**HAMILTON COUNTY MINI 4-H PROGRAM**

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**Mini 4-H Program Description**

The Mini 4-H program is geared towards activity based learning. Curriculum is based on the age appropriate research and involves cooperative, experimental, and noncompetitive activities. Mini 4-H’ers have the opportunity to attend club meetings. Hamilton County Mini 4-H program is for children enrolled in Kindergarten, First, and Second grades as of January 15 of the current year.

**Project Guidelines:**

Each year, complete at least one (1) activity in the manual for each chosen project. Due to limited space at the Hamilton County 4-H Fair, you may exhibit only two (2) projects. Poster exhibits must follow the poster rules on Page 30, #14, must be 22” x 28” and be displayed horizontally. All posters, notebooks, and display boards must include a reference list indicating where information was obtained, giving credit to original author.

**ARTS AND CRAFTS**

Learn how to do one (1) of the different crafts.

· Exhibit one (1) simple craft.

 **BUGS**

Learn about what makes a bug a bug. Choose one (1) of the following exhibits:

· Make a poster of an insect or spider. Label the body parts.

· Draw a picture of a butterfly. Be sure to make the designs on the wings symmetrical.

· Make a poster or a book showing some of the ways bugs protect themselves.

· Make a project activity as a group and take it to the fair to show the kinds of things your group has been

 doing.

· Make a scrapbook of pictures showing your group having fun while making the project activities in this

 manual.

· Make a poster showing several kinds of bugs on one half and several kids of spiders on the other half. You

 may want to draw the pictures or you may want to cut them from magazines.

· Make several kinds of bugs. Use them to make a mobile of moving creepy crawlies.

· Use a shoebox to encourage children to create a diorama for their bug. Use things from nature to make it

 realistic.

**CLOGGING** (Mini Cloggers will meet separately from traditional 4-H Clogging.)

Learn how to clog by joining the 4-H Clogging Club. There is no manual for this project.

· Exhibit will be to clog at the 4-H Fair.

**COLLECTIONS**

Learn about collecting like items and how to display them. Choose one (1) of the following exhibits:

· Collect and exhibit five (5) items or five (5) pairs of items.

· Go to a museum and look around at the collection of artifacts. Draw a picture of the collection you liked

 best.

· Talk to family and friends. Ask them what they like to collect and why they like to collect it. Then make a chart to show your information.

· Make a project activity as a group.

· Make a scrapbook of pictures about collections.