brighter background. Recording patterns of light and shade for a desired effect or emphasis is the definition of a shadow. The silhouette or shadow must be the primary subject and focus of the image.

• Examples: shadows/silhouettes of people, plants, animals, structures, architectures, or natural structures.



THEME - The 2023-2024 theme is "Abandoned." Photographs capturing the essence of forgotten or neglected places, things, or structures; emphasizing its worn and forsaken nature.

(Please take all necessary safety precautions around abandoned buildings/structures.)

2023 FALL FOLIAGE ID AND PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

General Information

- Open to 4-H members, adults, and Clover Kids in District 5
- Individual event
- Identification of tree or shrub based upon leaf and common name.
- Contest based upon categories listed on page 8

Colorful Foliage Category

Photos of interesting, unique, and colorful tree leaves or berries that depict Fall or Autumn. Photo subject should include a clear picture of the tree leaf or berries so that identification can be verified.

District Deadlines

- **Step 1:** Register to participate on 4HOnline between October 16 and December 15, 2023. NO late registration.
- Step 2: Upload photographs in Submittable with the specified format between November 15 and December 15, 2023. NO late uploads. A Submittable link to upload photographs will be emailed to registered participants once approved in 4HOnline.

Results and Placings

Photographs are judged as submitted after December 16, 2024. Results will be announced at Come Alive in D5 on May 4, 2024.

Submission of Photographs

Photos are to be uploaded as a .jpeg, .jpg, or .gif file into Submittable via link emailed to you after registration on 4HOnline. If you do not have a Submittable account, you will need to set up a profile, at no charge, using this link: https://texas4-hyouthdevelopment.submittable.com/signup

Judging Rules

Judging will be based upon age division and the following components:

- Correct identification of tree or shrub (common name) based upon photograph of leaf or berry (point range 0 2).
- One point for the correct genus and one point for the correct species name will be awarded (point range 0-2)



- Photo entries will be judged based on creativity, quality, originality, and overall expression of Fall (Autumn) season (point range 0-6).
- Up to 10 total points per picture can be awarded. Entry of 10 photographs will result in a possible grand total of 100 points awarded per participant. Be sure to submit 10 pictures to earn maximum points!

1. Photograph Timeline

- a. Photographs must have been taken by the 4-H member between January 1, 2023 and time of entry.
- b. Photographs may be submitted only one time to the District 5 4-H Fall Foliage contest.
- 2. Number of entries Each participant may submit a total of 10 entries of 10 different tree species identified by their unique leaf and common name. Only one photograph may be entered per person (cannot share photographs with another person to enter).

3. Formatting Photographs

- Photographs should be taken at the highest resolution possible.
- Photo must be in a .jpeg or .jpg or .gif format
- Photo must be a minimum of 1 MD (1,000 KB) and a maximum of 20 MB.

4. Labeling Photographs for Uploading into Submittable

- Each photograph will need to be clearly labeled with the age division, county, category, last name, and first name.
- File name should include an "" between each of the words
- Example: age_county_category_last_first.jpg
- Example: John Smith is in 7th grade from Tyler County and entering the Oak category. He would upload a file labeled: Intermediate_Tyler_Oak_Smith_John.jpg
 - i. Clover Kid age division grades K-2nd
 - ii. Junior age division grades 3rd-5th
 - iii. Intermediate age division grades 6th-8th
 - iv. Senior age division grades 9th 12th
 - v. Adult

5. Categories

CATEGORY	FILE LABEL NAME	CATEGORY	FILE LABEL
			NAME
Berries (Holly,	Berry	Maple	Maple
Yaupon, American			
Beautyberry, etc.)			
Oak	Oak	Gum (sweet, black,	Gum
		etc.)	
Sumac	Sumac	Crepe Myrtle	Crepe
Dogwood	Dog	Ornamental Pear	Pear
Hickory	Hickory	Tallow	Tallow

6. Black and white pictures and color pictures will be judged together.

7. Permission

• By submitting an entry to this contest, the 4-H member grants permission to D5 4-H Youth Development Program, and any other public or private agency authorized by the Program, the use and rights associated to the use of the photographic likeness in promotional publications and other media without compensation.

8. Disqualification

- Failure to register in the Fall Foliage event in 4HOnline.
- Entries that do not follow the rules, category guidelines, and/or class description will be disqualified.
- The judges' decisions are final.

Example submission:

Common name: Pin Oak

Scientific name: Quercus palustris



Can be submitted as a single leaf image with a solid background.

