



Prairie County 4-H Members,

Congratulations on a productive 4-H year! As the 4-H year comes to an end, I wanted to send out some information on year-end expectations and opportunities.

4-H Record Books

Your completed 4-H record books are due to the Extension Office by **September 15th at 5:00 p.m.** Each member should fill out one "My 4-H Year" form (don't forget to sign the form and have your leader sign it, too) and one "Project Journal" form for each project that you are enrolled in. If you are in a livestock project, the "Animal Record" form is used in place of the Project Journal. Cloverbuds have a special record sheet they fill out.

If your record book is not turned in by the due date, your 4-H year is considered incomplete. This means that you are not eligible for year-end awards this year and sponsored trips in the next 4-H year. Those taking market livestock projects will not be able to take a market livestock project in the following 4-H year if the book is not turned in.

4-H Project Books

4-H project books should be turned in along with your Record Books by September 15th to be assessed. If you have the type of project book that does not have a place to write in it, there is a special Project Completion Record form you will complete and insert in your project book. Market Livestock project books that were assessed on Interview Judging Day do not need to be turned in again.

4-H Year-End Awards

Applying for 4-H awards is optional, but you may decide you want to win an award! 4-H members can apply for awards in one or more of the following project areas: 1) Animal Science, 2) Family & Consumer Science, 3) General Science, or 4) Leadership & Community Service. A list of projects that fall into each of these award areas is included. One award winner will be selected in each of these four project areas in each of three age divisions. Age divisions are: Beginner (9-10 year olds), Junior (11-13 year olds), and Senior (14-19 year olds). Applicants will be competing for prizes valued at about \$10 each for Beginners, \$25 each for Juniors, and \$50 each for Seniors. To apply for an award in any age division, you will need to fill out the appropriate award application. Each applicant will fill out one "Prairie County 4-H Award Application" page and one "Award Project Area" page for each area you want to apply. Award applications and complete instructions are enclosed.

Questions?

If you have questions about record books, project books, or awards, please don't hesitate to contact us at the Extension Office. We are happy to help you.

Sincerely,

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