



# Show Off Shakopee Photo Contest

A brief guide for taking great photos!

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## Stabilize Your Camera

Blurry images can be distracting, so make sure to brace your camera with your arms or a tripod when possible.



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## Use the Rule of Thirds

By putting the main subject of your photo in one of the thirds of the frame, you will often help create a more pleasing aesthetic.



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## Be Aware of the Sun

Harsh sunlight can often flatten an image and eliminate depth. Early morning or evening light can provide a sense of mood.



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## Provide a Unique Perspective

Look for unique angles or vantage points to help tell your story. A great photo often shows us a perspective we wouldn't otherwise see!



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## Tell a Story with Your Image

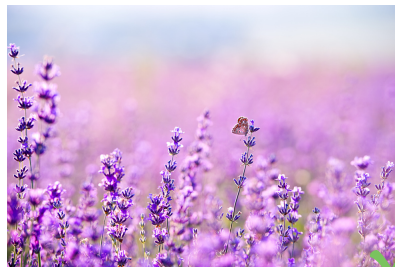
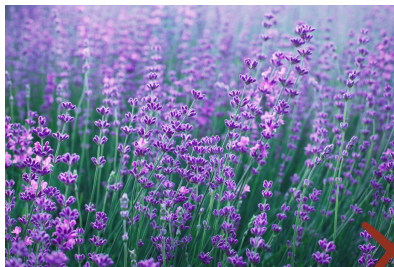
Thoughtful intention is often what separates a great photo from a snapshot. If your photo could talk, what story would it be telling?



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## Look for Pleasing Compositional Elements

Creating a sense of depth with your photo through foreground and background objects or leading lines will help your photo to pop!



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## No Screenshots, Added Text, or Aggressive Filters

We want to see your original photos, and will not accept overly edited or mixed media images.

