



Kansas 4-H focuses on the mastery of 5 life skills:

1. A positive self-concept
2. An inquiring mind
3. A concern for the community
4. Healthy interpersonal relationships
5. Sound decision making

The subject matter content in 4-H focuses primarily on three mission areas:

1. science
2. healthy living
3. citizenship and leadership

# 4-H Photography Project

## Advice from a 4-H'er

*From: Grace, Age 17 (2015)*

I have learned a lot from being in 4-H photography for 9 years. There were many years when I got very frustrated because I did not get the ribbons I wanted on photos. But I learned not to worry so much about ribbons and just have fun learning about and creating photos. My advice for someone starting out is to not be afraid to experiment. Have fun with it. If you think something is pretty, take a picture and see how it turns out. Do not be too afraid to take a bad picture. You increase your chances of taking a good photo if you experiment with different angles and viewpoints. Taking a picture of a dog straight on might look cool, but what if you got right next to the dog at its eye level? Or under the dog's head? Or to the side of the dog? There are many different ways to take pictures of the same subject. Because of this, it is easy to take many pictures of the same subject. It is very important to take lots of pictures of the same subject. It may seem boring to some people, but it is helpful because a photo may look good on the camera, but when you upload it to your computer later you may notice a flaw that you did not see before. If you take many pictures, you lessen the chance that all of your photos will be bad. If you only took one picture of a subject and it turns out badly, you could have lost the chance to take a picture of that subject.



Grace with her camera

## Project levels

Age 7-9	Age 10-13	Age 14 +
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Get to know your camera.</li> <li>◆ Try various lighting techniques.</li> <li>◆ Use flash for fill and solving red-eye.</li> <li>◆ Take photos of places, people and pets.</li> <li>◆ Learn to evaluate photos.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Adjust the depth of field.</li> <li>◆ Capture hard and soft light to create moods.</li> <li>◆ Manipulate light using flash techniques.</li> <li>◆ Use photos to tell a story.</li> <li>◆ Take candid photos to capture a moment in time.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Use wide-angle and telephoto lenses.</li> <li>◆ Use filters and special film.</li> <li>◆ Use viewpoints, framing and lines to lead the eye.</li> <li>◆ Use symmetry, shape, pattern, and texture to capture creative photos.</li> <li>◆ Use specialized equipment and advance techniques.</li> </ul>

The activities above are ideas to inspire further project development. This is not a complete list.



**Events**

State & County Opportunities

- ◆ Club Day
- ◆ County Fair
- ◆ State Fair
- ◆ Countywide Photography Meetings
- ◆ Discovery Days

Check with your club to see what opportunities are offered at the club level as well.

**Curriculum**

Available to purchase at the Extension Office (check to make sure it's in stock)

- ◆ Beginning Photography Project Book 1-3
- ◆ Advanced Photography Project book

Photography curriculum can also be purchased at the K-State online bookstore or the 4-H Mall.

**4-H Record Book**

4-H Record Books give members an opportunity to record events and reflect on their experiences. For each project, members document their personal experiences, learning and development.

4-H Record Books also teach members record management skills and encourage them to set goals and develop a plan to meet those goals

For more information visit [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/record-books.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/record-books.html)

## Resources:

**Visit**

<http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/projects>

to also find the following links.

**Kansas 4-H Photography Website:**

- ◆ <http://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/creative-arts/photography.html>

**Other helpful Photography websites around the country:**

- ◆ <http://aces.nmsu.edu/4h/photography/leaders.html>
- ◆ <http://photodoto.com/>
- ◆ <http://fyi.uwex.edu/4hphoto/>
- ◆ <http://4h.missouri.edu/projects/curriculum/Y4415.pdf>
- ◆ <http://www.fodors.com/travel-photography/>
- ◆ <http://photo.net/>
- ◆ <http://www.photolinks.com/resources.html>
- ◆ <http://msue.anr.msu.edu/uploads/234/42274/snapshots/MI-4-HPhotographySnapshot.pdf>



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## Exploring Opportunities

- ◆ Interview a professional photographer.
- ◆ Demonstrate how to properly present your photos.
- ◆ Photograph your club activities and make an album to share.
- ◆ Volunteer to take photos for a community event.
- ◆ Help archive historical photos.
- ◆ Arrange for a guest photographer to present to your club.
- ◆ Organize a photo shoot for a local organization or your school.

## Exhibit Ideas

- ◆ Identify the parts of a camera.
- ◆ Present a poster about matting and framing.
- ◆ Share your photography journal.
- ◆ Demonstrate enlargement and cropping.
- ◆ Prepare a display about flash techniques.
- ◆ Compare types of cameras.
- ◆ Create a PowerPoint of event photos or a series of photos.
- ◆ Give a presentation showing how to edit images.

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