Photos! Photos! Everywhere!

Have you every looked around and taken note of the number of photographs you see in a day? Photography is all around, from our school, our home, the stores we visit, and even our smartphones! A photograph tells a story - a story that is happy, one that is sad, one filled with excitement and emotion. Regardless of the reason or the subject, a photograph is a canvas to express ideas and emotions. As you learn more about photography, your life story and how you communicate becomes stronger through the photographs you take and share. Explore more about the photography project by reviewing the list of skills for an intermediate member, identify some of your own, as well as list some goals you wish to learn. Continue to work with your leaders and parents to get a photography project plan and then get after it and have fun!

Careers in Photography - Search Them Out!

Did you know that being a photographer is only one of the many careers a person can have in the field of photography? Think about the person who has to design the camera, make it, sell it and the person that helps develop the software that allows all the cool effects to be made. Explore some of the other careers in photography by using the Internet to see what you can learn!

Explore the careers of:
- Photojournalist
- Engineer who designs cameras
- Software engineer
- Graphic designer
- Magazine editor
- Video Game Designer

What are other careers you can find in the field of photography? Use your Internet browsing skills, talk to friends, look at books and magazines and find at least another five careers!

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Essay Time!

Write a short essay about a career in photography. Hey, you can even use the essay as a speech or the basis for a presentation! Include the answers to the questions below, as well as other questions you think of.

1. What does this person do?
2. What kind of education do you need?
3. Is this a career you would be interested in? If so, why?
4. How is photography used in the career?
Service With a Smile, and A Click of the Camera!
Serving others is an important part of 4-H, and how better to help others than by using your photography skills. Below are some service projects you can do:

- Volunteer to take photos at a 4-H event, a family reunion, a community event, or other social event. Create a scrapbook and share the photos you took.
- Give a presentation about photography and photographic places in your community. Lead a group of others on a photo excursion.
- Help others organize, label, and preserve family photos.
- Volunteer at an animal shelter to take photos for adoption flyers or website.
- Offer to take photos at the nursing home for family gifts.

Whose My Match?
As a photographer, it is important to use the correct terminology when talking with others about photography. See if you can match the term up with the definition for these photography words.

A. Aperture _ A number that indicates a film’s sensitivity to light, or, more commonly, its speed.
B. Composition _ An expansive, very wide view of a scene that includes several photos placed side by side.
C. Cropping _ The distance between the nearest and farthest objects that appear in acceptably sharp focus in a photograph.
D. Depth of Field _ The arrangement of objects or elements that appear in a photograph.
E. Exposure _ The main point of interest in a photograph.
F. Focal Point _ The part of the picture that is not the main subject.
G. ISO _ Cutting out and discarding unwanted detail around the edge of a photograph.
H. Negative Space _ The size of the lens opening that determines how much light reaches the camera sensor or film inside the camera.
I. Panorama _ The total amount of light that hits the sensor or is received by the file to produce an image.

Rule of Thirds
Here is a handy rule to follow that will help you to compose a super picture almost every time. In your mind, divide the picture area into thirds, both horizontally and vertically. Place the most important part of your picture, your center of interest, at one of the four places where the lines cross. A person who is the center of interest should look or appear to be moving toward the center of the picture. Try to place horizon lines on one of the dotted horizontal dividing lines. If you are taking a picture of a house and yard, place the house on the center third.

Source: Kodak Self-Teaching Guide to Picture Taking

Activities To Do!

- Demonstrations
- Speeches
- Photo searches
- Fair Exhibits
- Photo Contests
- Arts & Crafts
- Festivals
- Workshops

For more opportunities in your county, or for more ideas, contact your County 4-H Office.

Examples

Sawyer Urbach, Travis County
Ashton Dunk, Archer County