

DATE: May 24, 2023
MEMO TO: D1 County Extension Agents
SUBJECT: **2023 4-H RECORD BOOKS**

June 1st - Registration via 4-H Online - \$10.00 registration fee. 4-H Connect will close June 30th - A registration fee of \$10.00 is required for District Record Book. Must be entered through 4-H Connect.

June 30th - Agent and Leader Judging Applications- Due to District Office.

July 5th - Record Books must be turned in to District Office by Noon July 5th.
Note: Record Book Judging is a required event for all agents.

Record book committee will meet at the District office at 2:00 p.m. on July 5th.

July 6th - RECORD BOOK JUDGING at District Office in Amarillo.
Registration – 9:00 a.m.
Orientation – 9:10 a.m.
Judging – 9:30 - TBD
(Lunch is on your own – judges may break and leave or work straight through)

Please note the following information:

- District 1 4-H will use the State Texas 4-H Record Book Form for all age categories.
- Check sheets should be bound inside the record book cover just like the remainder of the record book.
- Counties are asked to use the Transmittal Form in accompanying books to the district judging for checking books in and releasing books.
- A zip drive will be awarded each 1st place ranked book in each category of each age division.
- All 1st place winners from each age division will be entered in a drawing for a backpack in their respective divisions. A total of 3 backpacks will be given – 1 Senior, 1 Intermediate and 1 Junior.
- 1st Place Senior Books will advance to State Record Book Judging.
- Record Books will only be accepted in the 2022-2023 categories.

ONLINE RECORD BOOKS

This year families have the option to create/construct their record book using an on-line system called Zsuites, this is not required. You can learn more about the on-line system on the District 1 Website.

District 1 4-H Record Book Summary ****Differs from State Chart for Jr. & Int.**

	Junior Grades 3-5 (Clover Kid years should not be included)	Intermediate Grades 6-8	Senior Grades 9-12
Check Sheet	Include	Include	Include
Personal Information Page	Include	Include	Include
4-H Story & Photo Portfolio <i>10-point font minimum. Double spaced. The text and the photos may be incorporated together on the same pages or may be separate.</i>			
Story (the written text)	Min: 2 pages Max: 10 pages	Min: 4 pages Max: 10 pages	Min: 6 pages Max: 10 pages
4-H Photos (captions are not required, but may help tell your story) *Note. Photography Record Books DO NOT include additional photos.	Min: 2 pages equivalent of photos. When combined, your written story and pages of photos cannot exceed 10 pages.	Min: 3 pages equivalent of photos. When combined, your written story and pages of photos cannot exceed 10 pages.	Min: 3 pages equivalent of photos. When combined, your written story and pages of photos cannot exceed 10 pages.
4-H Report Form Sections <i>10-point font minimum</i>			
I – 4-H Project Experiences	Up to 3 years Up to 4 projects 4 pages max	Up to 4 years Up to 4 projects 4 pages max	Up to 4 years Up to 4 projects 4 pages max
II – 4-H Leadership Experiences	Up to 3 years Max: 25 entries 3 page max	Up to 4 years Max: 25 entries 3 pages max	Up to 4 years Max: 25 entries 3 pages max
III – 4-H Community Service	Up to 3 years Max: 25 entries 3 page max	Up to 4 years Max: 25 entries 3 pages max	Up to 4 years Max: 25 entries 3 pages max
IV – Other 4-H Projects	Up to 3 years Any number of projects 2 page max	Up to 4 years Any number of projects 2 pages max	Up to 4 years Any number of projects 2 pages max
V – 4-H Recognition & Awards	Up to 3 years Max: 25 entries 3 page max	Up to 4 years Max: 25 entries 3 pages max	Up to 4 years Max: 25 entries 3 pages max
VI – Non-4-H Activities	Up to 3 years 1 page max	Up to 4 years 1 page max	Up to 4 years 1 page max
VII – College & Career Exploration	Response to question Up to 3 years Max: 15 entries 2 page max	Response to question Up to 4 years Max: 15 entries 2 page max	Response to question Up to 4 years Max: 15 entries 2 pages max

JUDGES

We are asking each county to secure at least one or two leaders to assist with record book judging. **ALL POTENTIAL JUDGES (CEAs AND VOLUNTEERS) NEED TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION AND RETURN TO the District Office by June 30th.** (Agents: You need to be certain that leaders asked to judge have received training and guidance or judged at the county level. If I need to meet with them prior to the event, please let me know and arrangements will be made). **The agent who submits the most judges will receive a \$100 Amazon giftcard.**

**The number of junior and intermediate entries from each county is not limited.
Only one senior book per category per county**

Age Division:

- A. JUNIORS – 3rd – 5th grade of the 2022-2023 school year.
- B. INTERMEDIATES – 6th – 8th grade of the 2022-2023 school year.
- C. SENIORS – 9th – 12th grade of the 2022-2023 school year.

EVALUATION

District 1 4-H will use the STATE score sheets for ranking and giving constructive comments to all who turn in a record book to be judged.

PHOTO COPYING OF RECORD BOOKS

4-H Record Books are no longer being copied at the District and State levels for mass distribution to other 4-H members and leaders. The District Office may ask for permission to copy books and use the information for educational or interpretation purposes. Each county is responsible for deciding their own policy regarding photo copying of 4-H Record Books at the local level.

Please visit the District 1 4-H Website for all your record book needs & additional info! All of the following can be found on the D1 4-H Website: <https://d14-h.tamu.edu/events/record-keeping-and-record-books/>

Senior Record Book Form
Junior & Intermediate Record Book Form
Score Sheet
Family Guide to Record Books

Sincerely,

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