



SW MN Technical Skills Challenge
Minnesota West Jackson Campus- April 24, 2009 or
Minnesota West Granite Falls Campus– April 30, 2009

Digital Photography Competition

Grade Level: 9-12

Individual or Team: Individual

Activity: Photo essays are a set or series of photographs that tell a story in a way that words cannot. Photo essays can be viewed in a particular order, or they may consist of non-ordered photographs which can be viewed all at once. All photo essays are collections of photographs, but not all collections of photographs are photo essays.

- Students will assemble a photo essay consisting of 7-10 digital images with a single theme.
- A brief caption should be included with each photo.
- Photos may be in color or black and white.
- Students will create a display of their printed photos, mounting all photos on one poster-like surface no larger than 30" X 30". Printed photos do not need to be the same size. No matting or framing will be allowed. Poster background should be white, light gray or off-white. The display shall include the student's name, grade, and school somewhere on the poster. The poster display will be judged the day of the event. Students will make a short presentation of their display and answer any questions for the judges.
- One source for information about photo essays: www.bessed.com/photoessay.ideas/

Time Frame:

- All completed photo entries should be postmarked no later than **Friday, April 17, 2009**. Photos should be mailed on a CD as jpeg files to the address listed below. Include name of student and school with all photos sent.

Materials/Equipment Allowed: Digital camera (1027 x 720 PPI minimum resolution), storage medium (zip disk, CD), scanner (flatbed or slide/negative type).

Judging: A professional photographer will review both the pre-submitted photos and the photo displays. Students should be prepared to talk with the judges and do a 5-minute presentation of their photo poster display. Judging will be based on:

- Adherence to rules
- Interpretation of assigned topic
- Obtaining correct exposure details with both highlights and shadows
- Quality and appearance of the poster display
- Overall presentation to judges

Questions:

Gail Polejewski 507-537-2273, email: gail.polejewski@swsc.org

Completed CDs are due by April 17, 2009 and should be mailed to:

Gail Polejewski
SW/WC Service Cooperative
1420 E. College Dr.
Marshall, MN 56258

**SW MN Technical Skills Challenge
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REGISTRATION**

School: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Zip: _____

Instructor Name: _____

Instructor's Email: _____ Phone: _____

I am registering students for the following Digital Photography Competition:

_____ Jackson Campus, April 24, 2009

_____ Granite Falls Campus, April 30, 2009

- Event will run from 9:30-2:30 at either campus

Individual Competition (Grades 9 - 12):

Student Name/Grade:

* If more registration space is needed, please copy this page as necessary.

Contact Gail Polejewski at 507-537-2273 or gail.polejewski@swsc.org with any questions.

EARLY BIRD Registration Fee: \$10 per Student if Postmarked by April 3, 2009.

Registration cost after April 3: \$20 per student. NO registrations will be accepted after April 17.

Check Enclosed Please Bill My School (Purchase Order#: _____)

Checks payable to: SW/WC Service Cooperative, Technical Skills Challenge

Refunds are not available. Substitutions are acceptable. If possible, please call before the event with student name(s) for any substitutions.

Mail or FAX this completed registration to:

SW/WC Service Cooperative
1420 East College Drive
Marshall, MN 56258
Attn: Laurie Van Watermeulen
Fax#: 507-537-7327