Lake County 4-H

HORSE PROJECT

RECORD BOOK

4-H MEMBER INFORMATION	
4-H Member Name	
4-H Club	
Horse Name	
4-H Year	
Project Level	Junior ☐ Intermediate ☐ Senior ☐

This record book is designed to help 4-H members document their horse project, develop life skills, track progress, and reflect on what they learn throughout the year.

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1. SMART Goals & Project Plan

This is what I want to learn (my goals) this year. Project goals should be **SMART**: Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, and Time-bound.

EXAMPLE SMART GOAL	
Goal	Improve my knowledge and skills in my project area.
Specific	Learn three new techniques or practices related to my project and apply them during project activities.
Measurable	Successfully demonstrate or use each new technique at least twice.
Attainable	Practice for 15 minutes, 4 days a week, with help from my club leader.
Relevant	Learning new skills will help me become more knowledgeable and successful in my project.
Time-bound	Complete this goal by the end of the project year.

List three (3) goals for this year.

Goal 1

Goal 2

Goal 3

Signatures

4-H Member Signature _____ **Date** _____

4-H Leader Signature _____ **Date** _____

4-H Staff Signature _____ **Date** _____

2. Horse Information

Use this page to document your Project Horse. If your project includes two horses, duplicate this page and complete a separate page for each horse.

Horse Information	Details
Registered Name	
Barn Name	
Breed	
Sex	
Color	
Age	
Height	
Approx. Weight	
Owner	
Date Acquired / Leased	
Years with Member	
Primary Discipline(s)	
Identifying Marks	
Beginning Value	$
Ending Value	$

3. Health & Farrier Records

Veterinary / Health Record

Date	Reason / Procedure	Veterinarian	Medication / Treatment	Cost
			Total	$ 0.00

Vaccination / Preventive Care

Date	Vaccine / Preventive Care	Veterinarian	Next Due	Cost
			Total	$ 0.00

Farrier Record

Date	Trim / Shoes	Notes (cracks, damage, thrown shoe)	Cost
		Total	$ 0.00

Section 3 Total Cost

Veterinary / Health		Vaccination / Preventive		Farrier		Section 3 Total
$ 0.00	+	$ 0.00	+	$ 0.00	=	$ 0.00

4. Feed Expenses

Include feed, hay, supplements, treats, etc.

Month	Product	Amount	Cost
		Total	$ 0.00

5. Events, Shows, Clinics & Activities

List shows, clinics, and events attended, including location and cost.

Date	Event / Activity	Location	Cost
		Total	$ 0.00

6. Income Summary

Record project-related income: donations, sponsors, cash prizes, work, etc.

Date	Source	Description	Amount
		Total	$ 0.00

7. Financial Summary

EXPENSES	
Beginning Horse Value (Sec. 2)	$
Health & Farrier (Sec. 3 total)	$ 0.00
Feed Expenses (Sec. 4 total)	$ 0.00
Events, Shows, Clinics (Sec. 5 total)	$ 0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	**$ 0.00**

ASSETS	
Ending Horse Value (Sec. 2)	$
Income Summary (Sec. 6 total)	$ 0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	**$ 0.00**

$0.00	–	$0.00	=	$0.00
Total Assets		Total Expenses		Profit / (Loss)

Please note: *This financial record provides a simplified overview of horse-related expenses for educational purposes. It is not intended to capture every cost associated with owning, leasing, or caring for a horse.*

8. Leadership, Citizenship & Teaching

Minimum entries required for this section: **Juniors – 6 • Intermediates – 8 • Seniors – 10**

Leadership occurs when a person takes the initiative to organize, delegate, and allow others to have a part. List leadership roles and responsibilities you had in 4-H, with specific examples: club officer, committee chair, organizing an event, recruiting new members, 4-H camp, conferences, Lake County Fair, and club activities.

Date	Responsibility / Accomplishments	Audience
Ex: 09/01	Fundraising chair for my club – as a club, we raised over $500 this year.	15 club members and adults

Citizenship is something done for the betterment of the community, focusing on the voluntary services a person provides. Examples: park clean-up day, delivering treats to firefighters, a food drive, natural disaster clean-up, collecting toys or school supplies.

Date	Responsibility / Accomplishments	Audience
Ex: 11/15	Helped my club collect food for a food drive; we delivered 10 baskets of food.	Families in need

Teaching is sharing skills (knowledge, know-how, and interpersonal skills) with another person. Examples: a project demonstration, or teaching an activity such as grooming, caring for an animal, or reading a feed label at a club meeting, county event, or in the community.

Date	Responsibility / Accomplishments	Audience
Ex: 12/02	Club demonstration on how to groom and band a horse's mane for a show.	8 club members and adults

9. Project Photos (3)

Each photo should include a brief educational caption of 25–50 words. Photos should cover the entire project from beginning to end and must show work being completed.

