

Guide to Taking Photos at Outdoor Events

When visiting taking photos of outdoor events, try to follow a few rules for good pictures:

- Avoid taking pictures of people from the back. Unless their shirt says something notable, it isn't a good idea.
- Try to get photos of people in action.
- Remember that getting closer to your subject can give you a better shot.
- Try to vary the angles, include photos taken straight on, from below, from above and side shots.
- If you have a higher quality camera, you can use depth of field to highlight the subject.

Some examples:

Try to catch people in action.





Using the depth-of-field option can make a picture more visually interesting.



Get closer than you usually would to your subject



Try different angles to keep things interesting



Catch people in spontaneous, non-posed moments.



Don't forget to get group shots. Take a few since someone always has their eyes closed. Try to get one shot with the park or organization sign in the picture



Final Thoughts:

- **Frame with Intent:** Avoid excessive clutter in the foreground or background that could distract from or obscure your main subject.
- **Capture Action:** Dynamic, candid shots often tell a better story than posed photos or images of volunteers standing still.
- **Quickly Review Photos:** Check your digital photos to ensure they're in focus and the sharpness, color, contrast, and brightness look good. If needed, you can often enhance them later with editing software like Photoshop.