



Coös County Cloverbud 4-H Gardening Booklet

Name: _____ Year: _____

This is my _____ year doing 4-H Gardening Project

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Garden location: _____

Age as of January 1st _____ Club Name: _____

Category (Circle all that apply): Vegetable, Container, Flower, Herbs, Giant Sunflower, Pumpkin, Sunflower Variety, Mushrooms, Pizza Garden

Our Gardening Program sponsors are:

Coös County 4-H Advisory Council
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Lancaster, NH 03584

Berlin Kiwanis
PO Box 72
Berlin, NH 03570

Mailed thank you: ___/___/___ Mailed thank you: ___/___/___



Deadlines:

- Thank you notes: **Due June 10**
- Booklet: **Reviewed by Garden Evaluator on August 24th to be considered for Garden Completion Award**
- Garden Evaluated: **August 24, 2022**

Your 4-H Gardening Project Record Book

Introduction

This Gardening Project Record Book has been created specifically for 4-H members enrolled in 4-H gardening projects. Keeping a record book is an important part of the project, however it is NOT required for Cloverbuds. It will help you set goals for the project year, record your accomplishments, and provide a place to keep important records on your garden.

What is a 4-H project?

A project is a subject or topic that you learn about in 4-H. In this case, your project is a garden or plant. You learn about your project by attending club meetings and educational workshops, and working with adult leaders and other 4-H members. You can also learn from field trips and by participating at local fairs.

Why complete a record book?

A record book is not meant to be a chore. Instead, it is a way for you to learn about your project, as well as other valuable skills such as setting goals, collecting information, evaluating information, tracking costs and expenses, organization, and others.



Completing your 4-H Gardening Project Record Book.

At the beginning of the 4-H year, you will identify what type of gardening project you would like to do this year.

Then begin recording all of the relevant information. It is important to keep your record book up to date, so that completing it doesn't become a chore at the end of the year.

Take a glance through the record book so that you can see how it's organized. As you can see, there are pages that pertain to various aspects of Gardening. You should complete **all** of the relevant information for the year. If for some reason, one page or section does not pertain to your project, then you don't need to complete that section. Just indicate "Not Applicable" in that section or page.

The record book can be three-hole punched so that it may be easily kept in a 3-ring binder. **Your 4-H gardening records should be accumulative** – meaning that you keep and add to your records from year to year, keeping them all in a 3-ring binder or portfolio.

Remember – these are YOUR records and part of the goal for completing them is that you use your imagination and be creative in how you develop them. The idea is that at the completion of your 4-H career, you will have a compilation of records that shows your progression in your project from year to year.

Gardening Project Ideas

Your Horticulture project offers you a wide variety of gardening opportunities. You may choose to grow a whole garden of vegetables or flowers. You may choose to grow several varieties of the same plant. You may even choose to grow plants in a container; you may choose to grow plants for enjoyment, profit, food or a combination of everything mentioned above.

WHAT I WANT TO DO THIS YEAR



Year _____

To be completed every year by all 4-Her's in the Gardening Project

Example of goals:

Grow Biggest Pumpkin
Hybridize a Daylily
Container Gardening

Grow Strawberries for Profit
Grow Organic Food
Hydroponics

Have Cut Flowers for Home
Learn to Save Seeds

State at least three goals at the beginning of your 4-H project year. Tell the things you want to learn from your 4-H Gardening Project. Please discuss these goals with your parents and your 4-H leader.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

(WHEN RECORD BOOK IS DUE)

Member Signature: _____

Leader Signature: _____

What goals have you accomplished? If you have not accomplished one or more of your goals, please explain. What have you learned? Describe your experiences this year. (Attach an additional page if needed.)



Coös County 4-H Project Page

Year: 20___/20___

Name: _____ Years in project, including this year: _____

Project Area: _____

A project continues all year. It includes what you do and learn in the project in which you enrolled. An exhibit is only one part of all you do in a project area. *Include judging goals such as leadership and citizenship.* Use your **Goal Planning Worksheet** to help choose your project area and activities.

➤ **Beginning of the year:**

Write project goals to include: *Action* *Result* *Timetable*

Example:

I want to learn take better photos by learning more about the rule of thirds before March meeting.

