

Fostering Student Engagement with Flickr Photostream

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What is a Flickr Photostream?

- Free photo storage and sharing
- Photos can be added to the class's Photostream by emailing the picture from any device
- Photostream is updated in real time and can be viewed by instructor and/or students

Why use Flickr Photostream?

1. **Fast** – Streamlines submission process
2. **Fun** – Encourages multi-modal approaches to activities
3. **Engaging** – Facilitates whole-class discussion, interaction, and reflection
4. **Sticky** – Facilitates connections between class meetings
5. **Organized** – Creates an archivable repository of a whole semester's submissions
6. **Free** – 100% free

How can you use Flickr's Photostream for class activities?

- Attendance and class participation
- Scavenger hunts
- Brainstorming
- Drafting

How can you get started using Flickr's Photostream?

1. Create a Flickr Account using a mail.yahoo.com account
2. Find the email address for your account (<https://www.flickr.com/account/uploadbyemail/>)
3. Share this email address with your students (post on course website as a link or display in class)
4. Students can take picture or video with their phone or tablet and email it to the email address
5. Review, discuss, and share the photos as they are uploaded

Any final tips for using Flickr's Photostream?

- Manage privacy level of photos and videos during and after the semester
- Add tags to maintain organization (e.g., use tags to distinguish different class activities)
- Refresh Upload by Email address whenever needed (e.g., refresh the email address every semester)
- Share tips for taking good photos with students (good lighting/no shadows, etc.)

