

"Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day; teach a man to fish and he will eat for a lifetime."



Catch of the Day



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Holiday Photography Tips

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Don't let those precious holiday moments escape you — capture them forever in a beautiful picture! Here are some suggestions for getting the best photos you can.

Check the lighting. Light is the most important ingredient to photography, but the camera's flash is generally harsh. If it's dimly lit indoors, try to turn on more lights so that you don't have to use the flash. If you must use it, step several feet back from the person/thing you're shooting.

Keep your camera ready. In the time it takes to turn on your camera and make sure the settings are correct, you can lose your photo opportunity. Be prepared by keeping your camera on. If it automatically shuts off after a few minutes, you can try lengthening the shut-off time in the camera settings or deactivating the feature altogether. To save battery power when the camera's turned on, turn off the LCD display.

Take candid shots. Don't pose every family photograph. Candid shots capture people at their most natural. With your camera ready, pretend you're a journalist and take lots of pictures without posing people or warning them in advance. If possible, turn off the flash to increase your "stealth" factor.

Capture more than just people. Photograph the dinner table, the snow, the Christmas tree, and more! Inanimate objects are the most cooperative, so go to town. Pictures of objects can greatly add to the holiday memories.

And don't forget to have fun! Happy Holidays!



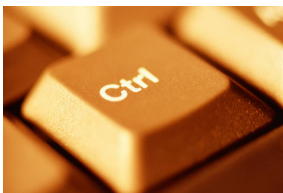
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Increase efficiency with keyboard shortcuts!

Wireless Keyboards

Here's a keyboard shortcut — cut the wire! Well, you shouldn't do that on an existing keyboard, but you can buy an inexpensive wireless keyboard to replace your old wired one. A wireless keyboard moves with you and can be easily shoved in a drawer to create temporary desk space. It can also be used together with a laptop for easier typing when working for long periods.

The Random Resource

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Many people enjoy a crackling fire this time of year but don't have their own fireplace. On the **iYule TV** web site (www.iyule.tv) you can download your own open flame for display on your computer, TV, or iPod. The iYule virtual hearth is a 30-minute video that includes crackling sounds and background music by Geoff Smith. Different versions range in cost from \$5 to \$10 and a portion of proceeds go to charity.

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