ANDERSON COUNTY 4-H
Guidelines for Completing Your 4-H Project
(Adapted from Glenn Turner, Sevier county Agent)

Review the Activity Page for your project with your parents or guardians and decide which activities you want to do in your project this year. Put a check on the skills and activities you want to learn and do this year. Your Activity Page has great ideas for things to learn, service projects, demonstration topics, and contests related to your project area. You can add activities and skills to the list if you want. You are not limited to the choices of activities listed.

Do the activities and work to learn the skills you marked on your Activity Pages. Put a ☑️ by the activities and skills you accomplish. It is okay if you do not succeed in completing every activity you checked as a goal in your plan. If possible, take pictures of you doing project activities to put in your project folder.

Complete the Project Report Form. Answer the questions in each section of the Project Report Form, including the story about you and your project work.

Complete your 4-H Project by putting the following items in your folder. Please write your first and last name on every form so nothing gets lost or misplaced. Check off each item to make sure you include everything.

✓ ☐ Activity Page
✓ ☐ Project Report Form
✓ ☐ Photo Page – You may include one page of pictures showing your work on your project. There is no special form for photos. If you do not have access to a camera or a printer, it is okay not to include the photo page.
✓ ☐ Additional Pages – You are welcome to include additional pages or records that show your project involvement (optional, but items must fit in your folder). You will get many ideas from your Activity Page. For example, a child in the gardening project might include a drawing that shows the layout of the plants in their garden.

Turn in your completed 4-H Project Folder to your teacher/4-H leader on or before April 1. Do your best! Awards will be presented for the best project work submitted in each project area. If you have any questions or need help, please call the 4-H office at 457-6246. If you would like another project to work on, you can find additional Activity Pages at the following website: http://4h.tennessee.edu/projects/index.htm.
Looking Ahead in 4-H

We know some parents are very goal-minded and want to know what the next steps are in 4-H. If that describes you, here is additional information about 4-H projects. However, if that is too big to consider right now, FOCUS on helping your child complete his or her project record this year and turn it in by the April 1 deadline.

From Projects to Portfolios
Starting in 6th grade, children are eligible to submit a 4-H Portfolio, which is a summary of their involvement in a specific project for the past two years, as well as their service and 4-H leadership activities. A member’s project work each year begins building a successful portfolio. Ideally a member would continue their involvement in a specific project for several years to build a strong portfolio, but the most important thing is that a member works on projects he or she enjoys!

Jr. High Portfolios (6th – 8th grade)
These portfolios are judged at the regional level, with winners recognized at Multi-County 4-H Achievement Day. Portfolios, in combination with an application, are also used to select the winners that get to go to Academic Conference, a three-day summer event on UT Knoxville campus. During this conference, youth get to participate in hands-on learning with professors on campus to explore career possibilities – and enjoy one day at Dollywood to wrap up an awesome event.

Senior 1 Portfolios (9th & 10th grade)
These portfolios are judged at both the regional and state level. Regional winners earn an opportunity to compete at 4-H Roundup or 4-H Congress (statewide 4-H events). State winners receive a $500 college scholarship to the University of Tennessee.

Senior 2 Portfolios (11th & 12th grade)
These portfolios are judged at both the regional and state level. Regional winners earn an opportunity to compete at 4-H Roundup or 4-H Congress. State winners receive a college scholarship (amounts vary; $1,000 is typical) to the University of Tennessee and a trip to attend National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia.

We offer 4-H Portfolio training several times during the year and announce these dates in the 4-H newsletter. We invite your family to register to attend a 4-H portfolio training and learn how to start building a scholarship-winning project. You don’t need to wait until your child is in 6th grade. We encourage 5th grade families to attend so they know what they can be doing this year to include in their 6th grade portfolio.