



WISCONSIN

4-H Member

Name _____ **County** _____

Address _____ **City / Town** _____

Birth Date: Month _____ **Day** _____ **Year** _____

Name of Club _____

4-H RECORD BOOKS

The primary purpose of records is to help the 4-H'er and family measure progress that is made. At the beginning of the first year, members will receive a green 4-H Record Book which will be kept as long as the member is in 4-H. Members will receive the project record sheets from the club leader. The Grant County 4-H Record Book Guidelines and the Grant County 4-H Project Record Information will help you in preparing your record book, but are not put in your record book. The basic parts of the 4-H Record Book include:

1. Current Picture and Identification - Include a picture (if possible), name, grade, age (as of January 1), Club and Number of Years in 4-H.
2. Table of Contents (optional) - On this page list each section of your record book, and the page number it starts on.
3. 4-H Member Evaluation Sheet - Lists projects and activities participating in throughout the year.
4. Grant County Project Record Book Guidelines (Do NOT put in record book) - This sheet lists the guidelines which should be followed in regard to 4-H member project records.
5. Club Program for Year - Lists clubs goals, programs and guidelines for the year including dates, times, activities and committees for the year.
6. My 4-H Activity Program - This record gives an overview of the activities participated in a year.
7. Supporting Activity Materials - Include one picture and clipping for every different activity you participated in that is recorded on your 4-H Activity Record.
8. 4-H Member's Record Sheets - Complete one of these records for each individual project enrolled in, a new form should be prepared for each project every year. A few projects will not use this particular form, since they have specially developed project records, which you will use instead.
9. Project Expense Record Sheets - Members grade 7 and over are required to fill this form out for most projects. A few projects will not use this particular form, since they have specially developed project records, which include a financial page for you to use instead.
10. Support Project Materials - Members may want to include a list of project meetings and what you learned in each. Include no more than six pictures or clippings for each project. Do not include entire programs, ribbons, certificates, project material or other scrapbook items.
11. Permanent Record Sheet - This is a record of your total 4-H involvement, not just for one year, and will stay in your record book from year-to-year. This record is a continuing summary of 4-H activities and events. Do not remove this record from the book when a section is filled, add additional papers as needed.

4-H records should be filled out completely and accurately. Parents may oversee the child's work, but a child must do their own writing. Encourage your 4-H member to work on the record book throughout the year. 4-H record books will be due to your local 4-H club in September. Names of younger members (grade 3-8) are submitted for county awards and older member record books to be judged on a county level are due to the Extension Office in mid-October. The books will be evaluated and then returned to your child.

What is 4-H?

4-H is a youth organization that belongs to the members, their families and other interested adults who serve as volunteer leaders. Professional leadership is given by Cooperative Extension Service faculty of the University of Wisconsin. Support for 4-H programs is a joint effort of local county government, the University of Wisconsin, and the United States Department of Agriculture.

Grant County 4-H is young people sharing, doing and learning together in all kinds of projects, events and activities in non-formal situations with guidance from their families and other volunteer adult leaders. Members choose projects that fit them and the places where they live. Group activities and events such as drama, trips, camps, fairs, shows, and conferences provide additional opportunities and learning experiences.

The 4-H program is open to all youth and adults regardless of their ethnic background, race or personal creed. Most 4-H clubs have meetings for the entire membership once a month. During these business meetings, decisions are made relative to group sponsored activities, community service efforts, project opportunities, fund-raising efforts, etc.

Regardless of the structure, a 4-H group may involve 4-H families, neighbors, relatives and others. They will have fun learning and working together in the home, neighborhood, and community.



Purpose of 4-H

The purpose of 4-H is twofold:

- To provide real life experiences for youth through a fun and practical, learn by doing, educational program.
- To provide opportunities for parents or other interested adults to work with youth in their development.

A major focus of 4-H is on the activities of your local 4-H club. Volunteers serve as 4-H leaders to plan and carry out organized learning experiences with youth. Their purposes should be one of supplementing and supporting local club programs.

Whether club, county, state, national or international programs, 4-H helps young people develop life skills which will help them become effective citizens and leaders in our community

Flag Pledge

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

4-H Pledge

I Pledge ... **My Head** to clearer thinking
... **My Heart** to greater loyalty
... **My Hands** to larger service, and
... **My Health** to better living for my club, my community, my country, and my world

National Conservation Pledge

I give my pledge as an American to save and faithfully defend from waste the national resources of my country...its soil and minerals, its forests, waters, and wildlife.

4-H Club Emblem: The Four-Leaf Clover

4-H Club Colors: Green and White

4-H Club Motto: To Make the Best Better

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