

Summary of Chat Discussions

CYFERnet Online Digital Photography Training

Ideas where we hold the camera

- Use in news articles, and displays, power points, newsletters, fieldtrips and geocaching trips.
- Post all the pictures to a large bulletin board in our office and try to post as many pictures as possible. People who come into the office really like to check those out.
- Upload to our website
- Assemble photos into a CD with a slideshow, and to get this CD the participants must turn in an evaluation. We usually get 80%+ evaluation return.
- Make DVDs of event photos, like camp: can then sell to campers
- Take pictures of a special event like 4-Hers making a presentation to the Commissioners. The picture is then inserted into a Thank You note and sent each commissioner as well as the presenters, used in the newsletter and placed on a bulletin board in our office. Frame photos in 4-H frame from national supply, then given as award.
- Received a grant from the telephone company and the club bought a digital camera and printer. The club took photos of all the athletes and then sold them to friends and family.
- Plaques for our auction animals for buyers
- At a military family orientation took digital photos of the children of parents about to be deployed. We then laminated the photos so that the deployed parents would have photos to put in their helmets.
- Use in our annual report to show what 4-H is doing in the community
- Newsletter to take home to show parents what was offered at camp
- Create ads for media literacy class
- Presentation acknowledging graduating senior
- If Santa comes to visit, photos with Santa video tape and take pictures and place them on a CD to send to deployed soldiers
- I took a digital and video camera to a military deployment in Southern Idaho and invited soldiers to be filmed in separate private rooms as they read stories to their children. A military staff person turned these pictures into a DVD that he mailed to each soldier's family with a miniature nametag for the children.
- Digital photos on quilt blocks
- Take pictures of kids and used Photoshop element 2.0 to swap faces/heads, body parts, ... put kids on the moon

Ideas where kids hold the camera

- Model Horse photo show, taking pictures of an arena, enlarging them as backgrounds
- Take pictures for the newsletters website, scrap booking and t-shirts
- Kids go on a visual field trip (down main street, State Fair,) and take pictures from their perspective or to assess the environment for something.
- Take family photos to give as a gift
- Older kids have taken photos and put together presentations through Movie Maker
- Take digital photos of the locations mapped to provide a visual as well as a description for community mapping of the downtown area
- Kids go out and talk a visual assessment of their community. Where can they exercise? What barriers are there? Are sidewalks ok? How close to their school or home are fast food restaurants?
- Clothing members can have still photos-when practicing. So they can see what the judges see
- Take digital photos and then used the "makeover" software so people could see what they would look like with different hair, etc.
- Teach how to produce photos from a 35mm negative?
- Each kid receives one word... like green or movement... was sent out to take a photograph and bring it back to the group. Kids then critique the photos.
- Photo exhibit at the end of the year, then community is invited to view and buy prints
- Club members can check out the camera, and the office has a computer set-up for used during meetings and during any time the office is open. Immediate access to the computer allows the photographers to check the settings and correct the photos
- A "trick photography" session with the digital camera. Trick photography example is the second subject's head appears between the legs of the first subject or the one where it appears the subject is holding the kids in their hands, but really the kids are just in the distance.
- Create a partnership with members in different parts of the country and share photos. Like photo-pen-pals
- Take personal photos and enhance them
- Run a photography camp during the summer
- Have a club stage and take the pictures for a power point presentation.
- Record steps in a project, steps in a demonstration, etc
- Take pictures and make Christmas cards (from our community) as a fund raiser
- Make a Christmas CD for the after school program
- Personal thank you cards from youth. They took pictures of themselves with their animal and used it as a thank you note
- Designing their own logos for shirts
- Take close zoom-up pictures, then later use those pictures to guess what it is.
- Used digital camera for animated pix (animated gifs - take pictures in sequences. then adding them all together to make the pictures seem as though they're actually moving, but really, it's a large collection of still pictures)
- Document what they are doing and learning. Keep diary writing about events in their life and include photos to tell a picture story.
- Windows Movie maker is an easy program to drop still photos in to make a movie
- Photos in training for judging events like horticulture. We've had the 4-Hers take pictures of plants, vegetables and then share them with other 4-Hers.
- Photo scavenger hunt

Challenges to Implementing Digital Photography

- No money to purchase equipment
- Lack of cameras
- Everyone is using different cameras and they need help
- Downloading photos from a variety of memory cards. Can be overcome but can be a challenge.
- You have soooo many photos to glean through to it's hard find what it is you're looking for
- You do not have immediate access and most of the time, no access to computers at all
- Cameras getting dropped and then broke.
- The materials and equipment for printing out the pictures can get costly
- Legal consent of publicizing photos of those who have not already consented.
- My county is HUGE geographically and very rural with little or no access to internet and/or ways to share
- Getting the pictures printed (it's expensive in our community)
- Making sure you have extra batteries at all times - someone always has dead or dying batteries.
- Lack of interest in photography besides taking pictures for the sake of taking pictures

Other Recommendations

- We really like to use Yorkphoto.com for printing. It is only 10 cents a print.
- Kids have to know the parts, functions and how to properly hold and operate the camera before they are allowed to use it
- Legal consent is part of 4-H enrollment we include it in the 4-H Camp registration
- Use a scanner to scan original photos used with a disposal camera or we have the pictures placed on a CD when developed
- Kids photograph each other and used a zip drive (inexpensive) for each computer to put the child's photo into their laptop computer for editing & printing.