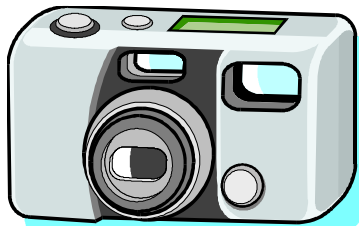


Youth Photography Contest



Sponsored by the Lexington Soil and Water Conservation District

Categories:

- 1. Trees and Plants** - Enter anything from a field of wildflowers to a gnarled oak tree to a branch of peach blossoms. (Use your imagination!)
- 2. Native Wildlife** - This category includes wildlife that is native to North America. 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. Landscapes** - Sunsets, rivers, lakes, parks, pastures, and other impressive views can be the subject of this category.
- 4. 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. (Be Creative and Use your Imagination!!)

Divisions: 1. Grades 9-12
2. Grades 6-8

Deadline: Monday, April 5, 2010

Prizes: 1st place in each category in each division — \$50
2nd place in each category in each division -- \$25
Honorable Mention — certificate and magazine subscription

All winning photos will be displayed at the USDA Service Center in Lexington and at the Annual Recognition Banquet that will be held in May.

- Rules:**
1. Photos are to be taken in South Carolina between January 1, 2009 and April 4, 2010.
 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 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 a total of 4 photographs in the contest, with a limit of 2 photographs per category.
(Examples: Enter 2 photos in Landscapes and 2 in Native Wildlife; Enter 2 in Trees and Plants, one in Landscapes, and one in Rural Life; or Enter one in each of the four categories.)
 6. Photos will be judged on the following criteria: composition, originality, and effectiveness of conveying theme of category.
 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 Day on Monday, April 5, 2010 at the Lexington Soil and Water Conservation District Office at 123 Park Road, Lexington, SC 29072.
 9. All participants will be notified through mail about the status of their photo.
 10. Winners will be recognized at the Annual Recognition Banquet that will be held in May. Date is to be determined.

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>.