



COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY  
EXTENSION

# 4-H Photography



Capture memories of your friends, family and important events through photography. Learn about basic and advanced techniques, digital cameras, and how to plan, compose, light, and exhibit your shots. As you progress past the basics, you can learn special effects, computer enhancements, how to print enlargements, and how to create slide shows.

## Focus on Photography Unit 1

This unit is designed for members ages 8-18 years old. This beginning level project is designed for youth with no prior experience in photography. Members will explore four project areas:

- Equipment
- Lighting
- Composition
- Skill Building

## Controlling the Image Unit 2

This unit is designed for members ages 8-18 years old. This unit builds on the skills learned in Unit 1 and is designed for youth who have some experience in photography. It is an intermediate level. Members will explore four project areas:

- Equipment
- Lighting
- Composition
- Skill Building

## Mastering Photography Unit 3

This unit is designed for members ages 8-18 years old. This advanced project is designed for youth with experience in photography and those who have completed controlling the image. Members will explore four project areas:

- Equipment
- Lighting
- Composition
- Skill Building

## Lightning Photography Unit 4

This project is for 4-H Intermediates (11-13) and Seniors (14-18) members. This unit is appropriate for youth who have completed three years of 4-H photography or have extensive photography experience. Members will accomplish the following learning experiences:

- Learn about safety while taking lightning photos
- Learn about what equipment to use
- Learn techniques to use
- Understand composition and how to use it

## Advanced Photography Unit 6

This unit is for members 8-18 years old. The unit is appropriate for advanced photographers who want to strengthen their photography skills. Note: The unit is for 4-H members with advanced photography experience. Members will accomplish the following learning experiences:

- Develop an advanced skills project
- Choose a photography skill to strengthen

## 4-H Filmmaking Unit 7

This unit is designed for members ages 8-18 years old. This unit is appropriate for youth who have completed three years of 4-H photography or have extensive photography experience. Members will accomplish the following learning experiences:

- Learn how to use equipment
- Learn filmmaking tips
- Learn how to edit using storytelling boards

## Resources and Links

[Photography Tip Sheet](#)

[Photography e-record](#)

[Photography Score Sheets](#)

[State Fair Exhibit Requirements](#)

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