

SOUTH PLAINS DISTRICT 2 RECORD BOOK JUDGING

July 8th, 2009 9:00 a.m. at PYCO, 2901 Ave A, Lubbock, TX

Participant Guide

1. Eligibility and Age Criteria

- To participate in the District 2 Record book judging, a participant must place first at his or her county level and/or be certified by his or her county Extension agent.
- Only one entry per age level and category per county may advance to the district level.
- Senior 4-H members that have won first place at state with their record book may submit a record book at the county level, but it **CANNOT** advance to District for competition.

Age is based on the 2008-2009 4-H year:

Junior- must be 8 and in the 3rd grade or 9 years of age on August 31, 2008 and have not passed their 11th birthday before August 31, 2008. Participants must be 8 or 9 and in the 3rd grade and have been born during the period beginning September 1, 1997 (8-10).

Intermediate- must have passed their 11th but not their 14th birthday before August 31, 2008. Participants must have been born during the period beginning September 1, 1994 and ending August 31, 1997. (11-13)

Senior- must have passed their 14th but not their 19th birthday before August 31, 2008. Participants must have been born during the period beginning September 1, 1989 and ending August 31, 1994. (14 and older)

2. Record Book Categories & Objectives

Aquatic Science

Beef

Citizenship & Civic Education

Clothing & Textiles

*Communication & Expressive Arts Open

Conservation of Natural Resources

*Consumer & Family Science Open

Consumer Education

Dairy

Energy Management

Entomology

*Environmental Sciences Open

Family Life

Food & Nutrition

Forestry

Gardening & Horticulture

Goat

Health

*Healthy Lifestyles Open

Horse

Housing & Home Environment

Leadership

*Personal Development/Leadership Open

Photography

Plant & Soil Science

*Plants and Animals Open

Poultry

Public Speaking

Rabbit

Range Management

Recreation

Safety

*Science & Technology Open

Sheep

Shooting Sports

Sportfishing

Swine

Veterinary Science

Wildlife & Fisheries

* If a book can fit in another category listed it cannot go in an open category. Contact Wendy Scott if you have any concerns.

Objectives

- Attain a broad knowledge of 4-H projects and activities and the way they improve family and community life.
- Acquire life skills essential for becoming an active, skilled, productive and responsible citizen.
- Adopt and apply the latest practices and research findings to everyday living.
- Use all 4-H training and experiences in choosing and preparing for a job.
- Develop leadership skills that promote positive youth development.

3. Registration on 4-H Connect

Each Record Book participant will be required to register on-line through 4-H Connect (<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/4hconnect.htm>) and pay the registration fee of \$10.00. This fee is transferable but is non-refundable. **Online registration for the District 2 4-H Record Book judging is due on 4-H Connect by noon on July 1, 2009.** Entry materials will not be processed without the entry fee. Instructions for entering contests through 4-H Connect are available at your county AgriLife Extension office. Please communicate with your county AgriLife Extension office regarding online registration and payment method.

4. Resources

What's included in the 4-H Record book?

Texas 4-H Personal Information Page (junior, intermediate and senior levels)

My 4-H Story and Photo Portfolio (junior, intermediate and senior levels)

Texas 4-H Report Form (junior, intermediate and senior levels)

4-H Resume (senior level only)

- In addition, in the photography category only there can be 6 additional pages of photos taken by the 4-H'er highlighting how they have improved their photography skills.

-Below is a highlight of things to remember when putting together your record book, however this is not a complete guide. Contact your county AgriLife Extension office for a copy of the Record Improvement Guide with guidelines and rules for assembling a record book and possible online training through Centra.

5. Key Points for the 4-H Story and Photo Portfolio

Length- The 4-H Story and Photo Portfolio can be no more than 10 pages for junior, intermediate and senior levels. Each portfolio must contain at least 3 pages of double spaced type and use a minimum of 10 point or equivalent size font for the text. Each portfolio must also have a minimum of 3 pages of pictures. Each picture should have a brief caption that explains the actions in the photo and lesson learned. Photos CANNOT overlap.

Text Margins- Top, bottom and right margins must be 1 inch. The left margin must be 1 ½ inches to allow for hole punching.

Photos- Photos should reflect growth, development and involvement in 4-H; showing the 4-H'er involved in project activities, learning and teaching others. Photos depicting family activities, livestock auction, UIL, sports events and any other NON 4-H related photos are discouraged.

Paper Type- Typing paper and bond weight paper are acceptable. Do not use construction paper and do not use sheet protectors.

Creativity- Creativity is encouraged. (Backgrounds, decorative elements, paper cutouts, etc.)

6. Key Points for the Texas 4-H Report Form

- Sections I, II and III deal with only the past 4 years of your 4-H work.
- The 4-H Report Form should reflect and show growth that you have had in your projects.
- The current year's 4-H experiences should always be listed first.
- The record book category that you are entered in should always be listed as the first project.

Section I- 4-H Project Experiences- The Three parts of Section I should include information on a maximum of 4 projects. Your knowledge gained should meet the project specific objectives listed above and the objectives should be noted here. You should identify each experience with a level of participation with the following code: "L" for local and /or club, "C" for county, "D" for district, "S" for state, "N" for national and "I" for international.

Section II- 4-H Leadership Experiences- Leadership is teaching or leading others. Leadership should be divided into the following three areas: Promotion, Volunteer and Elected/Appointed. Promotion Leadership should explain, "How have you told someone about 4-H?" Volunteer Leadership should explain, "How and what did I do to lead or teach others in 4-H?" Elected/Appointed leadership explains, "What was your leadership role?"

Section III- Community Service- Community Service is helping those less fortunate or in need. Community Service should be coded with the following: "Y"- Yourself- this was a community service project that you did all by yourself with no help from other 4-H members or club. "P"- Provided Primary Leadership- you were the organizer, you made all the arrangements, and recruited other 4-H members to help you. "M"- Member of a Group- when another 4-H member called asking for help, you were there as a worker and helper.

Section IV- Other 4-H Projects- List any other projects here no matter how many years you were involved, but be sure to list the number of years. If you were only involved in 4 projects throughout your career, be sure to only list 3 projects in Section I and list the 4th project in this section to avoid losing any points when your record book is being judged.

Section V- 4-H Recognition and Awards- List awards that make you proud starting with the most current. Emphasize recognition received during the past 4 years, however, you can include information for any year.

Section VI- Other Activities- School, church, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts or other youth organization activities, leadership, community service, and awards and recognition. You may also include Clover Kid information here.

4-H Resume- (Seniors Only)- The sections to include are: objective, education, employment history, skills, interests and activities, and awards that reflect highlights in your life, not just your 4-H career. No photos or business letterhead may be used. It is a summary of your highlights, therefore you will be repeating items addressed in the 4-H story and report form.

7. Judges

Volunteers are always needed to help judge. If you would like to help judge, complete the judging application and return to Wendy Scott, Extension 4-H and Youth Development Specialist, 1102 E FM 1294, Lubbock, TX 79403. **By June 1st.**

There will be a judges training on June 17th, 2009 from 10:00 - 12:00 at the District Office in Lubbock. Any volunteer is welcome to attend.