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Division: CB JR SR Birthday: ___________ Age as of January 1, 2016: ______ Grade: ______

Mailing Address: _______________________________________________________________________

City: ______________ State: __________ Zip: __________ County: ______________

Phone: (_____)(______)________ Email: __________________________________________

**By signing below you state that you have completed this record book yourself and to the best**
**of your knowledge this information is correct.**

Participant Signature: ________________________________________________________________

**By signing below you state that you are familiar with this work and to the best of your**
**knowledge the youth participant completed this book and the information is correct.**

Parent Signature: _________________________________________________________________

4-H Agent Signature: ________________________________________________________________ 4-H Region: FH MID PD SV
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- Clemson University Cooperative Extension Service Home and Garden Information Center
  - [http://www.clemson.edu/extension/hgic/](http://www.clemson.edu/extension/hgic/)

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For each section (preparing, planting, maintaining, harvesting, and outreach), please summarize the efforts you made as part of the Small Garden Project. You may use paragraph or bullet format. Include photographs (with captions and dates), drawings, computer generate maps, graphs, charts, or any other means you see fit.

**Preparing Your Garden (worth 15 points):**
Please consider the following questions in addition to any other information you would like to include: When did you prepare your garden? Why did you choose this particular site? What did you do to prepare your garden and why? Did you take a soil sample (recommended)? Were soil sample results helpful in your decision making process? Why is it important to have the correct pH for your garden and how might you achieve that correct number?

**Planting Your Garden (worth 15 points):**
Please consider the following questions in addition to any other information you would like to include: When did you plant your garden? What did you plant in your garden and why? What size and shape is your garden? Why did you plant your garden in this layout? Would you change this layout if you do the project again?

**Maintaining Your Garden (worth 15 points):**
Please consider the following questions in addition to any other information you would like to include: During the course of this project, how much total rain did your garden get? Did you need to irrigate your garden? If so, how did you accomplish this? How did the climate affect your garden? What pest problems (insects and/or diseases), if any, did your garden have? What did you do to control these pests? What fertilizers, if any, did you use on your garden? Were the fertilizers you used in your garden organic or inorganic? What is the difference in organic and inorganic? What wildlife, if any, visited your garden? Was there any damage as a result? How did you attempt to control wildlife damage? Attach copies of herbicide, pesticide, and fertilizer labels in your record book.

**Harvesting Your Garden (worth 15 points):**
Please consider the following questions in addition to any other information you would like to include: What was the first crop you harvested from your garden? How long after planting did you first receive produce from your garden? What did you do with the produce you picked from your garden? Did certain crops perform better than others? If so, what do you think influenced this?

**Community/Educational Outreach (worth 10 points):**
List/describe any activities you did that exposed others to your 4-H Small Garden Project. Did you use produce as a show and tell project at school? Are you using this project as a means to complete a scout project? Did you allow visitors from your school or 4-H club to visit your plot? Did you offer your plot as a field trip for other groups or organizations? Did you donate produce to a food bank?

**Garden Research (worth 10 points):**
Research the use of heirloom plants in a garden. Write a summary on the pros and cons of using heirlooms. Include photographs and graphics as needed. Cite your sources.
Financial Records (worth 10 points):
List any expenses you had during the project (project registration fee, water hose, sprinkler, pesticides, fertilizers, soil, shovel, rake, etc.). Include receipts. List any income you had during the project (sale of produce, etc.)

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Total Income for 4-H Small Garden Project

Financial Summary:
Total Project Income _________ - Total Project Expenses _________ = Project Cost or Profit _________

Project Story (worth 10 points):
Write at least 4 paragraphs about your work in the 4-H Garden Project. Tell about your experiences in preparing, planting, maintaining, and harvesting your garden. What did you learn? What would you do different? Use this story to summarize your Small Garden Project experience. Use specific examples.

Project Evaluation:
In order to be eligible for any awards earned, you must return this evaluation when you submit your record book. Do not permanently attach the survey to your record book because your responses will be kept anonymous and will not affect the judging process. Participation in this survey is voluntary. You may choose to skip any questions. If you choose not to participate, please check the “I do not wish to participate” box.
Dear Participant:

You are being given this survey because you are part of a 4-H program or project, and we are surveying young people like you to learn about your experiences.

This survey is voluntary. If you do not want to fill out the survey, you do not need to. However, we hope you will take a few minutes to fill it out because your answers are important.

This survey is private. No one at your school, home, or local 4-H program or project will see your answers. Please answer all of the questions as honestly as you can. If you are uncomfortable answering a question, you may leave it blank.

This is not a test. There are no right or wrong answers, and your answers will not affect your participation or place in the program in any way.

Thank you for your help!

If you do not wish to participate in this survey, please indicate that below and return the blank survey to your local Extension Office when you turn in your project record book.

☐ I do NOT wish to participate in this survey.

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Survey Starts Here

Please answer the following questions about your experience with the Small Garden Project.

This was my  ○ 1st   ○ 2nd   ○ 3rd   ○ 4th   ○ 5th time participating in this project.

What was your favorite part about this project?

What was your least favorite part of this project?

Is there anything else you would like to share that would help us improve this project?
After your experience with the Small Garden Project, how strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

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<td>Made me a better steward of the environment.</td>
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<td>Gave me “hands-on” experience that will help me with future 4-H projects and activities.</td>
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