

DEPARTMENT 17

PHOTOGRAPHY

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Schedule of Events

August 7 – Friday

12 PM Last day for on-line entry and drop off
entry form in Office

August 11 & 12 – Tuesday & Wednesday

2 PM – 7 PM Pre-entered exhibit drop off (Building
17)
New entry drop off (Building 1)

August 14 – Friday

9 AM Judging (building closed to public)

August 31 – Monday

3 PM – 7 PM Entries can be removed

General Rules for Photography

- Entries must be the work of the exhibitor, completed since September 2025.
- Limit **one** entry per class per exhibitor.
- Entry is free if pre-entered online or by form in the Fair office by 12 PM, August 7. Exhibits registered during entry are subject to a \$1 fee per entry. (Except Professional entries)
- Professionals may enter Division 1705 only, with a fee of \$5 per entry. Must be pre-entered, day of entries not allowed in Division 1705.
- 17 & under enter youth divisions 1790, 1791, and 1792.
- Exhibitor's name, address, phone number, class and title of entry must be on the back of each print.
- Prints in frames will not be accepted.
- **No** Foam Board
- Adult divisions: one 8"x10" print with an 11"x14" mat, except Division 1703
- Photos may not be entered in more than one class.

What the Judge looks for in Photography

- Overall Appearance: Clean, photo securely attached to mat, mat color & style enhances the photo.
- Technique: Focus, lighting, color balance, depth of field, angle, quality of developing & printing
- Composition: Photo captures the mood/spirit/life of the subject, so viewer knows more about the subject after looking at the photo, balance of elements (subject the most prominent element of photo & background does not detract from subject)
- Choice of Subject

Definitions

- Babies: birth to 2 years old
- Children: 2 to 12 years old
- Still Life: inanimate objects
- Skyscapes: sunrises, sunsets, etc.
- Action scenes: such as sporting events
- Architecture: buildings, bridges, monuments, etc.

COLOR PRINTS

Division 1700 (Adults 18+)

- Hand coloring will be judged as color prints.

CLASS

- 01 Babies & children
- 02 People, families & groups
- 03 Pets
- 04 Wildlife
- 05 Plant life
- 06 Still life
- 07 Landscapes
- 08 Waterscapes
- 09 Skyscapes
- 10 Action scenes
- 11 Ranch & farm life
- 12 Architecture
- 13 Vehicle
- 14 Selfies
- 15 Memes
- 16 Other, specify



BLACK AND WHITE PRINTS

Division 1720 (Adults 18+)

CLASS

- 17 Babies & children
- 18 People, families & groups
- 19 Pets
- 20 Plant life
- 21 Still life
- 22 Landscapes
- 23 Waterscapes
- 24 Skyscapes
- 25 Other, specify

EVERY PICTURE TELLS A STORY

Division 1740 (Adults 18+)

Use a collection of four (4) pictures to tell a story. Each picture must be a 3x5" or 4x6" and have a caption that when read together tells a complete story. All 4 pictures must be displayed together with their captions visible.

CLASS

- 26 Every picture tells a story



- 36 Wildlife
- 37 Plant life
- 38 Still life
- 39 Landscapes
- 40 Waterscapes
- 41 Skyscapes
- 42 Ranch & farm life
- 43 Architecture
- 44 Vehicles
- 45 Selfies
- 46 Other, specify



PROFESSIONAL PRINTS

Division 1760 (Adults 18+)

- Professionals may enter Division 1705 only, with a fee of \$5 per entry.
- Professional prints must be pre-entered, day of entries not allowed in this division.
- Entries in this division may be color or black and white.

CLASS

- 27 People
- 28 Animals
- 29 Outdoor Scene
- 30 Architecture
- 31 Still life
- 32 Macro

BLACK & WHITE PRINTS

CLASS

- 47 People
- 48 Pets
- 49 Wildlife
- 50 Plant life
- 51 Still life
- 52 Landscapes
- 53 Waterscapes
- 54 Skyscapes
- 55 Ranch & farm life
- 56 Architecture
- 57 Vehicles
- 58 Other, specify

2026 SPECIAL CONTESTS

Best Themed or Fair Scene Photo

Division 1785 (Adults 18+)

Fun is in the Mix in 2026! – Use the theme to show your interpretation of **Fun is in the Mix in 2026** or your favorite Fair Scene photo. Follow all general rules & no cross entry. Youth can enter too! Check out the end of the youth department!

CLASS

- 33 Best Themed or Fair Scene Photo, color or black & white

YOUTH THEMED CONTEST

CLASS

- 59 Best themed or fair scene photo, color or black & white

YOUTH PHOTOGRAPHY

Division 1790 (Ages 7 & Under)

Division 1791 (Ages 8-12)

Division 1792 (Ages 13-17)

- Allowed entry sizes: one 5"x7" print with an 8"x10" mat.
- Limit one entry per class.

COLOR PRINTS

- Hand coloring will be judged as color prints.

CLASS

- 34 People
- 35 Pets

