

Guidelines for Primary 4-H Members Star Ranks and PDR

These guidelines are for the leaders who work with Primary 4-H Members Project Development Reports (PDR's). They are intended to help the adult leaders who teach Primary Members about the concept of record keeping. Guidelines for Primary Members which include projects, ages, and other information are also available.

This record keeping will result in:

- 1) Keeping a record of events, dates, skills learned, outstanding achievements, etc. and what the Primary Member did.
- 2) Logging points towards earning a White Star and the White Star Pin ranks.
- 3) Introducing the 4-H Member to some of the categories and recording methods that are used for the higher Star Ranks of Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum.

In the Los Angeles County 4-H, there are 8 categories of items which Primary Members can keep track of to earn points for the White Star and the White Star Pin. The adult leaders should attempt to guide the Primary Member to use the 4 years of Primary 4-H enrollment to satisfy earning the two ranks available. The adult leader should remember that the White Star Rank must be achieved before the White Star Pin. Points accumulated for the White Star may be carried over to the totals for the White Star Pin.

The requirements are as follows:

White Star:

- 1) Attend 40% of the local club meetings.
- 2) Attend 80% of project meetings.
- 3) Complete 5 of the 8 categories on the Primary PDR (including the 3* categories).

White Star Pin:

- 1) Attend 40% of the local club meetings.
- 2) Attend 80% of project meetings.
- 3) Complete 6 of the 8 categories on the Primary PDR (including the 3* categories).

Because meeting attendance is so important, a rank will not be earned if the percentage required are not satisfied. Adult leaders should explain this to the Primary Members and let them know how many meetings they can miss and still achieve their rank. At the end of the year, the adult leaders should help the member divide the meetings attended by the meetings held to figure the percentage.

The member must complete the number of items required to complete that category. For example, for the White Star category 2, the Primary Member must have participated 2 separate times to complete 1 category, such as 2 fairs, 1 club exhibit, and 1 judging activity.

Some Primary Members may achieve a rank in one year though it is important to remember that each rank is designed to take 2 years. Items can only be counted on one category. While working on the White Star Rank, the member may combine more than 1 year of work to meet the requirements.

Keep in mind that these ranks were designed to last until the member has reached 9 years old. Don't rush through it! The members should take their time and make the most of it. If a 5 or 6 year old achieves both ranks in 2 years, they will have nothing to work for until eligible for the Bronze Star.

The White Star rank patch is worn on the member's hat until the Bronze Star rank is earned and awarded. The White Star Pin is worn on the 4-H member's hat on top of the White Star rank patch until the Bronze Star rank is earned and then the pin is moved on the hat to the area of other medals.

The prior earning of a White Star or White Star Pin is not required for the Bronze Star rank. No points earned as a Primary Member are carried over to the Junior 4-H Member records.

**Los Angeles County – Primary Member
4-H Personal Development Report
Instructions for completing Primary PDR**

Club Meeting Attendance: Enter the number of local club meetings you attended. Enter the number of club meetings held during the year. Divide the “meetings attended” by the “meetings held” to determine the percentage of attendance. For example, if you went to 6 out of 8 meetings held, the percentage would be 6/8 or 75%.

Project Meeting Attendance: Enter the number of project meetings you attended (all projects totaled together). Enter the number of project meetings that were held (all your enrolled project meetings totaled together). Do the same calculations as in club meeting attendance.

1. **Kept Records Of Projects:** Completely fill out a Project Report Form for each project in which you are enrolled.
2. **4-H Project Skill Activities:** Enter the “meeting name” and the date where you displayed your project work. Enter the “fair name” and the date where you displayed your project work. Participation in a judging contest where you judged with other 4-H members.
3. **4-H Events Attended:** Enter “event name” and date for the club events that you attended. These can be club, District, Sectional or State Events.
4. **4-H Leadership Development:** Enter “committee name” and date for those committees that you helped in some way. Enter all personal appearances in connection with 4-H work not represented elsewhere (not 4-H meetings or 4-H events).
5. **4-H Citizenship and Community Service:** Took part with other members of your club or group in a planned program of community study, development, or service.
6. **4-H Communication Skills:** Gave Talk About Project, Event, Etc. Prepared and talked about a project meeting or an event before your project group, 4-H club, district council, etc. Enter topic, date & where. Include news articles written, T.V., radio, and reports.
7. **4-H Demonstrations:** Prepared and gave a demonstration before your project group, 4-H club or Field Day, etc. Enter title, date & where. In a demonstration you show how to make or do something step by step until item is completed.
8. **Lifestyle Activities (4-H and outside of 4-H):** Enter activities in school, church or your community. (For example, church club, choir, sports, music lessons etc.).

