

Cameras & Kids 2013 Contest Guidelines

Contest Purpose

Cameras & Kids is a contest that encourages adults to “see through the eyes of a child” by putting the camera in the child’s hands.

Program Requirements

Children enrolled in regulated child care programs in Monroe, Wayne, and Livingston Counties. Legally exempt child care programs that are enrolled in CACFP through Child Care Council are eligible to participate in the contest. Child care programs in other counties that are enrolled in CACFP through Child Care Council are also eligible to participate. Children of Child Care Council, Inc. employees and child care providers may participate as long as they meet the Age and Enrollment Requirements. Images are viewed and judged without any identifying information to ensure impartiality.

Age and Enrollment Requirements

Photos are entered into age categories according to the age of the child during the contest. Unlike previous years, children of any age may enter provided they are enrolled in a licensed or registered child care program or with a Legally Exempt provider. This includes older children who are in care for developmental or medical reasons, as well as children who have turned 13 while in care.

For Family and Group Family Providers: Your own children who are included in your ratios (not yet enrolled in school) may participate in the program. If your own child or children are enrolled in school and not included in your ratios they may not participate.

Contest Age Groups:

- Group 1: Infant through 3 years
- Group 2: 4 and 5 years
- Group 3: 6 through 8 years
- Group 4: 9 through 10 years
- Group 5: 11 years and up (in care)

Entry Requirements

Entries must be complete and received before the contest deadline (see Participation Guidelines) in order to be eligible for judging. Entries missing required forms after **April 30th** will not be judged. Notification will be sent to the winners and their child care providers by mail on or by May 6th. Only ONE image may be entered per child. *Please note: All pictures that are submitted must be taken by the child while they are in care without any help from an adult!*

Image and Documentation

Images may not be doctored.

Images must be appropriate.

Images must be at least 5 mega pixels and no more than 20 mega pixels.

Each entry must be submitted in a separate email containing the following information:

- Child's full name
- Parent/Guardian Name
- Provider/Program Name
- Facility/ID Number
- Child's DOB
- Picture caption or short description from the child

In Addition to the email information, the following must be received by mail, in person, or by fax:

- Participation form (completed by child's parent/guardian) for all entrants
- Photo Release form (It is Child Care Council's policy to have a photo release form signed for any picture containing any person.)

You will receive an email confirmation once your complete entry has been received. We will attempt to notify programs of incomplete entries, but it is your responsibility to ensure that all required documentation is received. Participation and photo release forms can be submitted in person, by mail, or emailed/scanned but we will not consider images that are missing required forms by April 30th!

Questions and Technical Assistance

We are available to answer any questions and provide you with help as needed. We want this contest to be fun and stress-free for you and the children in your care. Please note: We are no longer lending cameras. If you do not have email or another way to electronically submit photos, call us and we will come up with a solution that works for you. If your program operates during non-traditional hours, be creative with nighttime photography with the children in your care. Let them make up bedtime stories with images or have fun with night photography.

Judging

Judges are local professional photographers who volunteer their time to judge the contest. They are invited to the award ceremony. Judges do not know who took the photos they are judging or what program the photos have come from as all photos will be assigned a code for the judges. The order the pictures are viewed in will be randomized to ensure that there is no accidental preference based on order.

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For any general questions regarding the contest feel free to contact any committee member listed above.

If you need to speak with someone in Spanish, please call Awilda Rodriguez.