

You Have Chosen a Special Interest Project... Now What?

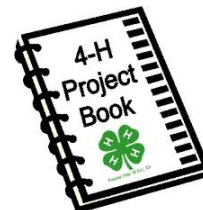
1. Get your project book and review the Project Requirements

- Be sure to review the project completion, county, and state requirements. The link to this document can be found on the front of your project book or at <http://go.osu.edu/ProgramRequirements>.
- Visual Display is required for many special interest projects. This could be a tri-fold poster, scrapbook, or any other way to display the information learned. Ensure that pictures and explanation of the completed project are included.



2. Filling out your Book

- Complete the project book including learning experiences and citizen/leadership experiences.
- Remember some books can be completed over 2 years; members only need to complete minimum number of activities specified on the project completion. That is a minimum amount- if the member is having fun keep going!



3. Practice Judging

- Member should prepare a “little speech” about their project. Members may find it easier to share their findings rather than being asked questions by the judge. Things to keep in mind:
 - What were your goals this year?
 - What did you do or make to reach those goals?
 - What did you learn?
 - What was the biggest challenged you faced?
 - What would you do differently?



4. Judging Day

- Members will be assigned a judging time for their project. This will be posted on Mercer County Extension Website and reviewed by advisors
- Report 10 minutes early for your judging time with all your project materials including your book!
- Make sure you know your 4-H age, club name, judge number, and project.



5. Fair

- All projects will be proudly be displayed in the club booths inside the Junior Fair Buidling. Your advisor will determine this process for your club.
- Members should review the schedule for picking up their premiums (\$5) during the fair.
- Members will receive a letter in the mail if they qualify for a trophy or state fair.
- Members may earn an Outstanding or Best in Class ribbon and this will be displayed in their booth with their project.



Everyone should be proud of his or her accomplishment when completing a project - everyone is a winner!