4-H CALLIGRAPHY GUIDELINES

The following are guidelines for providing learning experiences in calligraphy.

**General Guidelines for All Members**
- Learn calligraphy skills for lifetime leisure and vocational pursuits.
- Learn how to select materials and equipment.
- Learn types, names and uses of equipment.
- Learn a variety of styles.
- Learn to keep lines straight on the paper. Use straight edge or light pencil line.
- Watch for thick/thin lines and keep letters at correct spacing.
- Learn to be creative and original.
- Each year the 4-H'er should further his knowledge of calligraphy.

**EXPERIENCE GUIDELINES**

**Beginner or Basic Skill Level (usually 1st & 2nd year in the project)**
- Learn basics of calligraphy.
- Learn how to write lower case alphabet.
- For fair exhibit an entire lower case alphabet in one style and a saying. Both must be suitable for framing. May use calligraphy felt marker or water soluble ink.

**Intermediate (usually 3rd & 4th year in the project)**
- Learn how to write upper case alphabet.
- Learn how to use medium or wide nibs.
- Learn how to work with water soluble ink or permanent ink.
- Learn more styles of calligraphy.
- For fair exhibit, two entire alphabets (one of lower case in one style and one of upper case letters in another style), and a saying using both lower and upper case letters. All must be suitable for framing. Must use water soluble ink or permanent ink, with medium or wide nib.

**Advanced (usually 5th year and over in the project)**
- Continue to learn more styles of calligraphy.
- Encourage creativity and originality in work.
- Work with permanent ink.
- For fair exhibit two entire alphabets (one of lower case in one style and one of upper case letters in another style), and a separate piece of work showing 4-H'ers own creativity. (An idea is an original greeting card.) Must use permanent ink.