

4-H Record Book FAQs

Every year 4-H youth summarize the project work they have participated in. While examining their respective 4-H careers, questions inevitable will come out. To assist in answering some of the most common questions, the 4-H state office has compiled some of the most frequently asked questions to assist in completing Arkansas 4-H Record Books.



How many years of Clover Bud work can I report? While 5 years of work can be reported in a 4-H record book, only one year can be work conducted while a 4-H clover bud. For example, a 9-year-old will only have two years reported in their 4-H record book – One year of clover bud work (when they were 8) and one year of work completed once they were 9 years old.

What do the levels of participation refer to? When looking at the work 4-Hers conduct, the level that the project event or activity occurs is important to showing growth. 4-H record books primarily look at seven (7) levels: local, county, area, district, regional, state, and national. When considering what level the event or activity should be reported at, the 4-Her needs to consider the audience they are with or presenting to.

- Local – your 4-H club and immediate family, small groups from same community. These events can be held outside of your county, state, or even nation, but if you are **only** working with your immediate family or 4-H club, they would still be considered local.
- County – involves other clubs from in the same county, or groups from same county.
- Area – multi-county level event (not open to entire district) (i.e., Quad day, Star Camp, etc.)
- District – involves 4-Hers or groups from within the same state district areas (i.e., Delta, Ouachita, or Ozark)
- State – involves 4-Hers or groups from all counties in Arkansas at same event (i.e., State Fair, State Horse Show, State O-Rama, Ross Photography Contest)
- Regional – involves 4-Hers or groups from immediately adjacent states (Southeastern U.S.) at the same event. (i.e., STLC, VCOSS presentation)
- National – involves 4-Hers or groups from all states in the event or activity. (i.e., CWF, 4-H Summits, 4-H Congress)

What can we include for Community Service? You can include any community service activities you participate in. Please mark any 4-H related service activities with an asterisk (*).

Where else do we need to leave an asterisk (*) in the record book? Only mark those activities related to your MAIN project area with an asterisk (*) for leadership and awards.

What type of pictures should I use? Your pictures should cover the most recent 5 years of your 4-H experience, with the majority from your current 4-H year. These images should be captioned (with year and description). These should be action shots rather than staged group pictures.

What year do I put on the first page of record book form? Put the year that the book is being turned in for judging.