



WASHINGTON COUNTY
4-H RECORD BOOK HELPFUL HINTS

Title Page: Use the title page provided and fill in the information asked. Place a recent photograph of yourself on the box that states place photo here.

Summary Record: This record is for you to tell us what you have done in 2011. Here are a few ideas for each section:

Club Participation- Make sure to add each club you attend and which months you were there.

Committees and Offices- This section is for both 4-H and non 4-H committees you are a member of and offices you may have held. This can include FFA, Church, Boy/Girl Scouts, 4-H and etc.

Awards and Honors- The awards and honors in the summary record is for any award or honor that was received not related to a project. These items can include FFA, Church, Boy/Girl Scouts and School. 4-H awards and honors that are not project related are those activities such as Washington County Farm Ambassador, Ag Expo & Fair Queen, public speaking awards if not carried as a project and etc.

Journal of Activities, Events and Experiences- Items in this section should include Recognition Night, Ethics Training, Camps, Skillathons/Judging Events/Quiz Bowls, Livestock Quality Assurance, Tag-Ins, Church Events, School Events, FFA Events and etc.

4-H Story: Your 4-H Story is a narrative of your experiences in 4-H for the current year. You should begin with information about yourself – your age, interests, parents, brothers and sisters, where you live, where you go to school, and when and why you joined 4-H. Tell about your 4-H projects, why you selected them, what you learned, things you've tried and found both successful and not so successful. Share a special experience; tell about your leadership experiences such as offices held, committee membership and some of what you've learned. You may want to share your goals and how 4-H has influenced what you would like to do in the future. Include only one 4-H story in your Record Book that tells about all of your experiences. You can be as creative as you like when you write your story.

Your story may be hand written or typed. If you choose to use the computer, font size should be 12 point with margins of 1 inch. Stories may be up to a maximum of six pages in length; 1-2 pages is sufficient for juniors, 2-3 pages is sufficient for intermediates and 3-4 pages is sufficient for seniors. Please take time to review your story to insure use of complete sentences, grammar and correct spelling. If you are using a computer, take time to use spell check but also look it over because spell check is not foolproof.

Project Records: The Project Record should include everything that you have done for that project in 2011. Make sure that you fill out the correct form for your project. There are forms for Alpaca, Cat, Dog, Rabbit/Cavy, Large Animal Breeding, Market Animal, General and Horse & Pony. Make sure to include all exhibits, activities participated in related to that project and any demonstration or talk that was related to that project. The awards and honors that are project related would go under exhibits or activities.