Can be submitted as a single leaf image in a natural background.



2024 COLORFUL FLOWERS ID AND PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

General Information

- Open to 4-H members, adults, and Clover Kids in District 5
- Individual event
- Identification of plant by common name based upon "showy" flower.
- Contest based upon categories listed on page 11-12

Colorful Texas Flowers

Take and submit photos of interesting, unique, colorful, bold, and beautiful flowers that depict the season. Photo subject should include a clear picture of the flower so that identification can be verified.

District Deadlines

- Step 1: Register to participate on 4HOnline between March 1 and June 15, 2024. NO late registration.
- Step 2: Upload photographs in Submittable with the specified format between May 15 and June 15, 2024. NO late uploads. A Submittable link to upload photographs will be emailed to registered participants once approved in 4HOnline.

Results and Placings

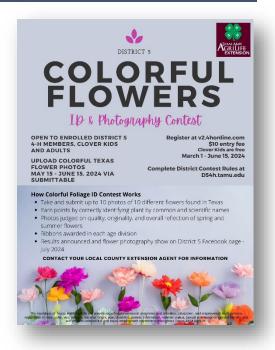
Photographs are judged as submitted after June 16, 2023. Results will be announced via email and broadcast of photographs on District 5 Facebook page in July.

Submission of Photographs

Photos are to be uploaded as a .jpeg, .jpg, or .gif file into Submittable via link emailed to you after registration on 4HOnline. If you do not have a Submittable account, you will need to set up a profile, at no charge, using this link: https://texas4-hyouthdevelopment.submittable.com/signup

Judging Rules

- Submit up to 10 photographs of 10 different species of plants or trees identified by their unique flower and common name.
- Judging will be based upon age division and the following components:
 - \circ Correct identification of plant or tree (common name) based upon photograph of flower (point range 0-2).



- One point for the correct genus and one point for the correct species name will be awarded (point range 0-2).
- O Photo entries will be judged based on creativity, quality, originality, and overall expression of spring or summer seasons (point range 0-6).
- Up to 10 total points per picture can be awarded for a total of 100 points if all 10 photos are uploaded.

1. Photograph Timeline

- Photographs must have been taken by the 4-H member between January 1, 2024 and time of entry.
- Photographs may be submitted only one time to the District 5 4-H Colorful Flowers contest.
- 2. Number of entries Each age division may submit one entry in each category for a total of 10 entries. Only one photograph may be entered per person (cannot share photographs with another person to enter).

3. Formatting Photographs

- Photographs should be taken at the highest resolution possible.
- Photo must be in a .jpeg or .jpg or .gif format
- Photo must be a minimum of 1 MD (1,000 KB) and a maximum of 20 MB.

4. Labeling Photographs for Uploading into Submittable

- Each photograph will need to be clearly labeled with the age division, county, category, last name, and first name.
- File name should include an "" between each of the words
- Example: age_county_category_last_first.jpg
- Example: John Smith is in 7th grade from Tyler County and entering the Iris category. He would upload a file labeled: Intermediate Tyler Iris Smith John.jpg
 - i. Clover Kid age division grades K-2nd
 - ii. Junior age division grades 3rd-5th
 - iii. Intermediate age division grades 6th-8th
 - iv. Senior age division grades 9th 12th
 - v. Adult

5. Categories

CATEGORY	FILE LABEL NAME	CATEGORY	FILE LABEL NAME
Yellow or white	White	Tulip, daffodils,	Tulip
wildflowers		narcissus	
Pink or purple	Pink	Flowering vines	Vine
wildflowers		(passion flower,	
		trumpet vine, etc.)	

Red or orange	Red	Iris	Iris
wildflowers			
Multi-color flowers	Multi	Sunflower and daisy	Daisy
(lantana, milkweed,			
rose moss, etc.)			
Lily and canna lily	Lily	Roses	Rose

6. Black and white pictures and color pictures will be judged together.

7. Permission

• By submitting an entry to this contest, the 4-H member grants permission to D5 4-H Youth Development Program, and any other public or private agency authorized by the Program, the use and rights associated to the use of the photographic likeness in promotional publications and other media without compensation.

8. Disqualification

- Failure to register in the Colorful Flowers Photography event in 4HOnline.
- Entries that do not follow the rules, category guidelines, and/or class description will be disqualified.
- The judges' decisions are final.

Example submission:

Common name: Daffodil

Scientific name: Narcissus pseudonarcissus



Can be submitted as a single flower image with a solid background.



