

THE 4-H STORY

This is probably the MOST IMPORTANT part of your 4-H record. Here you tell about yourself and your 4-H experiences in your own words. Write a 4-H Story that gives a complete overview of your 4-H year experiences. The following are just guidelines, your child may write more if they would like.

General Guidelines:

- ✓ 6 pages maximum
- ✓ Use the following margins: 1 ½ inch top and left sides, 1 inch bottom and right sides
- ✓ double space only on one side of sheet
- ✓ Font size 12 point
- ✓ Title your story and sign the end of it

- ✓ **First and Second year members:**

Use the back side of your personal page.

The 4-H member should write in what they feel comfortable with.

The first sentence should tell who they are and club name.

Have them write one sentence per project.

Have them write what was the best thing they did in 4-H.

Third and Fourth year members:

May start on the back of the Personal page then continue on to a sheet of lined notebook paper.

Have them write in what they feel comfortable with

The first couple of sentences should tell who they are, what club they belong to, how many years they have been in 4-H, and what officer or committees they held.

They should write 2-3 sentences about each project, more than just ribbon placings, judges like to read about what they learned.

There should be a couple of paragraphs that tell about other 4-H events they participated in (club days, camp, concession stand, club parties or field trips, etc)

Fifth and Sixth year members:

They may want to type on the computer or may start on notebook paper.

They need to write in pen or type on the computer

A paragraph should be written for each of the following

- * introduction
- * each project
- * Leadership given
- * Citizenship helped with
- * Other 4-H events
- * Conclusion of the year

The complete story should be 3-4 sheets long

Be sure to follow the guidelines for record book story if you plan to type your 4-H story.

Senior members:

Use ½ page to introduce yourself

Use 2-3 pages for major project information

Use 1 page for other activities and events

Use 1 to 1 ½ pages to share leadership and citizenship information

Use ¼ to ½ page for personal satisfaction and Future goals.

PENCIL, INK or TYPE???

The 4-H member should write all of their record book information. I know this is sometimes hard so parents need to keep encouraging. Complete your records a little at a time. 15 minute work sessions are great. If your 4-Her writes in pencil at school then they should write in pencil to complete their record book. If they have moved to ink at school, then ink is fine. If they choose to use the computer to type on there all forms are available online, but it is highly recommended that the 4-Her type the information. If you have any questions feel free to call the office as the agent would be glad to work with you and your children.