

INFORMATION FOR VISITORS

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY CAMERA CLUB (CCCC)

WELCOME!! We are glad you are here and hope you find this a group you want to join. This is the gathering place where individuals who enjoy photography come together for fun and learning. All ages(16 and above) and all skill levels are welcome. **Monitor closely the CCCC web site and Facebook presence** to stay abreast of what is happening. ([ww.champaigncameraclub.org](http://www.champaigncameraclub.org)) The entire CCCC membership pledges to help you transition into membership if that is your goal. The following information will help you understand the CCCC.

1. REGULAR MEETING ACTIVITIES (CCCC):

A variety of events and activities occur at meetings, with an annual Club program planned for the following year at the last two CCCC meetings of the year. The following are representative of Monday evening programs:

- A get acquainted/reacquainted meeting launches the new Club year. Members have an opportunity to share some digital images from summer photography.
- Educational programs scattered throughout the year are presented by a combination of external photographers and experienced CCCC members.
- Critique of digital images by members and/or fix-a-photo.
- Member spotlights, where up to 3 members volunteer to present a digital slide show on a topic of special interest to them, i.e. a trip or special experience.
- Planning and management of the public BEST-IN-SHOW photographic print competition held each year at Lincoln Square. CCCC works with other sponsors, including the Urbana Park District and News Gazette.
- Digital and print competitions among participating club members. Three judges are engaged for each competition. In digital, three categories of competition will be designated for each of the fall and spring competitions, i.e. landscaping, animals, etc. Print competition is in small, large, and open categories, and occurs once or twice per year.
- The CCCC Spring Salon is a special Saturday meeting for both digital and print competition, where members may enter digital images in up to 8 categories, and in three print categories-small, large, and open.

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- An option for inter club competition is the I-74 challenge, where the Bloomington Kodaroamers and CCCC alternate defining a category in which each of the clubs will contribute 50 images to a competition between the two clubs. With one-year advance notice of the image category, the competition is an event at the end of the Club year.
- **NOTE: Members are encouraged to participate in competitions, as they are comfortable; but each competition program is a great learning experience and fun event for everyone, regardless of whether one has images in the competition.**

2. Reasons Individuals Join CCCC:

- Chance to meet with other people who have a passion for photography.
- Enjoy the annual opportunity to see hundreds of digital and print images by others, as well as being able to share your own images.
- Appreciate access to educational programs and discussion with others related to improving ones picture-taking skills.
- Like having a chance to improve photo skill based on such events as competitions with judges sharing their evaluations, intra club sharing and discussion of images, and actual photo shoots with fellow club members.
- Benefit from learning about photo equipment and software that can lead to improved photos.
- Gain exposure to information on external seminars, workshops and programs that can help improve photo skills.

3. Meeting Details:

The Champaign County Camera Club (CCCC) meets twice a month August through May at 6:30 p.m. in the Champaign Public Library in the meeting rooms on the first floor. Amateur and professional photographers are welcome.

4. Action After First Visit:

- Plan to attend the next meeting.
- At second meeting, bring your questions and we will help find the answers.
- When you are ready to join CCCC, meet with the Treasurer to turn in your membership application and pay dues for the year (\$20 if join in Aug.-Dec. and \$10 if join in Jan.-April).
- Receive **New Member Packet** which contains a variety of information designed to help you learn more about being a CCCC member.
- As a new member, become acquainted with your Mentor who is a resource to help you transition seamlessly into the Camera Club.