

459 – Let's Start Cooking

Project Description:

This project is designed for 4-H members of all ages with little or no cooking or baking experience. We hope you enjoy cooking and baking your way through this book as you learn about kitchen equipment and food prep, learn to read recipes correctly, and learn to cook with heat – all with safety in mind.

To Complete This Project:

Step 1: Complete all 8 activities including all recipes

Activity 1 – How Does Your Plate Rate?

Activity 2 – Safety First

Activity 3 – Equipment Check

Activity 4 – Decoding Recipes

Activity 5 – Measuring Mastery

Activity 6 – Slicing and Dicing Practice

Activity 7 – Microwave Know-How

Activity 8 – Stove Top and Oven Use 101

Step 2: Take part in at least 2 learning experiences

Step 3: Become involved in at least 2 leadership/citizenship activities

Step 4: Create a portfolio using a 3 pronged folder that includes 8 ½" x 11" pages. The participants will create a **maximum** of one page per "activity area" as designated in the front of their project books. These pages could be in collage, journaling, timeline, photo, or any other format that would illustrate the work and knowledge of the participant. **However, photographs are highly recommended as a way to show and explain what you have learned.** Each page could be different or could be a combination of styles providing the 4-H'er reflects on their learning experience. **There will be no points during county judging for scrapbooking style.**

Step 5: Complete a project review including your portfolio. If you choose not to participate in judging at the fair, make arrangements to discuss and review completion of your project with your advisor.

Judging of This Project:

Judging will consist of **three areas:**

- Interview/Portfolio (50%) – You will share your completed portfolio*. The judge will review your portfolio and ask you questions about your learning activities.
- MyPlate Activity (25%) – You will complete activities based on MyPlate information.
- Completed Project Book Review (25%) – You will share your project book

Optional: Prepare one of the recipes from the project book and bring it for the judge to see.

Union County Fair:

Judging will be held with the Special Interest Projects on Wednesday – Friday immediately prior to the Union County Fair. You will receive a specific judging time from your advisor closer to judging.

Richwood Fair:

Food and Nutrition Judging will be held on Sunday prior to the Richwood Independent Fair at the same time as the Special Interest Project Judging.

Ohio State Fair Opportunity:

This project **Does** have the opportunity to be displayed at the Ohio State Fair. Any 4-H'er who wishes to compete for an opportunity to display this project at the State Fair must participate in judging at the Union County Fair, as described above. Union County Representatives to the Ohio State Fair will be chosen as part of Union County Fair judging.