Los Angeles County – Primary 4-H Member 4-H PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Name of 4-H Club/Unit: _____

Program Year: _____ Total Years in 4-H: _____

Name: _____

Birth Date: _____ Gender: Male Female

Age on December 31: _____ Grade in School: _____

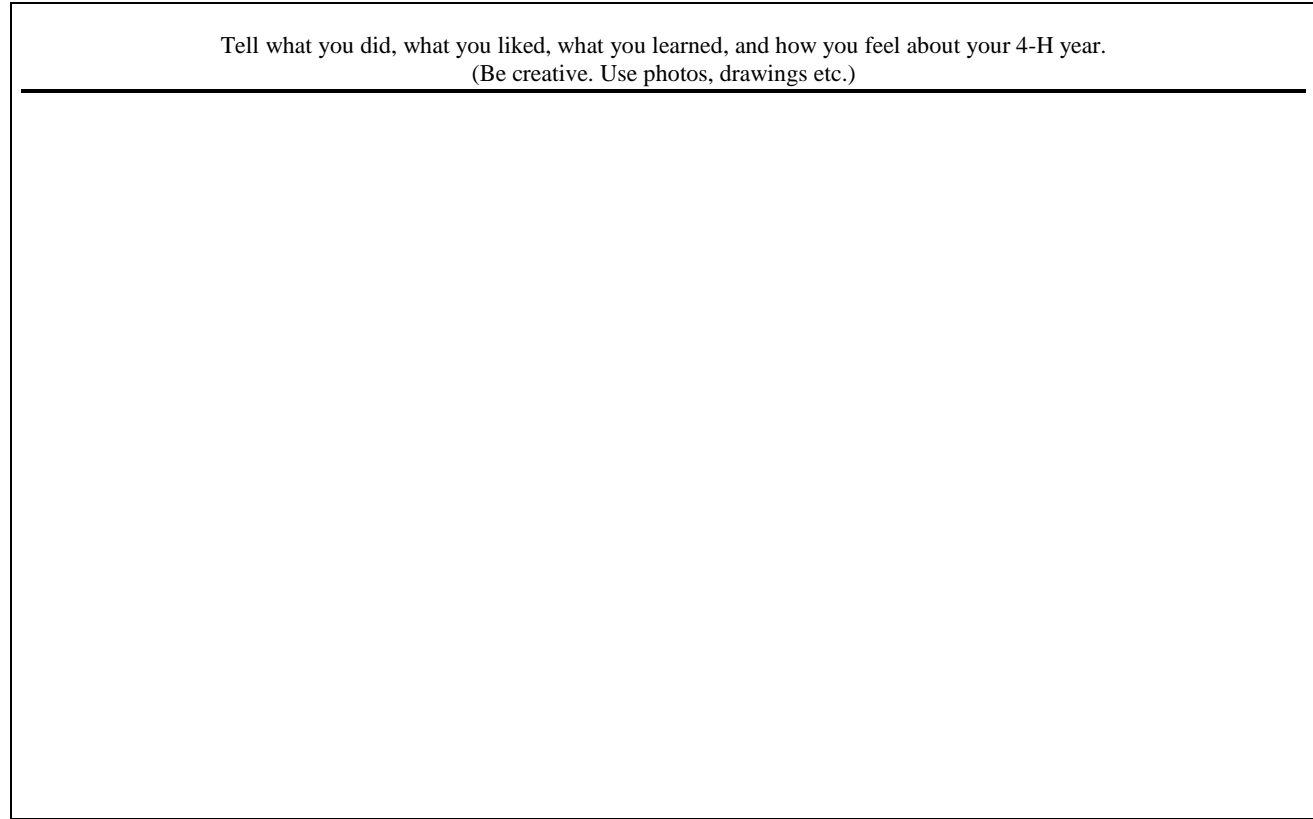
Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____



MY 4-H STORY

Tell what you did, what you liked, what you learned, and how you feel about your 4-H year.
(Be creative. Use photos, drawings etc.)