Here's what I would like to learn this year (list one or more goals with date goal set) and list ideas about how you can reach your goal(s):

➤ **During the year:**

Date done: (Month/Year) Here's what I did and learned as I worked toward my goal(s) in this project:

➤ **End of the year:**

These are the **Life skills** I gained/improved this year working on this project:

Here are my project plans for next year: Applying for county medal if 2 years in project, 11 and older.

General financial summary: *This summary is optional,* but can be used with any project to record costs of owning or making an item, comparing costs, etc. (Specific financial worksheets are also available for some projects). Completion will count toward your consumer education county medal.

Expense Items	Amount	Income Items	Amount
Total Expenses		Total Income	

I believe this information is true.

Project Leader Signature

Date

It is a good practice to have your soil tested for nutritional needs and pH every 3 years or so. Soil Test information sheets and soil sample bags can be obtained from your county extension office. The fee for the soil testing service is graciously paid by the Coös County 4-H Advisory Council once every three years.

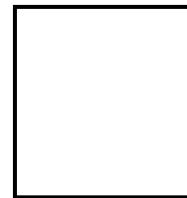


GARDEN PLAN

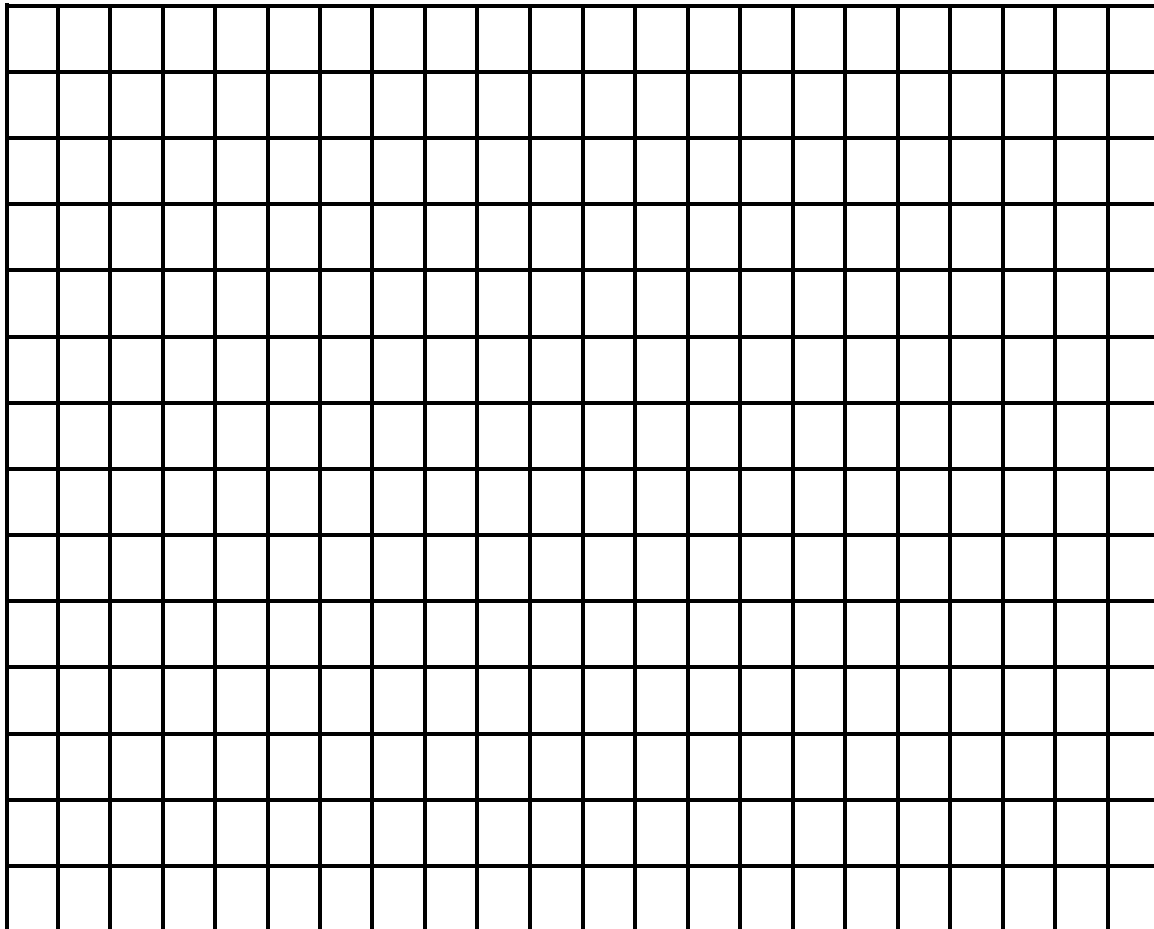
(Placement of seeds within the garden, etc.)

