



4-H Filmmaking Workshop Video 2: Using Your Camera

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Morissa: This film is brought to you by 4-H, America's largest youth development organization, in collaboration with Montana State University and TERRApod.

Emily: Hi, my name is Emily. Don't jump on your computer yet. This is a hands-on workshop, so I'm going to show you how to use your camera and your tripod. If you don't have your camera yet, don't worry. Check out our video resources page, and you'll find links to help you find the right camera for you. Now all cameras are different, but share the same basic functions. So, I'm going to show you the most useful buttons, and then you can go find them on your own camera. Here we go.

Emily: So, your power button turns your camera on and off. Camera mode means you're shooting. VCR mode means you're reviewing the footage for the day.

Emily: This is the LCD screen. This is where you can view what you're filming. It's also where you watch what you've recorded. You can also view your footage through the view finder.

Emily: This is your battery. Don't forget to charge your battery before you're going out and shooting.

Emily: Your lens cap is pretty important. Don't forget to take it off. You're not going to get much footage with the lens cap on.

Emily: All cameras have a menu button. The menu is located somewhere on your camera. You want to find this to locate your settings. This is where you can change your settings.

Emily: Usually, your zoom toggle switch is located somewhere on the top of the camera. This is how you get in tight for a close-up shot or back out for a wide shot.

Emily: The record button is generally red. This is what you press when you want to record. If it's not on record it's on standby. On my camera this is where I put a new tape in. Don't forget to be gentle with the tape deck door. Don't force the door.

Emily: So, that's my camera, but what about yours? Have you found your menu button? Can you switch modes? Have you figured out how to put in a new tape or DVD?

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Emily: If you have any troubles or you can't find something, look in the Owner's Manual or research it on the Internet. And once you've figured out all the features of your camera, then watch the next video and learn how to use your camera and your tripod together.

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