



Ohio 4-H
*Historian's
Record Book*

Name _____

Year _____ Age (as of January 1) _____

County _____

Club Name _____

4-H Advisor _____



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Historian

Welcome

Congratulations on your new role as your 4-H club's historian! You have the opportunity to document activities that will be both memorable and educational for your 4-H club. Below is a list of responsibilities for your office as well as activities, ideas, and websites to help you plan a memorable scrapbook. Good luck!

Your Role as Historian

Serving as a club historian means you are responsible for gathering and documenting written and visual information. Documentation should include information from meetings, parades, fair, leadership or citizenship activities, community service, and clinics or events in which your club participates. Whatever you decide to include, it needs to be well documented with clear photos and notes that describe who, what, where, when, and why. The scrapbook produced by the club historian should be brought to each meeting for the club to enjoy during refreshments or during another time designated by the president.

My Officer Goals

After reviewing this record book, develop a plan for what you will do as historian this year. Select activities from the items listed below. Feel free to be creative and add your own activities.

Events to Document	Plan to Do (✓)	Plan to Complete By	Date Completed
County clinics			
Club demonstrations			
Health and safety speaking contest			
Demonstration contest			
Field trips			
Guest speakers or presenters			
Fair booth			
Club meetings			
Parades			
Royalty			
Member projects			
Interview judging			
Skillathons, breed ID contests, livestock judging			
Community service projects			

Things to Do on Your Own	Plan to Do (✓)	Plan to Complete By	Date Completed
Attend an officer training program.			
Make a poster or exhibit for the club booth.			
Give a speech at the county speaking contest.			
Give a demonstration at a county demonstration contest.			

Sample Topics to Explore

As you are completing the club record (which is often a scrapbook), consider exploring these related topics and activities:

- journaling, stamping, and embossing
- design elements like color, tone, balance
- photo cropping
- a 4-H scrapbooking project
- a 4-H self-determined project about being club historian
- kinds of photography
- photo enhancement and design
- documentation format: size, binding type, historical quality
- exploring your own ideas/activities

Suggestions

- The topics you explored above are great ways to get your entire club involved in the historical documentation process.
- If you cannot attend an activity, ask another member to take pictures for you and complete the Event Information form to save information. Don't forget to add this event to the scrapbook.
- Participate in the county-level scrapbook contest.
- Enter your record book in the Senior Fair Open Scrapbook entry for fair display.
- Display in the Junior Fair Building at the fair.
- Plan a county historian's night and work together to journal events and crop photos.
- Visit a scrapbook store and attend free scrapbook classes.

Historian Event Information Form

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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.

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