Use the graph below or a separate sheet of paper to make a plan of your garden. Measure the length and the width of your garden plot, and draw it to scale. For example, let 1/4 inch equal two feet in your garden. Use lines to indicate rows, and write in vegetables to be planted in each. Be sure the distance between rows is to scale.

SCALE: 1/4 Inch equals _____



In the box provided please note which direction is North, South East and West

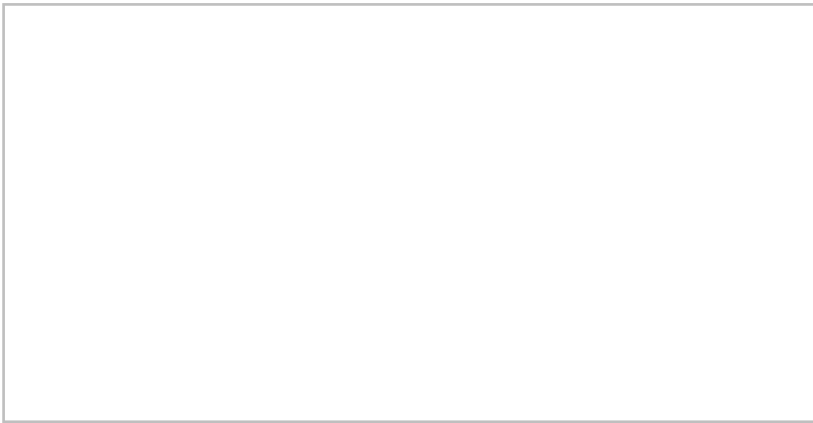


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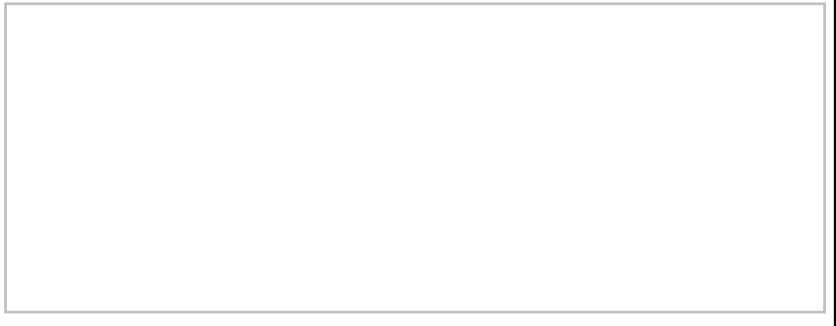
My seeds emerged approximately _____ days after I planted them. The first ones to appear were my _____ . The first leaves look very different from the leaves of the mature plants. (Use this space to sketch one of your young seedlings or make comments about what the plant looks like)

One thing I've noticed in my garden this month is (i.e. different looking weeds, insects, specific plant needs):

During the month of June, take a photo showing your entire garden and attach it here.



During the month of June, take an up close photo of one portion of your garden and attach it here.
(ex: a photo shows off your mulching technique, an aerial photo that shows your unique garden layout, a photo of a full grown plant)



JULY

One thing I have learned about my garden (or from my garden) so far this growing season is:

One thing I've notice in my garden this month is (i.e. different looking weeds, insects, specific plant needs):



During the month of July, have someone take a photo of you in (or next to) your garden and attach it here.

(Be sure it shows you and the entire garden)

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for a photograph of the person in their garden.

During the month of July, take an up close photo of one specific plant in your garden and attach it here.

(Let the photo show off lush plant growth, a beautiful flower, or growing produce.)

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for a close-up photograph of a specific plant in the garden.

