



July 19th-23rd, 2023
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DEPARTMENT 05 - PHOTOGRAPHY

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Three ways to enter:

1. Online (preferred) at <https://bigskycountrystatefair.fairentry.com>
2. Paper entry form-to Fair Office-No entry fee
3. Late/Day-of at Check-In

Deadline

11pm Saturday, July 15
 5pm Wednesday, July 12
 Monday, July 17

Check-In	Monday, July 17	11am-6pm	Exhibit Building 1
Check-Out	Monday, July 24	2pm-7pm	Exhibit Building 2

Premiums & Special Awards

1st Place = \$7, 2nd Place = \$5, 3rd Place = \$3

Ribbon Placings to Third Place (if warranted by judge)

Premiums are paid at Exhibit Building 2 at Check-Out on July 24

Special rosettes and gift card may be awarded for the following:

- Adult Best of Show—\$100
- Adult Reserve Best of Show- \$50
- Youth Best of Show-\$75
- Youth Reserve Best of Show-\$25
- People's Choice Award
- Superintendent's Award



Best of show is defined as that which demonstrates the best technique and skill as determined by the judges.

People's Choice Award— a special rosette ribbon will be award-ed to an entry voted on Wednesday- Saturday of fair by fairgoers and awarded on Sunday.

Superintendent's Award – a special rosette ribbon will be awarded to the entry that merits special recognition by the department superintendent. It does not need to be a placing entry.

Business Award— special awards will be awarded to the entry of the business's choice. —**Business Award is sponsored by Bozeman Camera**

General Information

1. Any exhibit can be moved into a different class if so, needed by the Photography Superintendent or judges.
2. The Photography Superintendent may reject any entry not having sufficient merit and may re-classify where necessary.
3. Subject matter deemed not suitable for display in a family exhibit will be returned to the exhibitor.
4. Permission should be requested of all recognizable people in photographs.
5. Judging will be by qualified photography judges.
6. The option is reserved to withhold ribbons and awards in a class where there is no deserving entry. Where there is no competition, judges may award first, second, third or nothing, according to the merits of the entry.
7. All exhibits and awards will be checked out on **Monday, July 24th 2pm-7pm**. **This is strictly enforced as there is a check-out process. We want to make sure that each exhibit is going home with the correct owner. Please do not**

remove anything from the building until Check-Out on Monday. Any items not picked up on Monday will be transferred to the Fairgrounds Office. Unclaimed static articles will be stored by the Fair for 30 days. Fair is not responsible for unclaimed articles in any way. Unclaimed articles after 30 days become the property of the Fair.

8. All participants in Big Sky Country State Fair are responsible for reading the General Fair Regulations and complying with all policies therein.

Department Rules

1. Limit of two (2) entries per class per exhibitor.
2. Entries must be original works of the exhibitor and must have been photographed since the previous Big Sky Country State Fair date.

3. Photography entries either must be in a frame with NO glass or secured on a foam board.

4. ALLOWED ENTRY SIZES:

- **6x 8", 8" x 10" & 11" x 14" prints**
- **4" x 6" are only allowed in Division 3-Mobile Device**

4. To assist with safe displaying of frames, please securely apply the back of the artwork with hanging hardware appropriate to the size and weight of the display.

5. Photographs must have been taken by the exhibitor but may be finished commercially.

6. Videography Rules— Length no longer than 60 seconds, Present: 1080p, Format H.2.64 mp4, File:

Name__Fair2023_Title_Division#_Class#—Must be emailed to photographer superintendent by July 12th. NO late entries will be accepted.

7. All Photos may be submitted digitally or by print. Digital Entries must be sent into photographer superintendent by July 12th. NO late entries will be accepted. JPEG or TIFF files only.

8. Exhibitor's name, address, and phone number, title of entry, class #, and Film or Digital must be on the back of the print.

Example: John Doe

123 Elm St

555-555-5555

"Sunrise over the Mountains"

Class #04 Landscape

Film

7. Exhibits previously entered in Big Sky Country State Fair will not be accepted.

8. Each exhibit can only be exhibited in one Class Number – NO CROSS ENTRIES.

9. Articles exhibited and available for sale to the public must have a sale card available through the Department Superintendent. No self-made signage of any kind allowed. No other advertising is allowed in the area. Sale must take place after completion of Fair.

