

# Jackson County 4-H Scrapbook



**Preserving Memories  
To Last a Lifetime**

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## General 4-H Scrapbook Requirements

**Scrapbook Album** – each album should:

- A. Have a front and back cover with pages firmly attached between the covers.
- B. Pages must be at least 8" x 10" in size. (12" x 12" is the most common size and will be easier to work with and find materials for.)
- C. Pages must be acid-free, lignin-free, buffered scrapbook pages.
  - Acid free, pH-balanced chemistry pages will not accelerate the natural deterioration of your photos.
  - Lignin-free pages will maintain their durability and whiteness-non yellowing.
  - Alkaline reserve (buffering) has a neutralizing effect to protect photos against pollutants from “the outside” (e.g., the environment, acidic greeting cards, etc.)
- D. Polypropylene Page Protectors or covers.
  - Made of photo-safe plastic to protect album pages and photographs from finger prints, abrasion and accidental spills. Protectors or covers made of PVC give off chlorine gas that causes the plastic to bond with photographs over time, making it impossible to separate the two!

**Labeling** – each scrapbook album will have a label (attached with a string) with:

- 4-H member’s name
- Club name
- Age
- Page numbers to be judged

•This label listing the page numbers will indicate the pages the 4-H member wishes the judge to review for judging. The page numbers need not be written on the actual album page-rather; the member should count the first page as Page #1 and proceed onward. You may pick the pages you wish to be judged-always in sets of two to allow continuity of the album. If you do not indicate the pages you wish judged; the judge will do Pages 1-6, 1-8 or 1-10; depending on division.

**Page requirements for Judging** – each scrapbook album will have the following pages completed for judging. Incomplete pages or unfinished pages will count toward your page total.

- Beginner (grades 3-5) ----- 6 pages
- Intermediate (grades 6-8) ----- 8 pages
- Advanced (grades 9-12) -----10 pages

•Only completed pages will be eligible for judging. All eligible pages should include:

- Photos
- Journaling
- Memorabilia
- Decorations (stickers and die cuts) (optional for Beginners)

**Photographs** – photos are the focus of your album and must be included on at least half of your page requirements.

- The photos do not have to be taken by the participant. If you would like to create an album honoring your grandparents, or maybe a special trip that you have taken with your family, this is acceptable. Just remember, this is your album and your memories.

**Memorabilia** – Memorabilia adds meaning, texture and variety to your photo albums-and gets more fascinating with time. These are items that tell an important part of the story and will add significantly to the interest of the page.

- Memorabilia is required on one page.

**Journaling** – Journaling is required on every page, but not every photo. Without words, you have pages of photographs and memorabilia, not a book of memories. Our photos and memorabilia are simply more complete, more meaningful and more fun with detail, emotion, and humor that only words can provide.

- Photo-safe Pigma pens are fade-proof, water-proof and acid-free when used on acid-free paper. These pens cause no damage to photos over time and will be legible for generations to come.
- Label photos with names, dates and places, etc.

**Cropping Techniques** –

- You may use a variety of cropping techniques and page layouts in your album. Not everything has to be cropped or “artsy”, use a nice balance, keeping in mind that the main

focus is preservation of the photo and its story. Too many shapes on a page can be distracting to the eye and take away from the meaning of the photos.

## **Decorations**

- All decorations (including stickers and die cuts) should be acid-free and lignin-free to maintain the integrity of the page and photos. Once again, remember that these are decorations and should be added only to enhance the photos and journaling and not be the main focus of the page.

## **Page/Photo Layout and Design**

- A variety of page layouts will add creativity and interest to your album. Use a nice balance complementing your theme for the page and pictures. Keep in mind the proper placement of your photos-you are telling a story, so use chronology (putting thing in order of occurrence), or themes to organize your album.

## **Neatness Counts**

- Exhibit clean and neat pages with clear and neat handwriting. No computer created writing is allowed. Your handwriting is part of your heritage so use it often.

## 4-H Scrapbook Project Scorecard

4-H'ers Name \_\_\_\_\_

Placing \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_

	Excellent	Good	Needs to Improve
Scrapbook pages are exhibited in an appropriate sized book			
Label is complete. Name, club, grade, pages to be judged.			
Scrapbook album contains the completed pages required.  Beginner (grades 3-5) ----- 6 pages Intermediate (grades 6-8) ----- 8 pages Advanced (grades 9-12) ----- 10 pages			
Scrapbook album contains both photos and memorabilia.			
Scrapbook is neat and organized			
High interest and variety in pages			
Chronological or thematic order of pages is correct			
Journaling, Labeling, Captions, Storytelling			
<b>Total Points</b>			

**Additional Judges Comments:**

## 4-H SCRAPBOOK RECORD SHEET

Year \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Completed Prior to Fair \_\_\_\_\_ Years in Project \_\_\_\_\_

Name of 4-H Club \_\_\_\_\_

Circle Level    Beg. (Grades 3-5)    Int. (Grades 6-8)    Adv. (Grades 9-12)

Leader's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

1.    Tell about what you learned while you were working on this project.

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2.    What was your most challenging or enjoyable part about putting together your scrapbook?

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3.    Where did you receive information or instruction in this project? (List the persons who gave instruction; reference material, etc.)

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4. Describe your finished scrapbook exhibit. (Size, shape, photos and memorabilia included, color (s), any special ornamentation, etc.)

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5. When was the exhibited scrapbook started? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Total time spent on scrapbook. \_\_\_\_\_

Materials, tools, etc. Purchased or used to make this project	Where Purchased	Cost
		Total Cost