August

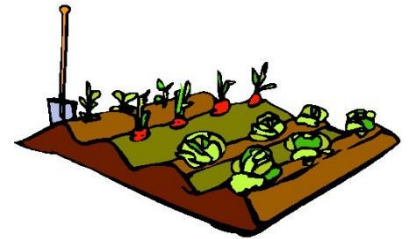
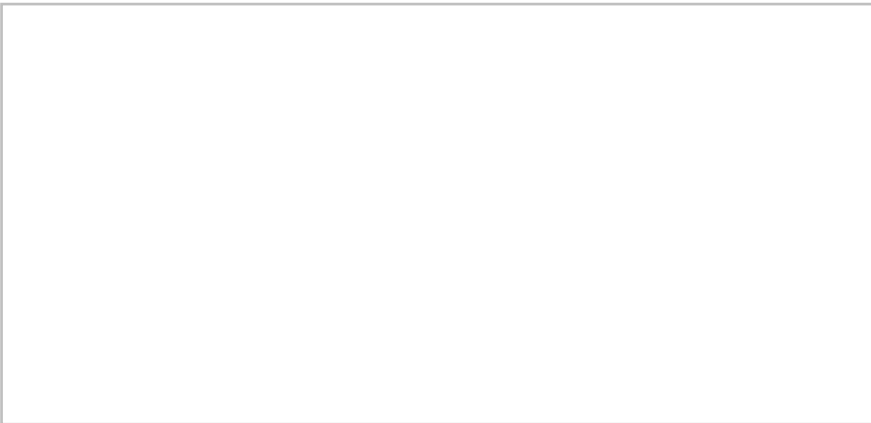
One problem I have noticed with my garden this summer is:

To find a solution to this problem I (ex: called the Extension Office to ask for advice, asked my grandfather, contacted my Project Leader, looked it up at the library):

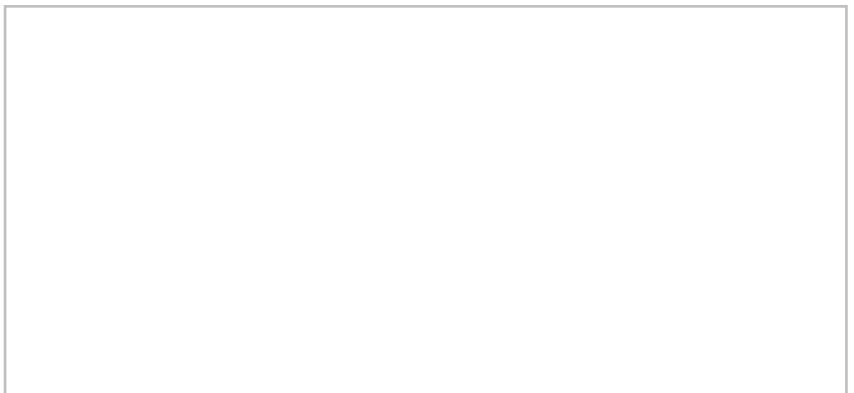
To correct that problem I can:

If I could rewind the calendar to May, I would give myself this advice to help my garden grow:

During the month of August, take a photo of your entire garden and attach it here.



During the month of August, take any photo of your garden that you'd like and attach it here.



MY FAVORITES

One thing I truly enjoyed about this summer's gardening experience was: _____

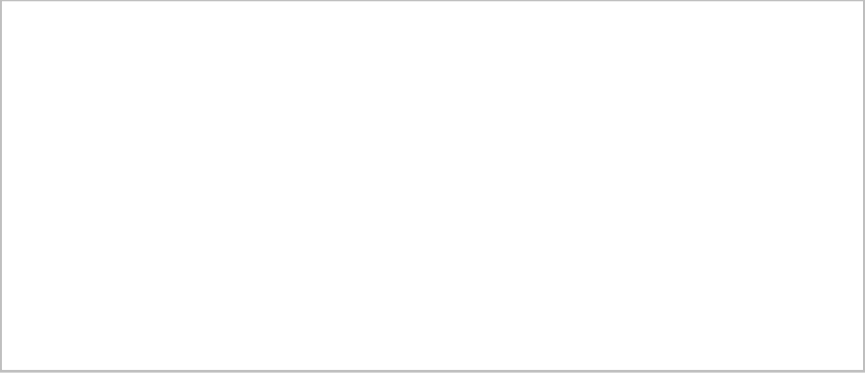
_____ because: _____

My favorite plant to grow was _____, because _____

Something new I tried this summer was (ex: recipe, special container for my plants, cut flower arrangement): _____



During the course of the summer take a photo of something you love about your garden and attach it here.



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