Digital Photography Curriculum

NMSU Agricultural Communications has launched two complimentary pilot digital photograph project web sites: the 4-H Digital Photography Project and KidSnaps. 4-Hers and other youth can learn about digital photography, practice their skills in taking, editing and organizing digital photos, and share their work with others also building their skills in analysis and critique.

4-H Digital Photography
http://cahe.nmsu.edu/4h/photography/
The 4-H Digital Photography Project contains tutorials and lessons that teach 4Hers about photography and digital technology. Each lesson helps 4Hers better understand photography basics, as well as digital tools such as, editing and. These lessons can be used for self-directed learning but also support and emphasize traditional, hands-on learning project meetings. Each lesson is complete but flexible enough to be modified by each leader. Lessons include: Getting Started, Photojournalism, Digital Darkroom, Fine Tuning, Telling the Story, Finding the Best. Online project materials include:

- Leader guides
- Presentations for leaders to use in instruction
- Tutorials for learners
- Take home guides for learners

KidSnaps
http://www.kidsnaps.org/
KidSnaps encourages kids to share, discuss and learn from peers and professional photographers. Youth can post their pictures from the digital photography lessons or post pictures for various other challenges. The challenges reflect the lesson learned from 4-H digital photography and encourages 4-Hers to look and explore their world around them and capture that through photography. Currently in pilot stage, youth are given a login and password and can post, review, and critique photos.

To set 4-Hers up with an account on KidSnaps, you’ll need:

- Display name (should not be their real name)
- Real name (first and last name for our records)
- Desired username
- Desired password

- Email address where passwords get mailed if they forget
- Name of their 4-H leader

The State 4-H Office will verify their membership, and forward the data on to KidSnaps administrators in Agricultural Communications