



Florida 4-H Secretary Record Book



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Name of 4-H Club: _____

County: Club Year: 20____ to 20____

Leader's Name: _____

Secretary's Name: _____

County Extension Agent: _____

Dear 4-H Secretary

Congratulations on being selected as your 4-H Club Secretary! This is an important position and your good work will help your club to be successful. This book should serve as a good guide for you to follow and outline your club's goals, plans for the year, as well as keep records of what your club has done.



Here are a few hints to be successful:

- Look through this book and pay careful attention to your duties, the by-laws, and the section for club goals/planning.
- Use this book as a guide and planner, and a way to keep track of your club's success.

A main part of your job is taking notes during the meeting and keeping up with the correspondence of the club. Make sure to pay careful attention to details when doing your job and you will be sure to be a success.

Duties of the 4-H Club Secretary

- ✓ Call roll at the beginning of each meeting (make sure it is alphabetical & up to date).
- ✓ Keep records on each member and their participation.
- ✓ Keep records and write minutes for each meeting & present minutes at each meeting.
- ✓ Handle all correspondence for the club. Correspondence refers to maintaining all the records.
- ✓ Keep record all of committee reports.
- ✓ Turn in your 4-H Secretary's Record Book to the 4-H Office at the end of the year.

Sample Meeting Agenda or Order of Business

- I. Call to Order
- II. Opening Exercises (songs, pledges, etc.)
 - a. Roll-Call
- III. Approval of Minutes
- IV. Reports (Treasure, Council Delegates, Committee)
 - a. Unfinished Business
 - b. New Business
- V. Program (Demonstrations, Slides, Judging Events, Project Talks, Guest Speakers, etc.)
 - a. Recreation
 - b. Announcements
 - c. Adjourn



Club Information Sheet

President: _____

Vice President: _____

Secretary: _____

Treasure: _____

Reporter: _____

Historian: _____

Sergeant at Arms: _____

Other Officers: _____

Club Leaders: _____

Project Leaders: _____

Activity Leaders: _____

County Extension Agent: _____

Committees

Name: _____

Chairman: _____

Members: _____

Name: _____

Chairman: _____

Members: _____

Suggested 4-H Club Goals

For your club to be successful, you should set goals at the beginning of the year. Some goals are general for all clubs, and some goals are specific for your club. Below are suggested goals that your club should meet and space for you to write in your own club goals.

- The yearly program planned and sent to 4-H Extension Agent.
- The club held at least eight regular meetings.
- The average attendance at meetings was at least 75%.
- The club conducted a planned community service activity.
- Every club member presented something at two club meetings.
- The club had entries at county events day.
- At least 75% of members participated in special County 4-H activities.
- The president and council delegate attended all county council meetings.
- Club officers received formal training.

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Standard of Excellence for 4-H Clubs and Groups

Check the following Club Performance Standards completed during the 4-H year. Documentation may come from meeting minutes, scrapbooks, photos, newspaper articles, letters, etc.

Club Name: _____ County: _____

Club/Group President Signature: _____ Date: _____

Club Leader: _____ Date: _____

Total Number of checked responses for the 20 Excellent Standards: _____

2-13 Checked of 20 questions = **BRONZE** Clover Club Award
14-15 Checked of 20 questions = **SILVER** Clover Club Award
16-17 Checked of 20 questions = **GOLD** Clover Club Award
18-20 Checked of 20 questions = **EMERALD** Clover Club Award

Club Performance Standards

- _____ 1. Club/group had a planned annual program that includes group goals. (Ex: recruit 4 new members; 75% of members will attend camp; all members will choose one county learning activity to attend)
- _____ 2. Group members were actively involved in planning the group's annual program.
- _____ 3. Group selected an area of focus for their annual program. (Ex: health & fitness; environmental science; pet care; community service; intercultural understanding OR Club is represented in the community, by serving on a committee, council or board with adult partners)
- _____ 4. Group members were involved in implementing the annual program/activities. (Ex: planning and bringing snacks; leading the pledges; calling club members for a group meeting or assignment; presenting a demonstration; organizing a tour; introducing a speaker; leading recreation; teaching others)
- _____ 5. A calendar for the year was printed and distributed to members, parents, volunteers, and the local Extension Office. (Ex: identify meeting dates, locations, educational programs; special projects; social events; county or district events)
- _____ 6. All members were invited and at least 75% of group members were involved in at least nine group activities during the year. (Ex: meetings; club tours; recognition event)
- _____ 7. Group officers were elected or appointed and fulfilled their leadership roles.
- _____ 8. Group completed at least one (1) community service project.
- _____ 9. Group completed at least one (1) project that promotes 4-H visibility at the community or county level. (Ex: participating in a community parade; radio interviews during National 4-H Week; project displays in business windows; or doing website development for County Extension office)
- _____ 10. Group has completed at least one (1) project that promotes 4-H visibility at the county, multi-county, district, state, multi-state, national or global level.
- _____ 11. Group recruited at least one (1) project volunteer for at least 75% of the member's project learning areas.
- _____ 12. At least 75% of the members made progress toward individual 4-H project goals.

