

KEEPING A 4-H PORTFOLIO

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What is a 4-H Portfolio?:

A 4-H portfolio is a wonderful collection of items that show what you have done in 4-H. Some other names for a portfolio might be:

- a 4-H memory box
- a 4-H experience box
- a 4-H history box

Actually, it might not be a box at all! You can keep your portfolio items in a box, in a drawer, in a paper bag, in a file drawer, or in a large envelope: the important thing is that you collect the items that show what you have done in 4-H.

What goes into my portfolio?

In your portfolio, you will keep items that reflect your participation in 4-H and your participation in your community. You will collect items for your portfolio every year you are in 4-H, even if you repeated an activity a second year. Your portfolio might include:

- 4-H ribbons
- Newspaper articles written about you and 4-H
- Photos of you involved in your 4-H projects
- Newspaper articles you have written about 4-H
- Programs from awards night, fairs, demonstration days, and other 4-H events (these remind you of where you went, what you did, and when).
- Project records
- Letters or certificates of recognition from 4-H and other places
- Personal notes about places you went through 4-H (field trips, tours, etc.)
- A list of the goals you have set for yourself in 4-H
- School report cards and transcripts
- List of committees on which you served
- List of leadership roles held (club officer, teen council, etc.)
- A list of 4-H leaders and others who helped you with your projects
- A list of 4-H activities you have been involved in such as fairs, quiz bowls, camp, fashion revue, poster contest, etc.
- Who taught, and what you taught them (sharing what you have learned by teaching others is important.)