I have personally prepared this report with help and believe it to be correct.

Members Signature :

Date:

I have personally reviewed this report and believe it to be correct.

Parent / Guardian Signature:

Date:

4-H Community Club / Unit Leader's Signature:

Date:

Los Angeles County – Primary Member
4-H PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Record your Primary 4-H Member work and activities here.

To qualify for a Primary 4-H Member Star Rank, the White Star or the White Star Pin Awards, you must attend 80 percent of the project meetings and 40 percent of the local club meetings. Also, to obtain either of the Primary 4-H Member Stars, you must complete the number of different items required for each rank. The item numbers are accumulative from one rank to the next.

For example, if you participated in a project exhibit at a fair one time, write 1 in the “Total This Year” column headed “Total Past Years”. A Personal Development Report is kept for each year.

Club Meetings Attended This Year	Meetings Held	Meetings Attended	Percent Attended
During the current year, 40% attendance is required for any achievement rank <i>Do not include project meetings.</i>			
Project Meetings – 80% attendance			

Categories of Participation <small>Transfer credits from previous years to the column headed “Total From Past Years.”</small>	Total Past Years	Total This Year	Total All Years	Number of Different Categories Required	
				White Star 5 Required	White Star 6 pin Required
1. Kept Record of 4-H Projects				1*	2*
2. 4-H Project Skill Activities				4	8
3. 4-H Events Attended				6	12
4. Leadership Development Committees 4-H Representation				3	6
5. Citizenship & Community Service				3*	6*
6. Communication Skills (talks, reports, TV, news articles, radio)				2	4
7. Demonstrations				1*	3*
8. Lifestyle Activities (4-H and Outside of 4-H)				2	4

* required for star rank

Star Rank

4-H Member must be currently enrolled in the 4-H Youth Development Program.

Present Star Rank: None White Star White Star Pin

Star Rank Applying For: None White Star White Star Pin

Approved Not Approved

4-H Club / Unit Leader’s Signature

Date

2. 4-H Project Skill Activities

Star Requirements: White Star – 4 White Star Pin – 8

Total Past Years: _____ Total This Year: _____ Total All Years: _____

Date	Level	List type of activity	Location
Total Number:			

3. 4-H Events Attended

Star Requirements: White Star – 6 White Star Pin – 12

Total Past Years: _____ Total This Year: _____ Total All Years: _____

Date	Level	List type of activity	Location
Total Number:			

4. 4-H Project Leadership Development

Star Requirements: White Star – 3 White Star Pin – 6

Total Past Years: _____ Total This Year: _____ Total All Years: _____

Date	Level	Type of Leadership activity	Location
Total Number:			

5. 4-H Citizenship & Community Service

Star Requirements: White Star – 3* White Star Pin – 6*

Total Past Years: _____ Total This Year: _____ Total All Years: _____

Date	Level	Type of Citizenship activity	Location
Total Number:			

6. 4-H Communication Skills

Star Requirements: White Star – 2 White Star Pin – 4

Total Past Years: _____ Total This Year: _____ Total All Years: _____

Date	Level	Type of Leadership activity	Location
Total Number:			

7. 4-H Demonstrations

Star Requirements: White Star – 1* White Star Pin – 3*

Total Past Years: _____ Total This Year: _____ Total All Years: _____

Date	Level	Type of Demonstration	Location
Total Number:			

8. Lifestyle Activities (4-H and Outside of 4-H)

Star Requirements: White Star – 2 White Star Pin – 4

Total Past Years: _____ Total This Year: _____ Total All Years: _____

Date	Level	Type of Leadership activity	Location
Total Number:			

Include your specific involvement (attended, completed, presented, etc.) and the level of participation:

I = Individual, **L** = Local Club / Unit / Project, **C** = County / Area / District,
M = Multi-county / Section, **S** = State, **N** = National/Multi-State, **G** = Global

You may add lines or a page for each category, if needed.

