Knox-Lincoln 4-H Photo Contest  
Sponsored by the Knox-Lincoln 4-H Leaders’ Association

Age Divisions: (by December 31, 2017) 
9-11 years, 12-14 years, 15-19 years

The top four scorers in each age division will have their photo displayed in the KL 4-H Photo Gallery! The Gallery will have its premier at the 2018 Achievement Awards Banquet in October, then be displayed for a year at the Knox-Lincoln Cooperative Extension office. Each winning photo will also be featured in 1-month rotation at the top of the Knox-Lincoln 4-H Facebook timeline. Deadline to submit photos to the Knox-Lincoln Extension Office: **September 30, 2018.**

Definitions and Rules

There will be no assigned subject categories for the contest.

**Up to 3** entries per person are permitted. An Entry Form must be attached to each entry.

Photos must be 8”x10” or 5”x7” prints on photographic paper (no prints on copy paper please). Black/white or color photos will be accepted. No photo collages are allowed for this contest.

All entries must be submitted by an active 4-H member in Knox or Lincoln Counties 4-H age 9-19.

Photos **must** have been taken by the 4-H member in the current 4-H year (October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018).

**Mounting your photo:**
Photos **DO NOT** need to be framed or matted. However, delivering them in an envelope or protective sleeve is a good idea.

**Judging:**
Judges will be selected from qualified individuals in the field of photography, graphic art or fine arts. Photography will be judged based on the **Criteria/Standards** sheet. The decision of the judges is final and not subject to change.

**Objectives:**
To encourage 4-H members to use photography as a meaningful communication tool.
To develop life skills in communication and expressive arts.
To provide photography showcase opportunity for 4-H members.

**Permissions:**
If one or more of your photos earns a place in the top scores, you will be asked to sign an Assignment of Copyright form so that your photos can be used in print and digital forms by the University of Maine Cooperative Extension. $1.00 will be paid to you for the copyright to each photo. You, your parent and any person appearing in the photo will also be asked to sign a Photo Release form.
Knox-Lincoln Photo Contest Entry Form

Photo Title: ________________________________________________

Name: ____________________________ Age: ____________ (by Dec. 31, 2017)
Club: ________________________________
Address: ______________________________________________________________________
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Phone: ____________________________ Email: ____________________________

Attach one form to the back side of each entry.

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Name: ____________________________ Age: ____________ (by Dec. 31, 2017)
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CRITERIA/STANDARDS SHEET

FOCUS
Definition: Adjustment of the distance setting on a lens to appropriately define the subject.
Standard: Main subject in focus, unless blurriness is obviously intentional (ie to show motion).

EXPOSURE
Definition: The overall brightness and amount of contrast in the photo.
Standard: A range of light-to-dark contrast, not “washed-out”, flat or dark.

PRINT QUALITY
Definition: The photo exhibits quality consistent with contest requirements.
Standard: The absence of blemishes, scratches, overly enlarged (graininess), and pixilation. Print is correct size (5x7 or 8x10) and on photo paper.

SUBJECT
Definition: The photo uses the subject to deliver a message in a creative way.
Standard: The photo clearly communicates the subject.

COMPOSITION
Definition: Placement of the subject in the photo demonstrating artistic ability.
Standard: A pleasing balance exists among all components of the composition.

IMPACT
Definition: The photo clearly captures the attention of the viewer.
Standard: The composition conveys a strong message

UNIQUENESS
Definition: Use of originality, camera angle, lighting, character studies, and/or creativity.
Standard: The photographer exhibits creativity through the photo.

LIGHTING
Definition: The illumination of a subject.
Standard: Use of light to produce the desired mood or effect.
4-H Photo Contest Judging Form

Photo Title____________________________________________________________
Age Division_____________________

Judges, please circle one:
I. TECHNICAL  Excellent  Good  Fair  Needs Improvement  Unsatisfactory
A. Focus  5  4  3  2  1
B. Exposure  5  4  3  2  1
C. Print Quality  5  4  3  2  1

II. SUBJECT  Excellent  Good  Fair  Needs Improvement  Unsatisfactory
A. Creative use of Subject  5  4  3  2  1
B. Composition  5  4  3  2  1
C. Impact  5  4  3  2  1
D. Uniqueness  5  4  3  2  1
E. Lighting  5  4  3  2  1

Column Totals
Grand Points Total

JUDGES FEEDBACK/COMMENTS
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Note to participant: Your entry has been judged according to the criteria/standards sheet provided to you at the beginning of the contest.