

# Photography

ENTER & UPLOAD ONLINE: <https://cmsfy.fairwire.com/> BY: TUESDAY, JUNE 2  
NO ENTRY FEE

EACH EXHIBITOR IS LIMITED TO TWO (2) ENTRIES PER DIVISION

PHYSICAL ENTRIES RELEASED: TUESDAY, JULY 28, 9:00 am TO 6:00 pm

Email Fair Office at [exhibits@midstatefair.com](mailto:exhibits@midstatefair.com) with any questions.

**Exhibitor Credential – See Credential page of this handbook, page 6.**

## Awards

(Awards allocated at Judge's Discretion)

**\*Best of Show - Youth and 4-H**

**Judges Awards • Best Theme Award**

## DEPARTMENT RULES

- 1. NO AI Generated Photos.**
- All entries must be entered and uploaded electronically by Tuesday, June 2.
- This contest is open to only youth and 4-H/FFA residents of San Luis Obispo County; 18 years of age and younger.
- All entries will be judged electronically and award winners will be notified by e-mail to deliver actual entry for display during the annual 12-day event.
- The following must be on the back of each submitted Print: Name of Entrant, Phone Number and Directional Arrow for top of print.
- All photos entered must have been taken within the past 12 months and be the work of the exhibitor.**
- NO photo may be entered more than once, period.**
- Please look at the thumbnail of your upload before continuing and then press the UPLOAD BUTTON and keep track of what you uploaded utilizing the WEN #s associated if you are submitting multiple entries.
- Acceptable image formats: jpeg, .gif, .bmp, .png, .tiff only. Less than 8 MB (megabytes)
- Matting: MUST mat out to 16" X 20", Single Opening**
- Minimum print size is 4" X 7".  
Maximum print size is 11" X 14".**
- Photos asked to be brought in for physical display must show to receive premium associated with placing.
- All submitted prints MUST be matted using clean, not bent, white matboard.** Mat border should cover all four edges of photo. Mat board. Should be of 4-ply thickness and must be glued (not taped) to backing board. **Backing Board MUST be 1/8" white foam board. No double matting allowed.** The purpose of the mat/mount/backing pack- age is to protect your photo from unsightly peeling and damage and to insure uniformity throughout.
- NO masonite or wood type mount or frames of any kind are allowed.
- All remaining entries will be showcased through slide shows throughout the Adult Visual Arts area.
- The Fair Management reserves the right to split the photography show into two showings.
- No copies of any kind are permitted. Show coordinators or judges panel may re-Class and/or Division at their discretion to better fit exhibit.
- No business cards, name plates or signatures allowed
- Reasonable precaution will be taken in protection of exhibits. The 16th District Agricultural Association (California Mid-State Fair) will not be responsible for loss or damage, whatsoever the cause. The exhibitor must arrange for insurance if it is desired. Furthermore, the California Mid-State Fair will not be responsible for accidents or loss that may occur to any of the exhibitors or exhibits at the show and the exhibitors shall hold the Fair Management harmless and indemnify it against any legal proceedings arising from such accident or loss. Presentation of entry form shall be deemed acceptance of this rule.
- All exhibits must remain on the Fairgrounds until 9:00 am on Tuesday, July 28. Exhibits not claimed by 6:00 pm that day will become property of the California Mid-State Fair and only kept 15 days from pickup date.
- Altered:** Adding or removing objects or people. Heavy color saturation and/or tint adjustments and changing colors. Excessive "texture," "clarity," "punch," "dehaze," and/or similar application sliders and effects. Excessive lightening, darkening and/or contrast for strong effect. Adding textures, blurs, paint brush, and/or other similar photoshop-type styles and effects. Combining or "composite" photos. Stretching or distorting photos. . Any photo added to a photo must also be your own work.  
**NOT Altered:** Adjustments to correct or compensate for lighting, contrast, and/or color. Subtle "presence" adjustments: "texture," "clarity," "punch," "dehaze" and/or similar application sliders and effects. Sharpening, Cropping and resizing. Lens correction adjustments. Converting to Black and White. Changing file types.
- The Fair reserves the right to refuse any entry or to refuse to display any entry considered not to be in accordance with entry rules or to be considered inappropriate for a family-orientated exhibit with children of all ages.

**ENTRY REGISTRATION AND UPLOAD DUE BY: TUESDAY, JUNE 2**  
**CANNOT ENTER BOTH YOUTH AND 4-H/FFA DIVISIONS, MUST PICK ONE**

Only Two (2) Entries PER Division  
Danish System of Judging

First Place photos will be notified by e-mail to deliver actual entry for display during the annual 12-day event.

Ribbons 1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup>		
Premiums Offered per Class		
1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
\$5	\$4	\$3

Entries must be work of exhibitor.  
All entries follow Department Rules for digital uploads and photography.

**YOUTH DIVISIONS 685 – 690**

- DIVISION 685 - BLACK & WHITE PRINTS, AGES 4 TO 9
- DIVISION 686 - COLOR PRINTS, AGES 4 TO 9
- DIVISION 687 - BLACK & WHITE PRINTS, AGES 10 TO 14
- DIVISION 688 - COLOR PRINTS, AGES 10 TO 14
- DIVISION 689 - BLACK & WHITE PRINTS, AGES 15 TO 18
- DIVISION 690 - COLOR PRINTS, AGES 15 TO 18

**4-H DIVISIONS 691 - 694**

- DIVISION 691 - PRIMARY, AGES 5 TO 8
- DIVISION 692 - JUNIOR, AGES 9 TO 10
- DIVISION 693 - INTERMEDIATE, AGES 11 TO 13
- DIVISION 694 - SENIOR, AGES 14 TO 19

Class

1. Agriculture
2. Architecture
3. Bugs & Insects
4. Dogs, Cats & Other Pets
5. Family
6. Floral
7. Food
8. Fun at the Fair
9. Landscape
10. Livestock/Equestrian
11. Seascape
12. Transportation
13. Wild Critters
14. Miscellaneous (Any Other Not Listed)

For Other 4-H and FFA Entries, please see 4-H & FFA Projects Within Each Department: Farm Art, Ag Horticulture, Arts & Crafts, Home Arts, Fine Art, and Floriculture.

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