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Re: Pre-Fair Photography Judging - July 21st

2026 Dear Photography Exhibitor,

We are sending this letter in regard to the upcoming **Pre-Fair Photography Judging, scheduled for Tuesday, July 21st, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in the Youth Building at the Shelby County Fairgrounds.** Included with this letter is a copy of the day's schedule, in which you will find your specific judging time. Please arrive at least 15 minutes before your judging time.

Judging guidelines and scoresheets specific to project areas can be viewed online and downloaded and printed from home by visiting **http://go.osu.edu/shelbyprefair**. Each club's organizational leader has also been given a printed copy.

REMINDER: Exhibitors are assigned one judging time, whether they are bringing one, two ,or three sub-class entries. Exhibitors will bring their project book and all subclass entries to their single scheduled judging time. Entries will still be scored individually; however, emphasis for scoring will be placed on the exhibitor and their project knowledge. Subclasses will continue to be judged by one judge, while some overall awards will be deliberated on by multiple judges, as in past years. Interview times will be 15 minutes per exhibitor. Please see the attached schedule for your specific interview time(s). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Please note, photography exhibits must receive an "A" ribbon and premium **and be accompanied by a completed project book** to be eligible for consideration for Outstanding of the Day and Honorable Mention rosettes, other special awards or recognition, or to qualify to compete in the Ohio State Fair. One exhibit from each of the four photography classes will qualify to complete in the Ohio State Fair. ***Note:*** *Youth aiming to qualify for Ohio State Fair should review their guidelines and be prepared to meet them in the event they are awarded Ohio State Fair Qualifier. Visit* ***http://go.osu.edu/ohiostatefair*** *for more information.*

If using the same photography project book for the second or third year you must complete an **Annual Project Update Form**, which can be obtained at the Shelby County Extension Office (or downloaded at *http://go.osu.edu/projectupdate*).

Spectators, including family members and friends, ***will not*** be permitted in the judging area during judging. Spectators will be permitted in the area for award announcements.

Thank you for all your hard work and cooperation. If you have questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact us at 937-498-7239. We look forward to seeing you at judging!