**HOW TO DO A PROJECT**

Projects can utilize a project book available at the 4 H mall <http://www.4-hmall.org/Home.aspx> or you can develop your own project goals and direction. You are not required to use the book but it is a good idea if you are new to the subject.  A few projects do not even have a book.  For those that have a book, the project book guides you through the project.  The key is to pick the right level of book for you, so read the descriptions like age/grade etc. For instance it might be your first time really learning about a subject but you are in a higher grade...than the first level book so maybe you start at the second level book. (Hint: there are copies of all books to preview at main 4H office located at:)

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Hours: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm  Just call to tell them when you are coming in to browse project books: Phone: (410) 313-2707

You can also go to our website to look at free project guides that other states offer. Click on Resources then Project Resources at: <http://patapscovalley4h.weebly.com/>

**If you do not get a book you create then you create your own plan that includes:**

1.  Several *learning experiences*. Examples can be that you got book(s) out of library and read and worked on things from the book.  Or you attended a class, workshop or event about your subject. You researched on the internet. Just do your best to keep track of these learning experiences so you can record them in your final record book. (note dates, use photos, keep receipts, etc.)

2.  You *share your subject with others – visual demo presentation*.  This could be  a demonstration at a club meeting, a project update at a club meeting, a project sharing at our Sept. club meeting or even if you gave a demonstration or talk at a family event or school show and tell time.

3.  You *exhibit your project* - normally this is done at the fair.  Technically you could also exhibit at another function

4. You submit a *record book* for your project (due at January meeting each year)

**EXAMPLE:**

Let’s say you are doing Crafts and Hobbies, this one has NO project book so an example would be then:

1.  You go to a craft fair, you get out a book on paper crafting at library and do several of the crafts (take photos), your Aunt is over and she teaches you how to do a craft she knows well, you take a summer camp on crafts or an afterschool craft program.  All these are learning experience - try to document them with photos and save flyers from events that you go to for your record book.  Have a bin or big file folder to throw all these things in to store for when you do your record book.

2.  Do a demo of your craft at a club meeting.  Or share your craft at our Sept fair project sharing meeting.  Or even at a family get together or if you are babysitting, do a demo of your craft.  (Document this with photos, etc if you can for record book)

3. Exhibit craft projects at the fair.  You can exhibit several different types of crafts.  You will get the fair book in May and you look it over and pick what categories your crafts fit into and exhibit in those areas. You must exhibit at least one craft.

4. Work on your record book for crafts and hobbies and submit that at January meeting.

DONE!