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## Outdoor Photography

**Art of "Seeing"** - Creative and effective seeing is at the heart of good photography. Seeing is something we do subconsciously like breathing. No two people see alike, and although we see with our eyes, we "see" with our hearts and minds as well.

**Establishing a Subject** - Every photograph must have a subject. Isolating or controlling the subject's relationship to the background is one of the first steps toward making stronger and more successful outdoor photographs.

**Quality of light** - Light is one of the most important elements of photography. The creative use and understanding of light will enhance the subject and stimulate and effect our senses.

**Composition** - Utilizing compositional elements in the placement of your subject within the photograph will enhance your center of interest. By changing your point of view, you not only clean up backgrounds, but make photographs that are visually interesting.

### Subject

- Get closer to your subject
- Vary lenses
- Change point of view
- Use foreground elements for framing
- Isolate background

### Background

- Check and re-check your background for clutter
- Change camera angles to eliminate distractions
- Select backgrounds that are darker in color or tone
- Choose background colors that harmonize or flatter

### Composition

- *Rule of thirds* - Divide the frame into thirds- horizontally and vertically -creating four intersecting points. Placing subjects at one of these points, rather than centered, creates pictures that look less static and more interesting.
- *Leading lines*- leads eye into the subject
- *Horizontal line placement*-Place horizon line in third quadrants
- *Vertical vs. Horizontal*-Placement of camera in relation to subject

### Light

- *Side*- produces texture, dimension
- *Back*-highlights shapes, dramatic silhouettes
- *Front*-less contrast and flattens the image
- *Overcast*- more color saturation, low contrast
- *Fill Flash*-controls contrast, fills in shadows

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