- _____ 13. Group developed a method to communicate with families at least three (3) times per year regarding group activities, education and achievements. (*Ex: newsletters; e-mails; calling tree; group activity that includes families*)
- _____ 14. Group planned at least one (1) activity to include parents and families in club activities. (*Ex: project showcase; skating party; tours; recognition event*)
- _____ 15. Members took part in a variety of events and/or meetings beyond the 4-H group level. (*Ex: county project workshops; district events; state fair; interstate exchange programs*)
- _____ 16. A scheduled recognition event was held for members, volunteers and parents.
- _____ 17. Club/group planned and implemented at least one multi-club activity. (*Ex: doing multi-club community service; several clubs managing a community or county event; conducting a multi-club learning or social event*)
- _____ 18. Group members participated in 4-H activities beyond the club level. (*Ex: county educational workshops; district events; state fair*)
- _____ 19. 4-H club/group consistently had a safety/supervision ratio of 1 adult to 10 youth.
- _____ 20. The racial/ethnic composition of the club reflects the diversity of the surrounding community. (*If club does not reflect the diversity of the community, then successful efforts to contact minority citizens in person, by mail, and through mass media may be used*).

Annual 4-H Club Program & Activity Plan

It is important to have a plan of what your club is going to do for the year. Use this sheet to plan the program and activities your club will do each year.

Club Name: _____

Regular Meeting Time: _____ Place: _____

Month	Educational Program	Recreation	Other Activities
September			
October			
November			
December			
January			
February			
March			
April			
May			
June			
July			
August			

Meeting Plan Form

It's a good idea at the beginning of the year to sit down and make plans for who is going to do what at your 4-H Club meetings throughout the year. You can use this sheet as a planning guide to outline who will have what responsibilities each member will have each month.

Month	Inspiration	Pledges	Introduce Program	Program
September				
October				
November				
December				
January				
February				
March				
April				
May				
June				
July				
August				

Meeting Minutes

Date: _____ Time Began: _____ Time Ended: _____

Place: _____ Members Present: _____ Visitors: _____

Business: _____

Educational Program/Recreation: _____

President

Secretary

Meeting Minutes

Date: _____ Time Began: _____ Time Ended: _____

Place: _____ Members Present: _____ Visitors: _____

Business: _____

Educational Program/Recreation: _____

President

Secretary

Meeting Minutes

Date: _____ Time Began: _____ Time Ended: _____

Place: _____ Members Present: _____ Visitors: _____

Business: _____

Educational Program/Recreation: _____

President

Secretary

Meeting Minutes

Date: _____ Time Began: _____ Time Ended: _____

Place: _____ Members Present: _____ Visitors: _____

Business: _____

Educational Program/Recreation: _____

President

Secretary

Meeting Minutes

Date: _____ Time Began: _____ Time Ended: _____

Place: _____ Members Present: _____ Visitors: _____

Business: _____

Educational Program/Recreation: _____

President

Secretary

Secretary's Monthly Report

As club secretary, you conduct correspondence on behalf of your club. A special type of correspondence is the Secretary's Monthly Report. This is sent to the county Extension office to help Extension agents know what is happening in the 4-H club at the end of the year.

Immediately after each monthly club meeting, fill out the report card. It is encouraged to make several copies of this report card for all your meetings. Continue to keep a record of the report cards in this book.

Sample 4-H Report Card

Dear County Extension Agent(s),

Below is a report of our recent 4-H meeting or activity:

Name of 4-H Club: _____

Type of meeting or activity: _____

Date of meeting or activity: _____ Place: _____

Total present: _____ Members: _____ Leaders: _____ Others: _____

What we did: _____

Date of next meeting: _____ Place: _____ Time: _____

Name of person making report

Title

Secretary's Annual Report

Name of Club: _____ Date Organized: _____

1. How many members were on the club roll this year? _____
2. How many regular meetings were held? _____
 - How many project/workshop meetings were held? _____
 - What kind were they? _____
3. What was the average attendance at club meetings? _____
 - What percentage of the club's membership is this? _____
4. What community improvement or service projects did the club participate in?

