

WHAT IS A COMPLETED 4-H PROJECT

A complete project consists of:

1. Completed record sheet meeting the minimum requirements.
2. 4-H Story (check out the score sheet to make sure you answer all points.) [*You can download individual project score sheets from our website: <http://okeechobee.ifas.ufl.edu/Okeechobee.4-H.htm>]*
3. Demonstration
4. Exhibit

Steps to completing a project:

1. Plan
2. Do work
3. Share
4. Record, including story

You should have been keeping your records up-to-date through the year as you worked on your project.

Record sheets are either a part of your project book or separate sheets you received at the beginning of the 4-H year with your project book.

4-H Story – A 4-H story should be close to a page for first year members and increase in length and depth with experience. Each 4-H story includes:

1. Name
2. Age
3. Name of your club
4. Name of your leader
5. Number of years in this project
6. Extra things you did
7. Reactions of your family, etc., towards your work in this project
8. What you have learned and mistakes you have made
9. Give the title of your demonstration and tell something about it
10. Other appropriate information

****Refer to the Record Book Score Sheet****

Your 4-H Story

Your 4-H story is a very important part of your record book. It should convey to your readers what you have learned by participating in 4-H.

The following outline may help you in developing your story:

- Part 1 Introduce yourself – include your age, interests, family, where you live, where you go to school and when and why you joined 4-H.
- Part 2 Tell about the project or activity – why did you choose this project? Which goals did you set? What goals did you reach? What have you learned from this project? Describe how you arranged for financing, losses and savings.
- Part 3 Highlight other 4-H projects and activities – include major learning experiences and special interests in 4-H.
- Part 4 Explain how 4-H has helped you become a better leader and citizen. Describe the offices you have held and committee assignments you have accepted. Explain how you have learned to accept responsibilities.
- Part 5 Describe how 4-H has influenced your school and career goals. Tell about your plans for the future.