REQUIREMENTS

1) Photos must be mounted on an 8” x 10” solid mat board.
2) The mat board can be in a color of the photographer’s choice.
3) Photographs must be 8” x 10” or smaller, with no more than four photos per mat board.

PLEASE NOTE:

✓ “Solid” requires means no cutouts or other holes in the mat board, either around or behind the photo.
✓ Mount photos on the smoothest side of the mat board.
✓ “Mat board” is a specific material, intended to keep the photo from getting bent or destroyed. It is not cardboard, foam core, poster board, etc. If local sources are not available, 8” x 10” mat board may be ordered from MU Extension Publications at http://extension.missouri.edu/explore/shop - Select 4-H members>project literature>photography. See item #Y3500 8x10 matte board.
✓ Single window mats (“frames” made of mat board and sized 8” x 10”) are acceptable but not required.
✓ Photo exhibits should arrive in an exhibit bag that fits the photo. Goal: protect it from dust, humidity, and handling. The bag should not be oversized and folded, as this makes it hard to display.
✓ Photo bags/sleeves may be ordered in bulk from MU Extension Publications at http://extension.missouri.edu/explore/shop - Select 4-H members>project literature>photography. See item #Y3501, 8 x 10 display sleeve.
✓ Include name, address and county on the back of each photo.
✓ No more than seven (7) per county total.

DIGITAL CONSIDERATIONS AT THE STATE FAIR 4-H BUILDING

Techniques that can be performed in-camera, in a photo-editing software program, or in a film darkroom are permissible. At State Fair, the line is drawn between “enhancing” and “altering” a photo:

1) Altering (editing to change the contents of a photo) is not permitted for State Fair exhibits.
   a. Examples include adding a sunset or object, removing someone from the shot, airbrushing to cover a bad complexion, etc.
2) Enhancing (editing to enhance the existing qualities of a photo) is permitted.
   a. Examples include cropping, dodging, burning, brightness/contrast adjustments and red eye reduction.

State Fair 4-H Building photo guidelines are available at http://4h.missouri.edu/statefair/4hbuildinginfo