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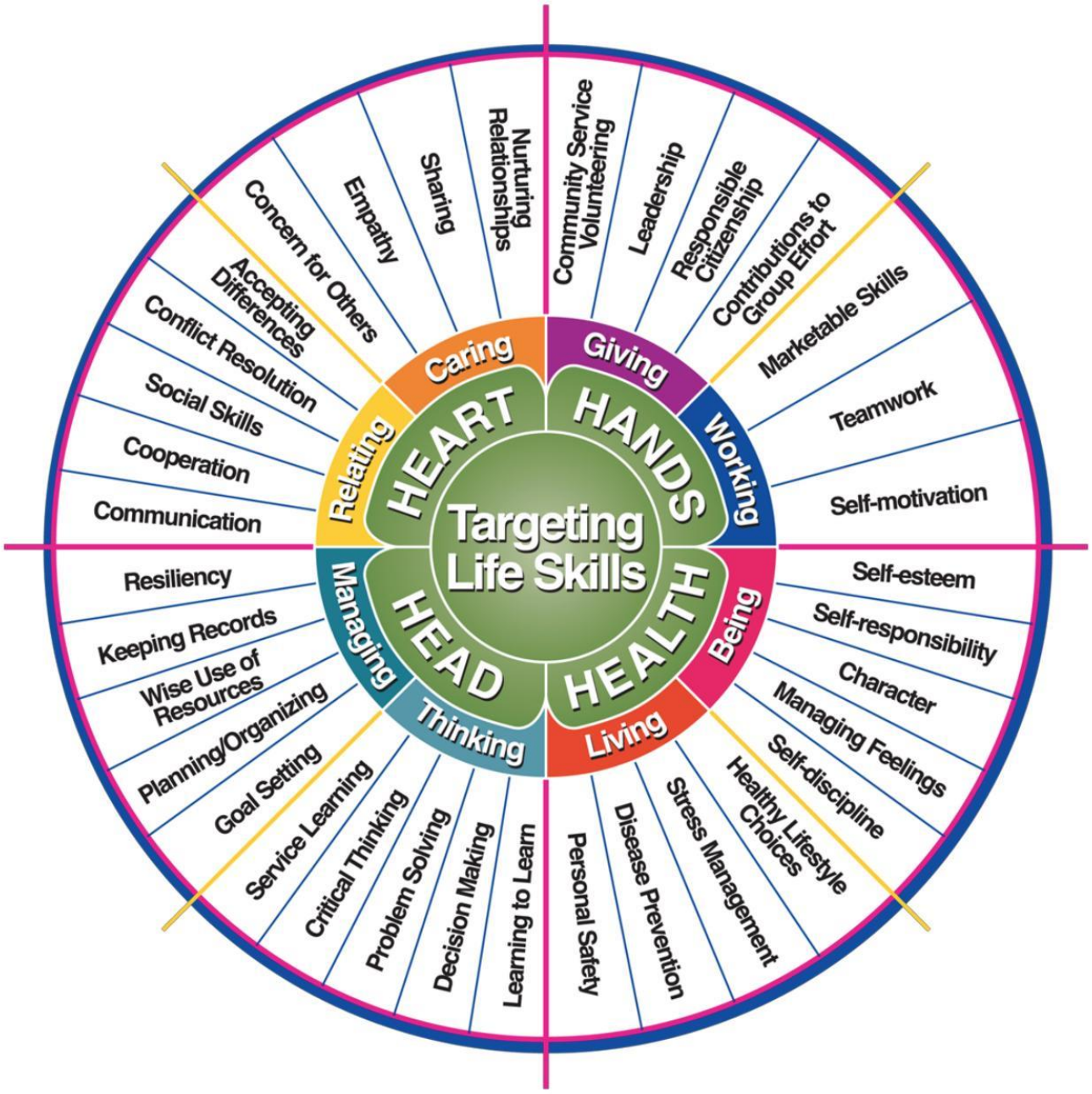
10. 4-H Life Skills

Using the Targeting Life Skills Wheel below, choose life skills you developed throughout the 4-H year. Minimum requirement for this section: 3 life skills.



10. 4-H Life Skills Reflection

Life Skill #1: _____

How did your 4-H project help you with this life skill?

Life Skill #2: _____

How did your 4-H project help you with this life skill?

Life Skill #3: _____

How did your 4-H project help you with this life skill?

Record Book Judging Rubric

For judges' use only.

Category	Possible Points	Score	Comments
Completeness, Neatness & Organization	10		
Project Goals	10		
Project Horse Information	10		
Health & Farrier Records	10		
Feed Expenses	10		
Events & Income	10		
Financial Summary	10		
Leadership, Citizenship & Teaching	10		
Project Photos & Captions	10		
Life Skills Reflection	10		
TOTAL	**100**		

Judge Signature _____ **Date** _____