



Capture the magic of the San Diego County Fair in a fast-paced **Photo Shoot Out!** Put your skills to the test, showcase your creativity, and impress the judges—all in just 90 minutes. Are you ready for the ultimate photography challenge?

2026 Contest Timeline

	Shoot Out #1	Shoot Out #2
Entry Deadline	Friday, June 19, 2026, by 5:00pm	Friday, June 26, 2026, by 5:00pm
Contest Date	Sunday, June 21, 2026	Sunday, June 28, 2026

Space is limited to the first 35 photographers registered for each shoot-out, so register early! There will be **NO on-site registration**.

Eligibility

NEW for 2026- Exhibitors must be 13 years or older by the Entry Deadline listed above.

Contact Us

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Office (858) 792-4207 - Mon-Fri 10am-4pm

The Local and State Rules apply to this contest. Copies are available at [sdfair.com](#). Exhibitors acknowledge that they enter at their own risk and that they give permission to the Fair to reproduce their images in any of its publications, printed materials, slide shows, websites, or merchandise without additional compensation.



Entry Limit

One (1) entry per exhibitor per show.

Entry Fees

\$30 per entry. Entry fees are payable online with a credit card and are not refundable.

Fair Ticket

One (1) Fair Entry Ticket, for each registered participant for **this date only**, will be available at Will-Call on the day of the contest. Please click [here](#) for a list of discounted and free parking options for the day of the event.

How to Enter

After reading all entry materials, click the “Enter Now” link below to go to the ShoWorks Entry Homepage.

Event Schedule

Check-In: Exhibitors will pick up their free Fair Entry Ticket at Will-Call on the day of the Shoot Out and bring their camera or cell phone to check-in at the entrance of the Photography Exhibit, East Grandstand, 2nd Floor from 4:30-5:00pm. The theme will be announced and detailed instructions given at check-in.

Shoot Out: The Shoot Out will take place from 5:00-6:30pm. Exhibitors will have 90 minutes to take photos throughout the Fair. At 6:30pm, exhibitors will return to the Photography exhibit and provide one image of their choosing for judging. Images may be emailed, Airdropped or transferred from a memory card.

Restrictions: Images may not be digitally altered or cropped except in-camera. Images using smart phones may not be edited outside of the pre-installed basic camera app.

Tripods are prohibited due to tripping hazards. Monopods are permitted.

Live Judging: Live judging begins at 7:00pm in the Veranda Café adjacent to the Photography Exhibit. All images will be compiled into a slide show and judges will comment and select award winners.



Awards

The following will be awarded in each class:

1st Place	\$75 and Ribbon
2nd Place	\$50 and Ribbon
3rd Place	\$25 and Ribbon

Winning images will be displayed in the Photography Exhibit.

Division 1212: Photo Shoot Out

Class 001 Sunday, June 21st

Class 002 Sunday, June 28th