What Judges Look For ~ Photography

- **OVERALL APPEARANCE:** Clean, photo securely attached to mat, mat color & style enhances the photo
- **TECHNIQUE:** Focus, lighting, color balance, depth of field, angle, quality of developing & printing
- **COMPOSITION:** Photo captures the mood/spirit/life of the subject, so viewer knows more about the subject after looking at the photo, balance of elements (subject the most prominent element of photo & background does not detract from subject)
- **CHOICE OF SUBJECT**

AGE/ABILITY for this department:

01 – Youth 7 Years & Under

02 – Youth 8-12 Years

- 03 – Youth 13-17 Years
- 04 – Adult Novice (Little or no experience)
- 05 – Adult Intermediate (Some experience, additional training, no sales, etc.)
- 06 – Adult Advanced (Experienced, award winners, sales, etc)
- 07 – Special Needs (All Ages)

DIVISION 1 – DIGITAL AND FILM, COLOR & BLACK & WHITE

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CLASS

- 01 PEOPLE – a posed or candid photo of a person where the person is the focus of the image.
- 02 ANIMALS – pets, farm animals, etc.
- 03 WILDLIFE – wildlife in its natural habitat or zoo.
- 04 LANDSCAPE – depicts natural scenery, mountains, fields, nature, water, flowers, etc.
- 05 ARCHITECTURAL – a structure, such as a building or bridge that is the focal point, includes cityscapes.
- 06 CLOSEUP/MACRO – the subject is photographed at a very close range and is clearly defined and recognizable.
- 07 ACTION – the focal point is a moving object; includes sports.
- 08 PHOTOJOURNALISM – depicts a newsworthy event portrayed in a timely, objective/impartial or narrative manner.
- 09 STILL LIFE – images where the focus is inanimate objects which are found or arranged, but not close-ups. This could include food, vessels, clothing, photographed diorama setups, flower arrangements and farm equipment.

DIVISION 2– WEDDING PHOTOGRAPHY

CLASS

- 01 Engagement Photo
- 02 Getting Ready
- 03 Detail Shot
- 04 Couple Photo
- 05 Alter Photo
- 06 Bridal Party/Groom Party
- 07 Reception

DIVISION 3– VIDEOGRAPHY

Sports

CLASS

- 01 Winter Sports
- 02 Street Sports
- 03 Mountain Sports
- 04 Equestrian

Short Film

CLASS

- 05 Action
- 06 Romance
- 07 Comedy
- 08 Horror

Artistic

CLASS

- 09 Music Video
- 10 Movement Art

11 Celebration

12 Time-lapse– **NEW**

DIVISION 4– OPEN

CLASS

01 DIGITALLY ENHANCED PHOTOGRAPHY – images produced using non-traditional or alternative photo processes, or images that have been significantly altered in the camera, darkroom or with computer editing. Examples can include but are not limited to photo emulsion lifts, alternative image transfers, hand-colored/tinted/manipulated photos, pinhole photographs and heavily edit images using image software. Also includes any photos printed on any media other than paper, such as metal, wood, etc.

02 GROUPS AND COLLAGES – any arrangement that includes multiple photographs. This can include narrative art that tells a story through several photos. 8' X 12" print in 11" x 14" mat.

03 LARGE PRINT PHOTOGRAPHY – 20" x 24"

DIVISION 5– MOBILE DEVICE PHOTOGRAPHY

Rules:

1. Do not enter mobile photography in any other divisions.
2. Will include photographers of any ages and abilities. A photo lab can let you know what size your image will clearly print as an enlargement. Please identify what type of mobile device your image has been taken with. **4x6 ONLY**

CLASS

01 SELFIE—take a picture of yourself with an interesting back-ground– **NEW**

02 CUTE KID– images of children that are memorable, fun or overall image is extremely endearing.—**NEW**

03 CUTE PET– images of pet(s) that are memorable, fun or overall extremely endearing.— **NEW**

04 BOKEH– in the image the background is blurry with lights and the subject in the foreground in focus– **NEW**

05 STORYTELLING– The photographer must enter four to eight images telling the viewer a story– **NEW**

DIVISION 6–THEME PHOTOGRAPHY –NEW THEMES

CLASS

01 WHERE MEMORIES ARE MADE – Any photo taken of a place where memories are made.– **NEW**

02 THE SKY IS THE LIMIT – Any photo that includes the sky. (Sunsets, sunrises, etc.)

03 BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS–Any photo of flowers.

04 MONTANA – Any photo that captures the beauty of Montana.

05 WESTERN LIFESTYLE– Any photo of western culture. (Cowboys, Ranching, Horses, Cattle, etc.)

06 ASTRO PHOTOGRAPHY - Images of astronomical objects, celestial events, or of the night sky.

