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Scrapbook Albums

Each album should have:

- A front and back cover with pages firmly attached between the covers. No spiral or magnetic albums.
- No larger than 12"x12", the common sizes will be easier to work with and find material for.
- Use acid free, lignin-free, buffered scrapbook pages.
Acid-free – pH balanced chemistry, so pages will not accelerate the natural deterioration of your photos.
Lignin-free pages will maintain their durability and whiteness non-yellowing.
- Make sure the papers you use are acid and lignin free.
- Use polypropylene page protectors or covers.
Protectors are made of photo safe plastic to protect album pages and photos from fingerprints, abrasion and accidental spills. Protectors made of P.V.C. give off a chlorine gas that causes the plastic to bond with photos over time, making it impossible to separate the two!
- Use double-sided tape or mounting tape or corners to add photos and/or memorabilia. Rubber cement, white school glue or scotch tape contain chemicals that can adversely affect photos over time.

Labeling

Each scrapbook album must have an exhibit card attached. This will be placed on the front lower right corner of your scrapbook. Cards are available at the Extension Office.

- 4-H member's name
- Club and leaders name
- Grade in School and level
- Project

Title Page

- Each level will have a cover page. A cover page will be at the beginning of each years exhibit and will not be counted or judged. This page should include:
 - Name
 - Club and leader name
 - Grade in school
 - Level

Helpful Hints

- Do not use scotch tape, school glue, or rubber cement! Use special photo tape, which is acid free.
- Attend a workshop or check out your local scrapbook store. You will be notified of upcoming workshops where you will have someone available to answer questions and access to tools.
- Don't forget your title page.
- Photographs should be the focus of your album.
- 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 placement of your photos - you are telling a story.
- Every item needs to be attached so it doesn't float in the plastic cover.
- You may use matting to enhance the photo, but it is not necessary.



Journaling

- Journaling or a caption is required on every page. Without words, you have pages of photos and memorabilia, not a book of memories. Your photos and memorabilia are simply more complete, more meaningful, and more fun with detail, emotion and humor that only words can provide.
- Journaling is storytelling - writing your thoughts and feelings and telling a complete story or memory. It's easiest to "storytell" if you pretend you are writing in your diary, or sharing some exciting news with your best friend.

Examples of journaling are:

Level 1: Journaling can be bullet format. Be sure to include who, what, when, and where. For example:

- *Who: Page, Kelly and I*
- *What: 4-H camp*
- *When: June 4, 2004*
- *Where: Bradford Woods*

Level 2: Use complete sentences and include names, dates, and places, etc. For example:

Kelly Jones, Tim Smith and I are outside Matthews Hall (Purdue University) at 4-H Round-Up on June 26, 2004.

Level 3: Your journaling should be in paragraph form and include who, what, when and where in complete sentences. For example:

Ever since my older brother, Tim, began showing pigs in 4-H, I have been looking forward to getting old enough to show hogs, too. This has been a fun project because it is a family activity. My parents, brother and I went to some pig auctions in March and April. We finally brought Wilbur home.

I have been feeding him and keeping his pen clean with a little help from Dad. It's a lot of work, but I really enjoy it. After school was out, I started walking him at least once a day. He's really tame and knows exactly what I want him to do.

I have spent so much time with him, I know I will be sad to sell him. Tim told me that's just part of the project and I can use that money to buy another pig next year. That is true, but I know I'll never forget Wilbur and my first year of 4-H.

Photos

Photos are the focus of your album. photos may be copied. Note: be sure to use acid-free paper.

Memorabilia

Memorabilia adds meaning, texture and variety to your albums. These items tell an important part of the story.

Cropping techniques

- Keep in mind that the main focus is preservation.
- Let your pictures be the main focus.
- Using a variety of cropping techniques and page layouts in your album will add interest and creativity to you album.
- Not everything has to be cropped. Too many shapes on a page can be distracting to the eye and take away from the meaning of photos.
- Do not crop Polaroid pictures. This will ruin them.

Decorations

- All decorations (including stickers and die cuts) should be acid-free and lignin-free to maintain the integrity of the page and photos.
- Neatness counts! Exhibit clean and neat pages. Your scrapbooks will be cherished for years to come.



EXHIBIT REQUIREMENTS

EXHIBIT:

- Scrapbooks must be displayed in a scrapbook. It will consist of photographs, embellishments, journaling, and memorabilia (in Level 3).
- Each level will have a cover page. A cover page will be at the beginning of each year's exhibit and will not be judged or counted as part of the pages required for the year.
- Include previous years work with your scrapbook project (for Levels 2 and 3).
- Scrapbooks must consist of the required number of completed pages for that level.

SCRAPBOOK REQUIREMENTS:

- Exhibit a scrapbook that can have additional pages added. No spiral or magnetic albums allowed.
- You must use acid free products and photo safe supplies. (See project manual).
- All pages are to be displayed in plastic (acid free) covers/sleeves.
- The size of the project/scrapbook is to be no larger than 12"X12".
- Each exhibited year must be separated by a title page (not counted or judged pages). The title page must have your name, grade in school, level.
- Include previous years work, although only the current year will be judged.
- Pages will consist of photographs, memorabilia, and journaling depending on level requirements. Pages must have captions with dates, names, places, etc.
- If you include more pages than specified, please indicate with sticky note tabs which pages you want judged.
- Neatness and correct spelling counts.

ALL LEVELS:

- Display a scrapbook as described in Scrapbook requirements.
- Turn in a completed record sheet to your leader for them to sign.

Level 1 (Grades 3-5)

- Complete at least 6 pages per year in your scrapbook (3 pages front and back).
- Crop straight cut only.
- Bullet journaling on each page. Bullet captions with names, dates, and places, etc. More details may be added depending on space.

Level 2 (Grades 6-8)

- Complete at least 8 pages per year (4 pages front and back).
- Crop photos in any shape.
- Journaling on each page must be in complete sentences. Include names, dates, places, etc. More details may be added depending on space.

Level 3 (Grade 9-12)

- Complete at least 10 pages per year (5 pages front and back).
- Crop pictures in any shape.
- Journaling must be in complete sentences and in paragraph form. Paragraphs are not needed on all pages. Include names, dates, places, etc.
- One page must contain memorabilia or documentation that goes with the photos (ticket stub, award, program, newspaper clipping, napkin, etc).

4-H SCRAPBOOK RECORD SHEET

YEAR 20____

NAME_____

GRADE_____

LEVEL _____ YEAR IN LEVEL _____

NAME OF CLUB_____

SIGNATURE OF LEADER_____

I have reviewed this record

1. What was your most enjoyable part about putting together your scrapbook?

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

3. What skills did you develop while you were participating in this project?
