

Hello photographers and parents! My name is Shana (it rhymes with “Banana”) Cruz-Thompson, your Lynx Camp instructor! I look forward to this summer’s camp and getting to know all of you. It’s going to be a blast!

As a reminder, a digital camera with the ability to operate in “Manual (M)” mode is required for camp. It can be a mirrorless or a DSLR camera. If you only have a “point and shoot” digital camera (these most often do not have interchangeable lenses and very minimal settings), please consider borrowing or renting a camera for the week. **YOU DO NOT NEED TO BUY A NEW CAMERA**, but for those that have asked, I have listed some good entry-to-mid level mirrorless and DSLR cameras. Be sure to check out Facebook Marketplace and Craigslist for used options!

Remember: a camera is merely a tool. Having a “better” camera does not make you a “better” photographer. Use what you have access to, and I promise you will make great images at camp.

CAMERA RENTAL OPTIONS

Example: A Nikon Z50 and 24-50mm DX Z-mount lens is about \$107-115 for the entire week which includes insurance and shipping both ways.) RESERVE YOUR CAMERA ASAP and keep an eye out for coupon codes!

[LENSRENTALS.COM](https://www.lensrentals.com)

[BORROWLENSES.COM](https://www.borrowlenses.com)

If you rent, you can rent from 6/12 - 6/19 (one week rate, no returns on the weekends). Campers will not need a camera on the first day as we will be working in the darkroom.

PURCHASING OPTIONS

Most of these links are for Best Buy because I love their protection plan, but also check B&H Photo, Costco, Walmart, Target, Sam’s Club for “Kit” packages which includes a lens or two and the camera body.

MIRRORLESS KITS:

[Sony Alpha 6100 with Lens](#)

[Nikon Z50 with Lens](#)

[Canon M50 with Lens](#)

DLSR KITS:

[Canon Rebel SL3](#)

[Entry level Canon T100](#)

[Nikon D3500](#)

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with questions at shana.m.thompson@ucdenver.edu

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