A 4-H project record book is meant to be a learning experience for 4-H members. Keeping a 4-H record book helps youth to organize themselves, set reasonable goals, appreciate what is learned by meeting those goals, keep track of activities and expenses, gather information needed to apply for awards and scholarships, to help complete applications and resumes for jobs and college, and meet requirements to participate in some county, state, or national 4-H events. Completing a 4-H project record book is also a minimum requirement to be a 4-H club member “in good standing” and needed for a 4-H club to be designated as a 4-H Honor Club.

4-H project record books are often used as an indication of the quality of a 4-H member’s work during the year and to help with the selection of 4-H awards and recognition. Below are the standards for judging 4-H project record books.

Member name: _______________________________________________________________

1. Does the completed record book have all required signatures? YES NO
2. Were goals set at the beginning of the 4-H year? YES NO
   a. Were goals achieved? YES NO
   b. If not, was there a reasonable explanation? YES NO
3. Were reasonable goals set for next year based on what was learned this year? YES NO
4. Did the member complete the project? YES NO
5. Does the record book appear to be maintained throughout the year, not just completed at the end of the year? YES NO

For items 6-11, circle a rating for each. F=Fair, G=Good, VG=Very Good, E=Excellent
(The age of the 4-H member and number of years in project should taken into consideration.)

6. Meaningfulness of the project activities the member participated in during the year F G VG E
7. Significance of leadership and citizenship experiences (including service and public speaking) during the year F G VG E
8. Completeness and accuracy of project expenses F G VG E
9. Overall completeness of the record book (with extra pages as needed) F G VG E
10. How clearly has the 4-H member shown what they have learned during the past 4-H year? F G VG E
11. Quality of 4-H Story in explaining what member gained in 4-H during the past year, using examples unique to the member F G VG E
12. Overall rating of the completed 4-H project record book, based on the above:
   (Fair = 1-4, Good = 5-6, Very Good = 7-8, Excellent = 9-10)
   1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
   Fair Excellent

Judge’s Signature__________________________________________Date _________________

Put judge’s comments on other side

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