

# SCRAPBOOKING

The scrapbook project allows you to preserve your memories in an organized and creative way. Memories may include family, friends, school, pets, 4-H, etc.

## **Superintendent:**

**State Fair Entries:** *No State Fair Entries*

## **RULES**

1. Refer to the Parke County 4-H Policies, Entry & Exhibit Requirements.

## **EXHIBIT REQUIREMENTS:**

### **PAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR JUDGING:**

Each scrapbook album will have the following pages completed for judging:

#### **GRADES 3 TO 5:**

Six (6) pages (3 front and back OR 6 facing).

Layout – Simple 2-3 colors of paper; stickers and die cuts may be used but are not mandatory.

Cropping – Straight cutting of photos using regular scissors or paper cutter. Decorative scissors can be used on colored paper.

Journaling – One or two sentences supplying basic information such as who, what, when and where.

Keep in mind that the main focus is preservation and not how many stickers or fancy papers you used on your page.

#### **GRADES 6 TO 8:**

(Eight (8) pages (4 pages front and back OR 8 facing). Each year, new pages must be added. These pages are to be marked.

Layout – More creative layout. Creative borders and lettering may be used.

Cropping – Circle, oval and other shaped templates may be used.

Journaling – In addition to basic information, may begin to record thoughts and feelings regarding the situation.

Using a variety of cropping techniques and page layout will add interest and creativity to your album. Not everything has to be cropped and “artsy”. Use a nice balance.

#### **Grades 9 to 12:**

Ten (10) pages (5 front and back pages OR 10 facing). Each year, new pages must be added. These pages are to be marked.

Layout – May include a pop-up page, pocket page, kaleidoscope-type layout, but not every page has to be these types. Use techniques you have learned in previous years. Include a variety of layouts.

Cropping – Silhouette cropping can be used in addition to techniques learned in previous years. Include a variety of layouts.

Journaling – May use bullets and captions, plus storytelling (writing your thoughts and feelings and telling a complete story or memory).

Not every photo has a complete story: choose the ones deserving of this when you are thinking of your page designs. It is okay to put several photos in a layout and just one of them to tell a story. Label or caption the others on the page, if appropriate. Use quality photos.

## ALL DIVISIONS

1. Scrapbook albums shall have a minimum size of 8 ½" x 11" and a maximum size of 12" x 12".
2. Each scrapbook album will have a front and back cover with pages firmly attached between the covers. Plastic page protectors are required. Points will be deducted if plastic protectors are not used.  
  
NOTE: Polypropylene Page Protectors or Covers: Made of photo-safe plastic to protect album pages and photographs from fingerprints, abrasion and accidental spills. Protectors or covers made from PVC gives off chlorine gas that causes the plastic to bond with photographs over time. Making it impossible to separate the two!
3. Each scrapbook album will have an entry tag with the 4-H member's name, club and age on it. The required number of pages for your level should be flagged for judging. Each year, new pages must be added. These pages are to be marked. You may pick the pages you wish to be judged – always in sets of two to allow continuity of the album. Pages should go together and face each other. This may include the title and closing pages in which case they would not be facing pages.
4. Pages must have been created since the last 4-H Fair; however, the events could have taken place at any time. These pages are to be marked as new pages added.
5. Each scrapbook will have completed pages for judging. Only completed pages will be eligible for judging. Flagged pages ONLY will be judged. Complete layouts contain photos or memorabilia, and documentation. Decorations (stickers, die cuts, etc.) are optional. Incomplete or unfinished pages will not be judged. More than the required number of pages may be created. Exhibitor selects ones to be judged.
6. Some layouts may contain only photos while others may contain only memorabilia. A maximum of 2 pages of memorabilia – only pages are allowed for judging. Some memorabilia can be on all pages. Be sure to include a variety in your pages to be judged.  
  
NOTE: Memorabilia: Adds meaning, and variety to your photo album. These are items that tell an important part of the story and will add significantly to the interest of the page.
7. Neatness and cleanliness is very important. Exhibit clean pages with clear handwriting. Your handwriting is part of your heritage. Please use it often. **NO COMPUTER CREATED CAPTION OR STORY WRITING ALLOWED ON PAPER TO BE JUDGED.** Titles may be computer created or contain sticker lettering.  
NOTE: Photo safe Pigma pens are fade-proof, waterproof and acid-free when used on acid-free paper. It causes no damage to photos over time and will be legible for generations to come.
8. Keep in mind that proper placement of photos, etc. in your album. Your scrapbook is telling a story. Use chronology (putting things in order of occurrence) or themes to organize your scrapbook.
9. Journaling (page titles, labels, captions, stories, thoughts, ideas, etc.) is used along with photo and memorabilia. Without journaling, over time, your photos and memorabilia will become less meaningful to you and others.
10. CAREFULLY PROOFREAD YOUR SPELLING!!!

## HELPFUL HINTS:

- Do NOT use Scotch Tape! Use the special photo tape, which is acid-free.
- Use good QUALITY Photographs.
- Make sure the pages you want judged are flagged throughout your scrapbook.
- Make your pages facing. This makes your scrapbook flow better and more pleasing appearance.
- HAVE FUN!!!