5. Number of club members exhibiting projects during the year? _____
6. How many members completed one or more projects? _____
 - What percentage of the club's membership is this? _____
7. How many members participated in the following during a club meeting:
_____ Gave a talk or demonstration _____ Lead an activity _____ Presented an exhibit
8. How many of your club members participated in the following?
_____ State University _____ County Camp _____ Specialty Camps _____ Achievement Banquet
_____ Fairs or Shows _____ Judging Events _____ Other (_____)
9. Is the club secretary's book complete? _____ Is the club treasurer's book complete? _____
 - Did your club keep a scrapbook? _____
10. Did any members, or your club, have a newspaper story printed? _____ How many? _____
 - Did members of the club make any radio/television broadcasts? _____ How many? _____
 - Did members of the club provide outreach on Social Media? _____ How many? _____
11. Did any member appear on school, community or civic programs pertaining to 4-H Club work? _____
 - How many occasions and what? _____

12. Outside Speakers

Name of Speaker	Subject

13. Project Work

Project	Number Enrolled	Number Completed	Project	Number Enrolled	Number Completed
Aerospace			Goat (Meat/Dairy)		
Agriculture Science			Healthy Living		
Beef			Horse		
Bicycle			Leadership Development		
Cat			Marine & Aquatic Sciences		
Citizenship			Meat Science		
Clothing & Sewing			Money Management		
Cloverbud			Nature & Outdoors		
Communication & Expressive Arts			Outdoor Adventures		
Community Service			Personal Well-being		
Computers			Pets		
Dairy Cattle			Plants & Gardening		
Discovering 4-H			Poultry		
Dog			Rabbits		
Earth Science			Robotics		
Electricity			Science & Technology		
Embryology			Sheep		
Energy			Shooting Sports		
Entomology			Small Engines		
Environment			Soil, Water, & Land Use		
Family & Child Development			Swine		
Food & Nutrition			Vet Science		
Forestry			Weather & Climate		
General Animal Sciences			Wood Working		
General Science			Workforce Preparation		
Geospatial					

Suggested 4-H Club Constitution

For additional information regarding club bylaws, please refer to EDIS publication 4H338, *Adopting 4-H Club Bylaws*
<https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/4h338>

Article I—Name

This organization should be known as the _____ 4-H Club.

Article II—Purpose

The purpose shall be to enable the members to work in harmony with one another for the best interests of the individual and of the community. Leadership, citizenship, and personal development should be the aim.

Article III—Membership

Any boy or girl between the ages of 8 and 18 years, who is interested in club work and willing to accept supervision by Extension Agents or volunteer leaders, may be considered for membership. The club will determine its membership under the guidelines of the Affirmative Action Programs of the Florida Cooperative Extension Service.

Article IV—Meetings

Meetings should be held regularly according to the needs and desires of the group.

Article V—Officers

Suggested officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Recreation Leader, Council Delegate, and Reporter as needed. The President, Vice-President, and Secretary should compose the executive committee. The adult 4-H leaders shall serve as advisors to the Executive Committee.

Article VI—Duties of Officers

The president shall preside at all meetings, appoint all committees, and attend to such other duties as usually pertaining to the office. The Vice-President shall act in the absence of the President. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings and attend to all correspondences of the club. The Treasurer shall collect and account for all monies of the club and shall pay out money only upon the order of the executive committee. The Reporter shall supply local newspapers with the news. The Recreation Leader shall plan and direct the club's recreational activities. The Council Delegate shall represent the club at council meetings and report to the club membership.

Head

I pledge...

Heart

*my Head
to clearer thinking*

Hands

*my Heart
to greater loyalty*

Health

*my Hands
to larger service
and my Health*



*to better living
for my club
my community
my country
and my world.*

The 4-H Pledge

The **HEAD** represents:

1. Thinking, planning and reasoning.
2. Gaining new and valuable knowledge.
3. Understanding the whys.

The **HEART** represents:

1. Being concerned about the welfare of others.
2. Accepting the responsibilities of citizenship.
3. Determining the values and attitudes by which to live.
4. Learning how to live and work with others.
5. Developing positive attitudes.

The **HANDS** represent:

1. Learning new skills.
2. Improving skills already known.
3. Being useful, helpful, and skillful.
4. Developing respect for work and pride in accomplishment.

The **HEALTH** represents:

1. Practicing healthful living.
2. Enjoying life.
3. Using leisure time wisely.
4. Protecting the well being of self and others.

The 4-H Pledge, first adopted in 1927, summarizes 4-H as the four-fold development of youth through the Head, Heart, Hands and Health.

Post a pledge banner at your meeting site. At the end of the first meeting, give everyone a card with the 4-H pledge to take home.



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