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# PHOTOGRAPHY YOUTH & ADULTS

## 2026 COMPETITION GUIDE

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**ENTRY DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 1**

### DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENT

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### DROP OFF DAYS

Friday, September 25: 4 to 8 p.m.

Saturday, September 26: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sunday, September 27: 12 to 4 p.m.

### PICK UP DAYS

Monday, October 12: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Tuesday, October 13: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS OFFICE

Hours: Mon. - Fri., 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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**A COMPETITION!**

# DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

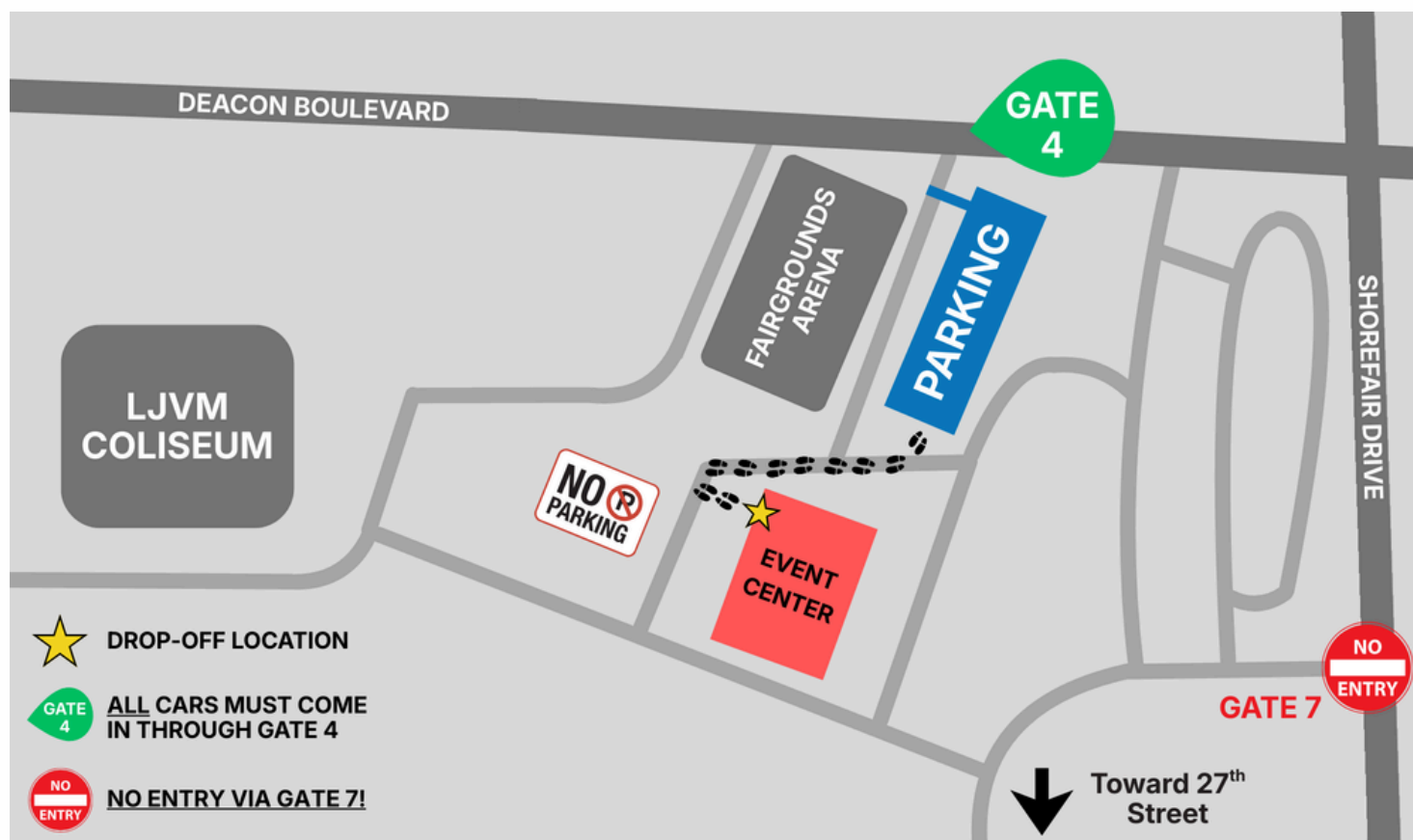
## DROP-OFF INFORMATION

- Drop-off for **PHOTOGRAPHY** exhibits is:
  - **Friday, September 25 from 4 to 8 p.m.**
  - **Saturday, September 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**
  - **Sunday, September 27 from 12 to 4 p.m.**
- If you have entries for other departments, you may have a separate drop-off date. Please read each departments rules and guidelines when entering.
- Do **NOT** remove the claim check portion; you will need this to pick up your exhibit(s).

