4-H Photographers,

I’m excited to announce the 2017 4-H Photography Contest is underway!

“UNMASK” is the theme for this year’s competition. Photographs submitted to the contest should seek to capture a world that is harder to find. Look for hidden gems. Explore your world for areas and images the average person may miss. Go behind, under, and over the path your would usually take to find something new.

Encourage your 4-Her to be creative, unconventional and experimental. Suggest to your entrant that they take hundreds of shots in order to capture a definitive image that will stand apart and garner a top prize. Advise them to shoot their subjects in different ways, in different light, with and without flash, and at different angles.

Post-processing with image editing software like Adobe Photoshop is permitted, however, photos that exhibit noticeable manipulation rarely score well. Judges typically appreciate photos with solid composition, correct exposure, accurate colors, and a unique perspective.

**FRIDAY, JULY 7th IS THE ENTRY DEADLINE.**

All images must be received by the end of the work day to be considered. Please pay careful attention to the next page “4-H Photography Guidelines,” for further instructions.

**IMPORTANT:** Photographs should be taken specifically for this activity. Images taken prior to the announcement of this contest will not eligible for cash awards.

Pictures are an increasingly important component of human communications. Photographs have the power to move us individually and to affect world events. The ability to communicate effectively with images is an essential skill in our current, and future, world, and the 4-H Photography Contest is an opportunity for our youth to use images to break our of their shell to reveal their potential.

This year I am taking over as contest manager and hope to bring new ideas to this contest. Encourage 4-Hers that may be interested to join our [Arkansas 4-H Photography Group on Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/Arkansas-4-H-Photography-350429481909827/). This group was developed to share techniques, critique, ideas and fun.

Contact me with questions, comments, and concerns.

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PRIZES - 1st Place: $100, 2nd Place: $75, 3rd Place: $50, 4th Place: $45, 5th Place: $30

ELIGIBILITY - This is a seniors' only event. Only one entrant per county

PROCEDURE -

Rename the images to reflect the county of origin and entrant.

Example:

Submit a maximum of (10) images to: www.uaex.edu/4HPhotoContest

You will receive a confirmation email when the files are submitted

OR

Mail a CD-ROM or DVD disk with a maximum of (10) images to:

4-H Photo Contest
c/o Kerry Rodtnick
2301 So. University Ave.
Little Rock, Arkansas 72204

NOTE:
If more than 10 images are sent to the contest from one entrant, only the first 10 images will be judged.

All images should be received to contest headquarters by FRIDAY, JULY 7th. A confirmation email is returned to you within 24-hours. If you don’t receive an email confirmation, follow-up with me. Images will be evaluated and judged before State O-Rama. Judges will select the top (3) images from each entrant and determine the top five overall photographs. At the State 4-H O-Rama Photography Activity at Fayetteville, the top (3) images from each entrant will be shown and discussed. Your entrant should be prepared to comment on their own images, the camera and settings used to capture the image, and how the image relates to the contest theme. The top (5) award winning photographs will be announced and ribbons handed out. Cash awards are mailed to the winners at a later date.