

# *Youth Photography Contest*

*Sponsored by the Lexington Soil and Water Conservation District*



## **Categories:**

- 1. Landscapes** - Sunsets, rivers, lakes, parks, pastures, and other impressive views can be the subject of this category.
- 2. Native Wildlife** - This category includes any wildlife that is native to Lexington County. You can submit a photo of a deer in a field, a butterfly on a flower, a wild turkey in flight, a red cardinal in the snow, etc. Just remember, that domestic animals (cats, dogs, farm animals) and zoo animals are not accepted as native wildlife.
- 3. Rural Life** - Photos of a grazing cow, corn in the field or on the table, people or machines working the land, old barns and buildings, are examples of what can be entered in this category.
- 4. Trees and Plants** - Enter anything from a field of wildflowers to a gnarled oak tree to a branch of peach blossoms.  
(Be Creative and Use your Imagination!)

**Divisions:** I - Grades 9-12  
II - Grades 6-8

**Deadline:** Monday, April 2, 2012

**Prizes:** 1<sup>st</sup> place in each category in each division – certificate and \$50  
2<sup>nd</sup> place in each category in each division – certificate and \$25  
Honorable Mention — certificate and magazine subscription

All winning photos will be displayed at the USDA Service Center in Lexington, on our Website, and at the Annual Recognition Banquet that will be held on Tuesday, May 8, 2012.

## Rules:

1. Photos are to be taken in Lexington County, South Carolina between January 1, 2011 and April 2, 2012.
2. The photographer ***must reside*** in Lexington County.
3. Each photo needs to contain the following information on a note card or label on the back of the photo:
  - A. Photographer's name, address, city, state, zip code and phone number
  - B. Photographer's grade level and school
  - C. Category and title of photograph
  - D. Location where photo taken
  - E. Subject - Name of each person in photo, if any
4. Black and white or color photos in the sizes of 4" x 6" or 5" x 7" may be submitted. **All photos submitted must be in hard copy.** (Sorry no electronic transmittals at this time) Framed or matted photos will not be accepted. ***\*\*\*Note: If a digital camera is used to take photos, please do not crop or alter the photos in any way, before they are printed\*\*\****
5. Each participant may enter only one photo in each category in the contest.
6. Photos will be judged on the following criteria: composition, originality, and effectiveness of conveying the category theme.
7. Photos become the property of the Lexington Soil and Water Conservation District and they reserve the right to use all photographs in their publications, on their Web site, and for conservation promotion purposes (with credit line given). Participants should keep negatives or extra prints of their photos.
8. Entries must be received by Close of Business on Monday, April 2, 2012 at the Lexington Soil and Water Conservation District Office at 123 Park Road, Lexington, South Carolina 29072.
9. All participants will be notified through mail about the status of their photo.
10. Winners will be recognized at our Annual Recognition Banquet. To be held on Tuesday, May 8, 2012 at T&S Farms, Leesville.

**Please contact the Lexington Soil and Water Conservation District at  
359-3165, extension 3, if you have any questions or visit our website at <http://www.lexswcd.org>.**