



BC Agricultural Expo

September 24-27, 2026
North Thompson Agriplex
Barriere, BC



4-H Photography Rules, Requirements and Notes

1. Entries close June 30th.
2. Age of members to be determined as of December 31st of the year prior to the Expo for all classes.
 - a. 4-H Junior: 9-11 years
 - b. 4-H Intermediate: 12-14 years
 - c. 4-H Senior: 15 years and older
3. 4-H Division Rules and Regulations and scoring will follow the BC 4-H Regulations for Photography Project- Publication #5201- Revised January 2020.
4. No refunds will be given on withdrawals or entries that do not comply with the regulations.
5. Judging: There will be two classes of four photos for members to judge.
6. Unit Work
 - Unit work includes a display board and a record book. Both need to be present and completed up to date for the fair.
 - The judge will score display boards and record books without the member present.
 - Unit work will be marked based on the 4-H BC Publications:
 - 4-H BC Record Book Score Card (publication #148(F)) revised November 2020.
 - BC 4-H Project Display/Poster Score Card (publication #148(B) revised January 2010).
 - Photography equipment does not need to be present for unit work judging.
7. Showmanship
 - A sign-up sheet for showmanship time-slots (15 minutes each) will be available in the photography area on Wednesday. The deadline for sign-up is Thursday at 12 noon.
 - Photo member's showmanship skills (ie presentation of their photography knowledge and techniques) are judged one-on-one with the judge(s).
 - There will be 1-2 showmanship judges.
 - Members are scored using the 4-H BC publication: 4-H BC Photography Showmanship Score Card, publication #149(E). Revised January 2020.
 - Family and friends may watch the showmanship classes.
 - Bring your display board and camera to the showmanship class with the judge(s).
8. Framed /Sale Photo Class

- Members show the framed photo in front of the judge. It is evaluated using Photography Skill and Artistry Score Card- publication #149F and/or ranking (placed 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc) based on judge's discretion.
 - Members who enter the Sale Photo class are not committed to sell their framed photo in the auction.
 - Framed photos are member's best work. They need to be technically excellent, well printed, framed with / without a mat. The goal is to create an engaging professional quality photo that a buyer will hang on their wall.
 - Minimum photo size is 8" x 10" which is then framed (with or without a mat). Maximum framed photo size is a total area of 660 square inches, measured from outside edge to outside edge of the frame. A smaller size print for most framed sale photos is recommended (eg. 8x10, 11x14 prints) as many buyers may not have wall space / room for a large piece.
 - The photography rep and/or the judge has the right to deny a framed photo from the auction if it does not meet the above requirements. (eg. A photo that is blurry and/or has an out of focus subject as this would not technically excellent.)
9. Members must participate in all components of unit work (display board and record book) and a showmanship class to be eligible to sell a framed photo in the auction.
10. It is asked that one parent or leader from each photo project club volunteer 2-3 hours during the event (eg paperwork, set-up, tallying, timing). Let the photo rep know if you are able to volunteer.

Sale of Framed Photo

1. A framed photography project may be sold through the BC Ag Expo Livestock Auction on the Monday of the Expo at a 6% commission to the BC Agricultural Expo Society.
2. However, to be eligible to sell a framed photo in the auction, the member must display and participate in the 4-H unit work in which they are entered (ie complete a display board, complete a record book) and participate in a showmanship class. Members who do not complete these requirements will not be permitted to sell a framed photo in the auction.
3. Deadline for sale of framed photo entries is noon Thursday of the Expo. Inform the office by the deadline.

Before and After / Edited Class

1. Entry deadline is June 30th.
2. Members entering the Before and After class do not need to be enrolled in a photography project but do need to be a current 4-H member.

3. The edited photo must be taken within the last year.
4. This class allows 4-H members to edit and manipulate a photo using photo editing software. Members can explore the opportunities in this limitless area of creative expression.
5. This class is for prize money only. Edited photos will not be part of the auction.
6. Members will have the opportunity to show their photo in front of the judge following the Sale Photo judging.
7. Bring two prints:
 - a. The original, unedited 4"x6" or 5"x7" print- framed or unframed. This is the 'before' photo.
 - b. The same photo that has been edited using software and creativity of choice. The opportunities are endless! Minimum print size is 5x7, framed or matted, with a maximum of 660 square inches (edge of frame to edge of frame). This is the 'after' photo.