

**Syllabus: Digital Photography I (Beginning Digital Photography)
Saddleback College For Kids, Summer 2017**

- ◆ **Ticket Number:** 10205
- ◆ **Course ID:** Photo I
- ◆ **Instructor:** Professor Laura Hoffman
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- ◆ **Class Meeting Days:** Mon – Thursdays July 24 – August 3, 8 times
- ◆ **Time:** 11:00am – 12:45pm
- ◆ **Location of Class:** BGS 144
28000 Marguerite Parkway, Mission Viejo
Link to map: <https://www.saddleback.edu/maps>

Digital Photography I: lecture/critique/demo/hands on

Designed especially for teens, this skill building and creative photography class explores portrait, landscape, and product photography. Go beyond the “lucky shot” – instead, predict your digital photography results and grow your passion for photography. Design better images using composition skills purposefully, learn how to use light, work in changing lighting conditions and manage and edit your images. Best of all, you'll discover how to see differently and work more creatively.

Lab time is built in for individual instruction and demonstration. Coursework will include demonstrations, image-rich presentations and brief in-class constructive critique. Students will begin to develop a body of work that reflects that individual student’s unique spirit and vision.

◆ **Objectives**

- Design better images with purposeful composition.
- Proper use of exposure and camera controls to achieve optimal exposure, lens / focal length choices, memory and file formats, shutter effects as well as lighting, color temperature, perspective and depth of field.
- Grow your passion for photography.
- Get great photos of your friends and loved ones every time!
- Best of all, you’ll learn to see differently and work more creatively.

◆ **Exercises:**

This is an eight-session class. Assignments are designed to be fun, with applied lighting and composition techniques. Use camera controls, lighting and design principles to create memorable photographs. Experience hands-on instruction, demonstrations and individual constructive critiques in an interactive class setting.

◆ **Requirements**

- Camera (dSLR, rangefinders, mirrorless 4x3 cameras or any compact camera that allows you to control aperture, ISO and shutter speed controls), tripod is recommended, access to a computer. **Bring your camera and its manual to class every week.**
- Must submit photography assignments to Smugmug for review. You will submit as my guest. All metadata must be enabled (EXIF data).

- Back up all work on flash drive (supplied).
- Have access to a computer and access: Go to <http://www.takeaclasswithlaura.com/college-for-kids.html> for all resources.

First, here is a great site so you can....

Get to know YOUR camera: http://www.steves-digicams.com/hardware_reviews.html

Course outline: (subject to change, depending on class needs)

7/24/17 Monday, Day 1:

Introduction to class,
Determine level of expertise in class
Camera operations explained, controlling exposure

7/25/17 Tuesday, Day 2:

The Power of your camera's aperture and focus control.
Depth of Field Comparison Challenge: Subject: In Your Own Backyard
Composition & Design: Part 1

7/26/17 Wednesday Day 3

Review the *Depth of Field* assignment (uploaded to CFK Smugmug gallery)
The Nature of Light
Composition & Design: Part 2

7/27/17 Thursday Day 4:

Lighting demonstration & Macro Workshop
Product Photography: Tips, Tricks & Problem Solving

7/31/17 Monday, Day 5:

Memorable Portraits – going beyond the selfie and saying “cheese!”

8/01/17 Tuesday, Day 6:

Review Portraits (uploaded to CFK Smugmug gallery)
Fun with Lenses
Wide angle vs. telephoto exercise

8/02/17 Wednesday, Day 7:

Review lens test: wide-angle vs normal vs telephoto (uploaded to CFK Smugmug gallery)
Review Patterns
Conceptual final project introduction:

8/03/17 Thursday, Day 8:

Review Lens Test: Landscape Photography (uploaded to CFK Smugmug gallery)
Review *final conceptual project results*

Tasks and schedule:

