



June Record Book Tip Sheet



Your 4-H story is what really sets your KAP apart from all the rest. You want your story to encompass your whole 4-H year, but the main focus should be the project you're doing a KAP for. Follow the tips below to write a fun and exciting 4-H story that the judges will remember!

- Older 4-H'ers should be able to reach the 6-page limit on their story. We all know 4-H keeps you busy, so you should have plenty to write about!
- Start out by introducing yourself. Tell us how old you are, what projects and club you're in, and why you chose the project you're doing the KAP for.
- Give the judges a snapshot of all the projects you were enrolled in. For example, say you're enrolled in the sheep, clothing, and wildlife projects this year and you're working on your clothing KAP; go ahead and share a little about your sheep and wildlife projects, but keep it limited to one paragraph.
- Do not use the same story for multiple KAP's. Remember, your story should highlight one project area, so you can't use the same story for every KAP and still be competitive.
- Share details about what you learned, struggles you had, and if you achieved your goals or not. The other sections of the KAP only tell the judges what happened, but it doesn't allow you to give details. If you say that you did a citizenship project or attended a showmanship clinic, give more details about these types of activities in your story.
- Try to focus on unique or fun experiences that helped you grow in the project area. This will show the judges that you took the time to learn more about the project area and make your KAP stand out.
- Have an adult proofread your story when you're finished; even the best stories lose points when there are spelling and grammar mistakes and you can't always rely on the computer to catch your mistakes.
- Most importantly, let your personality show through your story! The judges should feel like they know you a little bit better after reading your story.