

Scrapbooking Traditional

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State Fair Entry: Not eligible for State Fair

Project Check In: Tuesday, June 24, 2025; 7:30AM-8:45AM, Home & Family Arts Building, Kosciusko County Fairgrounds

Judging: Tuesday, June 24, 2025; 9:00AM, Home & Family Arts Building, Kosciusko County Fairgrounds

General Requirements:

- Each scrapbook album will have a front and back cover with pages firmly attached between the covers. Page protectors are highly recommended but not required. Be sure both front and back covers are acid/lignin free.
- Photographs are required in your scrapbook album and should be the main focus.
- Memorabilia is optional but highly recommended as it will add significantly to the interest of the album. Memorabilia adds meaning, texture, and variety to your scrapbook. These are items that tell an important part of the story and will significantly contribute to the rest of the page. Memorabilia includes items such as: newspaper clippings, ticket stubs, ribbons, programs, certificates, and other small items. You may use memorabilia throughout the album and have two (2) pages dedicated to it entirely.
- Neatness counts! Exhibit clean pages with clear writing.
- Your handwriting is part of your heritage – please use it often! NO COMPUTER CREATED WRITING IS ALLOWED. You may use stickers to title your page, but ALL JOURNALING MUST BE DONE IN YOUR OWN HANDWRITING.
- Journaling – You can either use a journaling box to tell the story OR caption each photo on the page OR both would be allowed. A caption can be one word if it describes the photo or adds to the story.
- You should use acid/lignin free, buffered pages for your scrapbook.
 - Acid free = pH balanced chemistry, so your pages will not accelerate the natural deterioration of your photos.
 - Lignin free pages will maintain their durability and whiteness (non-yellowing).
 - Buffering has a neutralizing effect to protect photos against pollutants from the environment, acidic greeting cards, etc.
- Album pages that you want judged need to be labeled. The judge will automatically judge the first 6, 8, or 10 pages in your scrapbook, unless that you indicate which 6, 8, or 10 pages you want judged.
- Have fun preserving your memories!
- Artificial Intelligence (AI) may be used, with parent permission, when creating this exhibit and is to be documented as a reference. A majority of the work to create this exhibit is to be the 4-H member's original work.

Level 1: 6 completed pages for judging, 8 ½ x 11 or 12 x 12 scrapbooks

- Layout: Simple – no more than 2 -3 colors of paper (solid or patterned) per page. Stickers and die cuts can be used, but are not mandatory
- Photographs: 4 of the 6 pages should include at least 1 photo. All pages can include photos.
- Cropping: Straight cutting of photos using regular scissors or paper cutter, you may also use circle, oval or other shaped templates if you desire. Decorative scissors can be used on colored paper. Corner rounder can be used on photos if desired.
- Journaling: Label each photo supplying the basic information (who, what, when, where, and why) and/or journal box appropriate for the page. Remember to use your own print/handwriting.
- Keep in mind that the main focus is preservation and not how many stickers or fancy papers you use on your page. Let your pictures and memorabilia be the main focus.

Level 2: 8 completed pages for judging, 8 ½ x 11 or 12 x 12 scrapbooks

- Layout: More creative layout, i.e., coordinating papers, stickers, etc. Creative borders and lettering can be used.
- Photographs: 6 of the 8 pages should include at least 1 photo. All pages can include photos.
- Cropping: Silhouette cropping can be used in addition to techniques you have learned in the previous division.
- Journaling: Create captions for each photo by putting basic information (who, what, when, where, and why) into sentences and/or journal box appropriate for the page. Remember to use your own print/handwriting.
- Using a variety of cropping techniques and page layouts will add interest and creativity to your album. Not everything needs to be “artsy”. Use a nice balance.

Level 3: 10 completed pages for judging, 12 x 12 scrapbook

- Layout: May include a pop-up page, pocket page, or quilt type layout, but not every page has to be these types. Use techniques you have learned in previous divisions. Include a variety of layouts.

- Photographs: 8 of the 10 pages should include at least 1 photo. All pages can include photos.
- Cropping: Expand on previous learned techniques to increase the creativity of your album.
- Journaling: Create captions for each photo by putting basic information (who, what, when, where, and why) into sentences and/or journal box appropriate for the page. Remember to use your own print/handwriting.