1. Due: 7/25/17: **Depth of Field Comparison: In Your Own Backyard** Post images to “Photography 1: College for Kids (CFK)” Gallery on Smugmug. Label as *DOF*
* Read *Exposure and Introduction to Lighting*
2. Due: 7/27/17: Bring something to class that you would like to photograph - *smaller than a breadbox; bigger than your fist.*
3. Due: 8/01/17: **Portrait with Personality** Post images to “Photography 1: College for Kids (CFK)” Gallery on Smugmug.
Label as *Portrait*
4. Due: 8/02/17: **Patterns** Post images to “Photography 1: College for Kids (CFK)” Gallery on Smugmug. Label as *Patterns*
5. Due: 8/03/17: **Lens Test** Post images to “Photography 1: College for Kids (CFK)” Gallery on Smugmug. Label as *Lens Test*
6. Due: 8/03/17: **Conceptual Final Project.** Post images to “Photography 1: College for Kids (CFK)” Gallery on Smugmug. Label as *Macro*

Image File Labeling convention: LastnameFirstname_Name of assignment.

Example: **Hoffmanlaura_DOF.jpg** Note: Your file must be saved as a .jpg to upload to Smugmug.com

Reminders:

1. Read tasks and schedules and complete the required readings posted to takeaclasswithlaura.com
 2. Complete assignments: Upload only 1-2 images for each assignment in Smugmug by due dates. Caption with title using naming convention. Enable *metadata* (which tells us your aperture, shutter speed and ISO choices, as well as a wealth of other information).
- (Bring back up images on flash drive every week).

Here is how we are sharing images:

To upload your assignment, click on:

<https://xinacat.smugmug.com/upload/GDmfNN/Guest2017>

To view your images, click on: (*this is NOT the upload link*)

<https://xinacat.smugmug.com/2017S-Saddleback/CFK-2017-Photo-1-Gallery/>

This is a special guest gallery created for this class, called “CFK Photography 1 Gallery 2017”

Summary:

Copy and paste the following URL to your favorite updated browser. You will upload your labeled image for every assignment. Go to:

1. <https://xinacat.smugmug.com/upload/GDmfNN/Guest2017>
2. Upload your final photograph for the assignment: **Drag and drop** your image for each assignment (or browse).

Labeling image: LAST Name_First Name_Assignment.

For example: **HoffmanLaura_DOF**

- ✓ Bring backup on flash drive in case our network is down.
- ✓ Always bring your charged camera to class.

Note: Syllabus is subject to change, based on class needs.

Resources to help you navigate around your own camera:

<http://www.steves-digicams.com/camera-reviews/>

Or Google: Steves Digicams reviews

Find your camera from any of the drop down menus on the left side. For example, if you have a Canon, click on "Canon," then select your camera from the link. Click through and find a thorough review and detailed tour through your own camera.

<http://www.dpreview.com/>

This is an excellent resource for finding out reviews and news about camera equipment you are interested in.

Important Links you need:

Access current files and forms for this class here:

Lecture notes will only be available for one week after the class ends.

<http://www.takeaclasswithlaura.com/college-for-kids.html>

Upload Photos to this link and label, according to naming convention on syllabus:

<https://xinacat.smugmug.com/upload/GDmfNN/Guest2017>

- ✓ Miss a class or fall behind? You will work on the buddy system. It will be important to team up with another student you trust and exchange contact information so you can stay on track.

College For Kids Protocol

College For Kids works to provide a safe, fun, and enriching environment for all participants. In order to maintain this standard, all students are expected to behave in a manner that promotes the safety and well-being of themselves and others, behave respectfully, and act responsibly. All Saddleback College and School District policies, procedures, and rules will be upheld during College For Kids.

We expect all students, Program staff, parents, guardians, and other adults to show social responsibility and respect for one another. In cases when this rule is not followed, the child and/or adult may be removed from the Program and/or discipline may be involved.

College For Kids maintains a zero tolerance for bullying and/or physical harm. Any student behavior, which endangers the safety of any person, impedes the rights others, disrupts the operation of College For Kids, or damages property will not be tolerated. Saddleback College and School District policies involving alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or weapons of any kind will be upheld completely. Any major behavioral infraction, such as those listed above, will lead to the immediate dismissal from College For Kids and suspension from Program re-enrollment for one year.

- ✓ Absolutely NO distractions are allowed in class, including Smartphones, gaming devices, and mp3 players. Cell phones must be turned OFF.

These procedures help to ensure a fun, safe, enriching environment for everyone.