DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

4-H Alberta

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Project Guide

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Objectives:

Upon successfully completing this project, the members will be able to:

- Think and plan before taking a photograph;
- Create great photographs of people, places and things using a "point-and-shoot" and Digital Single-Lens Reflex "DSLR" camera;
- Try new things to improve their photography;
- Develop skill in observing;
- Identify opportunities for photography;
- Compose and make clear pictures;
- Use photography to communicate;
- Use a flash and tripod to enhance their photographic skills;
- Develop skills in observation, decision making, leadership, problem-solving, finances and communication;
- Create photographs to record situations and events, honour achievement and inspire action;
- Identify, use and store photography equipment and supplies in a safe manner;
- Challenge themselves with variety and varying levels of complexity of tasks in photography;
- Work cooperatively with others;
- Apply their photographic skills in daily living;
- Have fun while taking great photos!

HOW TO GET THE MOST OF THIS PROJECT

- Attend club activities regularly.
- Listen and ask questions. You will learn from other members, as well as your leaders.
- Carry your camera with you, and take as many pictures as you can. You never know when a great photo opportunity will happen!
- Look at pictures other people have taken in books, magazines and newspapers. What do you admire about the pictures? What can you try? What would you change?
- Look at your surroundings. Look for interesting lines, textures, patterns, events and people.
- Practice taking pictures! With digital photography the results are instant, and free! So take as many shots as you can! "Learn to do by doing".
- Keep organized notes about techniques you use and shots you take in a journal or log. Include subject matter, camera settings, conditions, flash/lighting changes and refer to them when you review your images on a computer.
- Look at pictures other people have taken, in books, magazines and newspapers. What do you admire about the pictures? How do you think they got the shot? What can you try? What would you change?
- Pay attention to other communication forms such as paintings, sculpture, music or writing, that might spark some ideas for you!

Refer to the "I Can" Checklist at the end of the record book to see how you are doing!

ACHIEVEMENT REQUIREMENTS* FOR THIS PROJECT

- A completed record book;
- A collection of 10 to 15 photographs taken during the club project;
- One picture each of a pet animal, a home (for people or others), a plant (wild or domestic) shot from the viewpoint of a very young child (two to four years of age). Three examples of textures, leading lines, and framing;
- At least three photographs of another 4-H project or topic that would spark interest in that project;
- At least three pictures that intend to trigger a specific reaction in the viewer (labelled);
- One special project from the list of special projects from the Activity Guide.

**Please note that these Achievement Day requirements are to be used as a base. As a leader, adapt requirements to your member's level of experience. e.g. Junior members need to display a collection of 10 photos, Senior members, 15.*