## PICK-UP INFORMATION

- Pick-up for ALL exhibits is **(NO EXCEPTIONS)**:
  - **Monday, October 12 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.**
  - **Tuesday, October 13 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**
- You **MUST** have your claim check tag to reclaim your entry, NO EXCEPTIONS.
- Exhibits cannot be removed prior to October 12.
- **All exhibits will be discarded after October 13.**

**ADDRESS: 414 DEACON BOULEVARD, GATE 4**



# FAQs & ENTRY INFORMATION

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**When will I receive my entry tag(s)?** Entry tags will be mailed after September 1.

**Where do I go to drop off my exhibit(s)?** Please come in Gate 4 and follow the signs. See the map on page 2.

**Where will my exhibit(s) be displayed at the fair?** Photography exhibits are displayed in the Event Center.

**Who is considered an Amateur?** An Amateur is someone who earns less than 10% of their income from selected craft. Current and past teachers of selected craft are not considered an Amateur.

**Can I enter something I have entered in the past?** No. All photos must be taken after the close of the previous year's fair.

**Can I edit/alter my photograph?** Photos are **NOT** to be edited or altered with any kind of photo editing software.

**Do photos have to be originals?** All photos must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor and must have been taken by the exhibitor.

**Where should I place my tag(s)?** Please attach tag to the **UPPER RIGHT CORNER** of the exhibit. This will ensure your item is displayed correctly when hung.

**How do I pick up my exhibit(s) after the fair?** All entries **MUST** be picked up on **Monday, October 12 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. or Tuesday, October 13 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** No items will be removed before October 12. All items will be discarded after October 13. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

## NEW CLASSES

### **SECTION 101: COLOR (ADULTS)**

Sports, Weather, Selfies, At the Fair

### **SECTION 102: BLACK & WHITE (ADULTS)**

Sports, Weather, Selfies, At the Fair

### **SECTION 103-105: COLOR (ALL YOUTH)**

At the Fair, Nature, Selfies

### **SECTIONS 103-105: BLACK & WHITE (ALL YOUTH)**

At the Fair, Nature, Selfies

# MOUNTING YOUR PHOTO

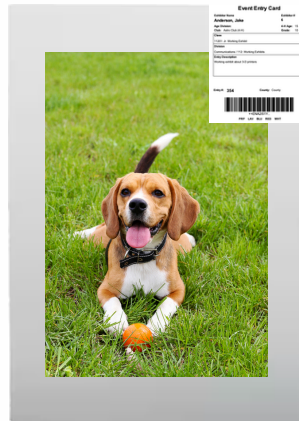
**PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES CAREFULLY. YOUR PHOTO WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IF IT ISN'T MOUNTED CORRECTLY.**

- Only 8" x 10" photo prints are allowed (except Digital Manipulation).
- Photo prints can be glossy or matte finish.
- Photo must be securely mounted on 11" x 14" black or white foam core with a thickness of 1/8" or 3/16." Foam core is available at most craft stores, office supply stores, and frame shops. **The Fair does NOT provide foam core board.**
- Photos should **NOT** have any kind of border except for the foam core.
- **FRAMES, GLASS, OR MATS ARE NOT ALLOWED.**
- **DO NOT ADD EMBELLISHMENTS OR TITLES.**

## PROPERLY MOUNTED PHOTOS



- 8" x 10" PHOTO
- 11" X 14" FOAM CORE BOARD
- ENTRY TAG ON UPPER RIGHT CORNER



- 8" x 10" PHOTO
- 11" X 14" FOAM CORE BOARD
- ENTRY TAG ON UPPER RIGHT CORNER

## IMPROPERLY MOUNTED PHOTOS



PHOTOS MUST NOT BE FRAMED OR MATTED



DO NOT PUT PHOTOS ON STRETCHED CANVAS OR WOOD

# PREMIUMS AND AWARDS

- A ribbon is a badge of merit, and in no case should be attached to an article or animal where meritorious qualities are lacking.
- The following colors will be used to designate awards:
  - **Judge's Choice:** Red, White and Blue
  - **First Place:** Blue
  - **Second Place:** Red
  - **Third Place:** White
  - **Fourth Place:** Pink
- If awarded, all ribbons must be picked up following the Fair (October 12-13).
- Premiums will be paid only from the judging results records and **NOT** from the ribbon or tags on exhibits.
- Errors or omissions in premium payments not reported to the Fair Administrative Office by December 31, 2026, will **NOT** be paid.



# JUDGING CRITERIA

- **COMPOSITION:** Everything in the photo should be logically and pleasantly arranged to draw attention to the point of interest.
- **PHOTOGRAPHIC QUALITY:** Contrast in the finished print should be such that the point of interest is clear, sharp, and easily visible. Tone and contrast should be consistent with the mood of the photo.
- **PRESENTATIONAL FAULTS:** Photos of correct size (8" x 10") mounted on an 11" x 14" black or white foam core board.

## CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS

- **PEOPLE:** Photos depicting people in their natural surroundings
- **LANDSCAPE:** Photos depicting spaces in our world
- **ANIMAL:** Photos depicting mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, or marine life
- **ARCHITECTURE:** Photos depicting views of the exteriors of domestic, commercial, religious, industrial, or engineering structures
- **ADVERTISING:** Photos used to sell, advertise, or market a product, service, or person
- **EMOTION:** Photos capturing raw emotion; natural, instinctive states of mind derived from circumstance, mood, or relationships with others, such as happiness, pride, calmness, sadness, or anger
- **NATURE:** Photos taken outdoors that depict natural elements such as landscapes, wildlife, or plants
- **AUTOMOTIVE:** Photos depicting automobiles, cars, trucks, trains, airplanes, or motorcycles
- **TEXTURE:** Photos emphasizing texture, including the feel, appearance, or consistency of a surface or substance, where surface detail is the most important feature
- **AERIAL:** Photos taken from a drone, plane, or anything else that provides a bird's eye view
- **OTHER:** Photos that do not fall into the categories above

# CATEGORIES: ADULTS

## SECTION 100

## COLOR - ADULTS

**PREMIUMS: 1ST: \$35 | 2ND: \$30 | 3RD: \$25 | 4TH: \$20 | 5TH: \$15**

- 001. People - can **NOT** be a selfie
- 002. Landscape
- 003. Animal
- 004. Architecture
- 005. Advertising
- 006. Emotion
- 007. Nature
- 008. Automotive
- 009. Texture
- 010. Aerial - **MUST** be from drone, airplane, etc.
- 011. Themed - **Patriotic**
- 012. Sports **NEW**
- 013. Weather **NEW**
- 014. Selfies **NEW**
- 015. At the Fair **NEW**
- 016. Other - **NOT** listed above



**JUDGE'S CHOICE: \$20 & ROSETTE**

*(Selected from 1st place winners of categories above)*

## SECTION 101

## BLACK & WHITE (NO SEPIA) - ADULTS

**PREMIUMS: 1ST: \$35 | 2ND: \$30 | 3RD: \$25 | 4TH: \$20 | 5TH: \$15**

- 020. People - can **NOT** be a selfie
- 021. Landscape
- 022. Animal
- 023. Architecture
- 024. Advertising
- 025. Emotion
- 026. Nature
- 027. Automotive
- 028. Texture
- 029. Aerial - **MUST** be from drone, airplane, etc.
- 030. Themed - **Patriotic**
- 031. Sports **NEW**
- 032. Weather **NEW**
- 033. Selfies **NEW**
- 034. At the Fair **NEW**
- 035. Other - **NOT** listed above



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# CATEGORIES: YOUTH

## SECTION 102

GRADES 4-5

**PREMIUMS: 1ST: \$15 | 2ND: \$10 | 3RD: \$5 | 4TH: RIBBON**

**040.** Color - People

**041.** Color - Animal

**042. Color - At the Fair** **NEW**

**043. Color - Nature** **NEW**

**044. Color - Selfie** **NEW**

**045.** Color - Other



**JUDGE'S CHOICE: \$10 & ROSETTE**

*(Selected from 1st place winners of categories above)*

**046.** Black and White - People

**047.** Black and White - Animal

**048. Black and White - At the Fair** **NEW**

**049. Black and White - Nature** **NEW**

**050. Black and White - Selfie** **NEW**

**051.** Black and White - Other



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## SECTION 103

GRADES 6-8

**PREMIUMS: 1ST: \$20 | 2ND: \$15 | 3RD: \$10 | 4TH: RIBBON**

**055.** Color - People

**056.** Color - Animal

**057. Color - At the Fair** **NEW**

**058.** Color - Nature

**059. Color - Selfie** **NEW**

**060.** Color - Other



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**061.** Black and White - People

**062.** Black and White - Animal

**063. Black and White - At the Fair** **NEW**

**064. Black and White - Nature** **NEW**

**065. Black and White - Selfie** **NEW**

**066.** Black and White - Other



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# CATEGORIES: YOUTH

## SECTION 104

GRADES 9-12

**PREMIUMS: 1ST: \$25 | 2ND: \$20 | 3RD: \$15 | 4TH: RIBBON**

**070.** Color - People

**071.** Color - Animal

**072.** Color - At the Fair **NEW**

**073.** Color - Nature **NEW**

**074.** Color - Selfie **NEW**

**075.** Color - Architecture

**076.** Color - Other



**JUDGE'S CHOICE: \$10 & ROSETTE**

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**077.** Black and White - People

**078.** Black and White - Animal

**079.** Black and White - At the Fair **NEW**

**080.** Black and White - Nature **NEW**

**081.** Black and White - Selfie **NEW**

**082.** Black and White - Architecture

**083.** Black and White - Other



**JUDGE'S CHOICE: \$10 & ROSETTE**

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