

Creative or Expressive Arts: Scrapbook

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The scrapbook project allows you to preserve your memories in an organized and creative way. Memories may include family, school, 4-H, vacations, holidays, etc. All levels should follow the layout, cropping and journaling guidelines found below.

RULES:

1. Each scrapbook album must have a front and back cover with the pages firmly attached between the covers. Each page will be covered with a plastic protector.
2. Each exhibit will have the required number of pages per division completed since the previous year's fair for judging. Completed pages will contain photos, memorabilia, documentation, decoration, etc. Incomplete or unfinished pages will not be judged or counted toward the required number of pages. **Please Note:** A page is one side only, not both sides.
3. Each scrapbook will have a label that lists the page numbers which 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. THEN mark pages with post it notes on EACH page to be judged. Any questions should be directed to Donna Wells.
4. Photos and memorabilia MUST be included in each scrapbook, but not necessarily on each page. Some pages may contain only photos, while others may contain only memorabilia. Be sure to include a variety in your list of pages to be judged. AT LEAST ONE PIECE OF MEMORABILIA SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN YOUR REQUIRED PAGES. Memorabilia should be encased in a separate plastic sleeve if added to a page with photos or if a lot of memorabilia is used then encase the picture in a sleeve to separate the two items. NEWSPAPER ARTICLES SHOULD BE COPIED ONTO ACID FREE PAPER THEN ENCASED INTO A SEPARATE PLASTIC SLEEVE.
5. Neatness is very important. Exhibit clean pages with clear handwriting. NO COMPUTER CREATED WRITING IS ALLOWED. Your handwriting is part of your heritage. Please use it often. You can use die cuts in your titles.
6. Keep in mind the 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.
7. Journaling (labels, captions, stories, thoughts ideas, etc.) is required on every page. With words you can make pages more meaningful and fun with detail, emotion, and humor. You will not be judged down for journaling more than is required in your division. Remember – carefully check your spelling.
8. Each page that does not follow the requirements for your division will have one point deducted for each guideline not followed. (ex. Silhouette cropping and computerized fonts in intermediate division – two points deducted) Points are taken off each time the rule is broken.
9. Be sure materials are safe for your photos. Do NOT use ball point pens or pencils or magnetic albums. Wire metal will be permissible, BUT watch where the wire is. You don't want to ruin your pictures with metal or any other protruding products.

BEGINNER: GRADES 3-5 6 PAGES

Exhibit your scrapbook, including six pages that have been completed since last year's fair according to these guidelines:

Layout: Simple 2-3 colors of paper, stickers, and die cuts can 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. Use of corner rounder is allowed. NO Circle Cuts at this level.

Journaling: The minimum amount of journaling would be bullet labeling, which is supplying the basic information such as who, what, when, and where (ex. Jessica, 10, first year of 4-H, showing her cat Tiger.) You can never journal too much. This project's purpose is to preserve your memories, so what better way than journaling in your own words what happened in your pictures. Keep in mind that the main focus is preservation and not how many stickers or fancy papers you use on your pages. Let your pictures and memorabilia be the main focus.

INTERMEDIATE: GRADES 6-8 8 PAGES

Exhibit your scrapbook, including eight pages that have been completed since last year's fair according to these guidelines:

Layout: Use a more Creative layout. Creative borders and lettering can be used. Pocket pages can be added at this level.

Cropping: Circle, oval, and other shaped templates can be used. DO NOT use silhouette cutting at this level.

Journaling: Use captions to put bulleted information into sentences (ex. I won a red ribbon for my second-place lamb. I was happy to even place because the competition at our fair is so great.)

ADVANCED: GRADES 9-12 10 PAGES

Exhibit your scrapbook, including ten pages that have been completed since last year's fair according to these guidelines:

Layout: You may include more complicated layouts, but not every page has to be these types. Use techniques you have learned in previous divisions. Include a variety of layouts. Pop up pages and kaleidoscope-type layouts can be added at this level.

Cropping: Silhouette cropping can be used in addition to techniques you have learned in previous divisions.

Journaling: Use bullets and captions, plus storytelling – writing your thoughts and feelings and telling a complete story or memory on each page. Not every photo has a complete story; please choose the ones deserving of this when you are thinking of your page designs. It is okay to put several photos on a page and just use one of them to tell a story. Label or caption the others on the page. It's easiest to story tell I you pretend like you're writing in a diary or sharing some exciting news with your best friend (ex. 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 bought a good one in our price range at a pig sale. Since we brought Wilbur home, I have been feeding him and keeping his pen clean with little help from Tim. 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, and I know I will be sad to sell him. Tim told me that's just part of the project, and I can use the money to buy another pig next year. That is true, but I know I'll never forget Wilbur or my first year of 4-H).

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