Can be submitted as a group of flowers in a natural background.

2023 ENTOMOLOGY ID AND PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

General Information

- Open to 4-H members, adults, and Clover Kids in District 5
- Individual event
- Identification of adult insect by common name in the natural habitat of insect.
- Contest based upon categories listed on page 15

Texas Insects

Take and submit photos of interesting, unique, colorful, bold, and interesting Texas insects that depict their natural habitat. Photo subject should include a clear picture of the insect so that identification can be verified.

District Deadlines

- Step 1: Register to participate on 4HOnline between October 16, 2023 and March 1, 2024. NO late registration.
- **Step 2:** Upload photographs in Submittable with the specified format between February 1 and March 1, 2024. NO late uploads. A Submittable link to upload photographs will be emailed to registered participants once approved in 4HOnline.

Results and Placings

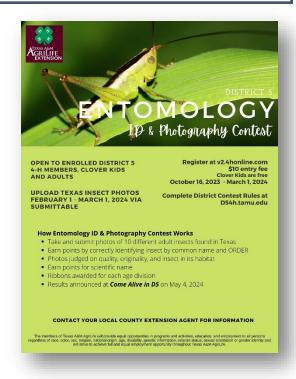
Photographs are judged as submitted after March 2, 2024. Results will be announced at Come Alive in D5 on May 4, 2024.

Submission of Photographs

Photos are to be uploaded as a .jpeg, .jpg, or .gif file into Submittable via link emailed to you after registration on 4HOnline. If you do not have a Submittable account, you will need to set up a profile, at no charge, using this link: https://texas4-hyouthdevelopment.submittable.com/signup

Judging Rules

- Submit photographs of different species of insects in their natural habitat (see number of entries below).
- Judging will be based upon age division and the following components:



- Correct identification of insect (common name) based upon photograph of insect (0-1 point).
- o Correct identification of insect (Order name) (0-1 point).
- One point for the correct genus and one point for the correct species name will be awarded (point range 0-2).
- O Photo entries will be judged based on creativity, quality, originality, and overall expression of insect in its natural habitat (point range 0-6).
- Up to 10 total points per picture can be awarded for a total of 100 points if all 10 photos are uploaded.

1. Photograph Timeline

- Photographs must have been taken by the 4-H member between January 1, 2023 and time of entry.
- Photographs may be submitted only one time to the District 5 4-H Entomology Photography contest.
- 2. Number of entries Each age division may submit one entry in each category for a total of 10 entries. Only one photograph may be entered per person (cannot share photographs with another person to enter).

3. Formatting Photographs

- Photographs should be taken at the highest resolution possible.
- Photo must be in a .jpeg or .jpg or .gif format
- Photo must be a minimum of 1 MD (1,000 KB) and a maximum of 20 MB.

4. Labeling Photographs for Uploading into Submittable

- Each photograph will need to be clearly labeled with the age division, county, category, last name, and first name.
- File name should include an "" between each of the words
- Example: age county category last first.jpg
- Example: John Smith is in 7th grade from Tyler County and entering the Butterfly and Moth category. He would upload a file labeled: Intermediate_Tyler_Moth_Smith_John.jpg
 - i. Clover Kid age division grades K-2nd
 - ii. Junior age division grades 3rd-5th
 - iii. Intermediate age division grades 6th-8th
 - iv. Senior age division grades 9th 12th
 - v. Adult

5. Categories

CATEGORY	FILE LABEL NAME	CATEGORY	FILE LABEL
			NAME
Butterfly and Moth	Moth	Dragonfly and	Dragonfly
		damselfly	
Beetle	Beetle	Walking stick and	Stick
		praying mantis	
Spiders	Spider	Mosquito, Flea and Fly	Fly
Grasshopper, Cricket	Cricket	Termites, Ants and	Ant
and Katydid		Silverfish	
Bee and Wasp	Bee	True Bugs	Bug

6. Black and white pictures and color pictures will be judged together.

7. Permission

• By submitting an entry to this contest, the 4-H member grants permission to D5 4-H Youth Development Program, and any other public or private agency authorized by the Program, the use and rights associated to the use of the photographic likeness in promotional publications and other media without compensation.

8. Disqualification



- Failure to register in the Entomology Photography event in 4HOnline.
- Entries that do not follow the rules, category guidelines, and/or category description will be disqualified.
- The judges' decisions are final.

Example submission:

Common name: Monarch Butterfly

Order: Lepidoptera

Scientific name: Danaus plexippus

