

4-H Guidelines for Scrapbooking

Scrapbooking is defined as a popular leisure activity that involves a very creative way to display photos and memorabilia items while preserving them in a safe way. Scrapbooking has been around for a long time, but now is done in a totally different way using safe products (acid-free, lignin-free, and pvc-free) and by making our pages more creative.

Preservation of photos, news clippings, etc. is done by placing items on acid-free paper using photo mounts, photo corners or type of adhesive and adding accessories whether it be by pens, stickers, etc. Although it is not required, it is recommended that acid-free materials be used.

| <u>Age Groups</u> | <u>Minimum pages required</u> | <u>Maximum pages required</u> |
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| 5 - 11 | 6 pages | 10 pages |
| 12 - 14 | 10 pages | 14 pages |
| 15 - 19 | 14 pages | 20 pages |

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR ALL MEMBERS

Learn the importance of preserving photos, news clippings, certificates, etc

Acid free/lignin free materials are preferred but not required

Albums must be 8 1/2 x 11 or 12 x12 size

Albums can be 3-ring binder, post-bound or strap-hinge

Minimum number of pages (based on age groups) must be in page protectors, back to back (ex: 10 page protectors would hold 20 pages back to back)

Not limited to photos only. May include certificates, ribbons, news clippings etc.

Neatness

Creativity - including use of stickers, die cuts, cropped photos, printed papers, punches etc.

Journaling must be displayed on every page. Types of journaling: *title* (ex: *Christmas, 4-H Fair, Florida trip, summer time, etc.*); *who, what, when & where* (ex: Aunt Mary at the lake for my birthday, summer 1999); *story* (*brief story describing event in photos*)

Title page with name, age & theme

GUIDELINES PER AGE GROUP -

Ages 5-11

Basic guidelines of scrapbooking

Basic cropping of photo

Matting of photos

Use of stickers, punches, cut outs, etc. for embellishments

Use of printed papers

Ages 12-14

Basic guidelines of scrapbooking

Basic cropping of photos plus circle or oval shapes

Single & double matting of photos
Use of templates, decorative scissors
Use of printed papers
Page borders
Use of stickers, die cuts, punches, etc. for embellishments

Ages 15-19

Basic guidelines of scrapbooking
Creativity of layouts using own embellishments
Two 2-page layout of same event
Single & double matting of photos
Decorative page borders and/or creative page theme (ex: winter layout...snow, trees etc.)
Use of punches, stickers, die cuts, etc. for embellishments
Cropping of photos including silhouettes
Use of printed papers

Suggested page/album themes:

Vacations; 4-H experiences; pets; sports; holidays; school years; friends; grandparents; family; world events; summer vacations; etc.