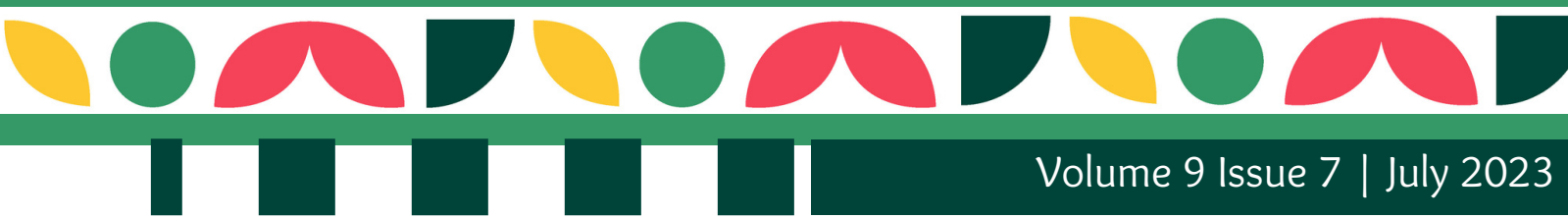




Hendricks County 4-H Clover Connection



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Fireworks and Fair

Welcome by Kati Sweet - 4-H Educator

Whenever July gets here, I always think two things - fireworks and fair!! Our 4-H members have been hard at work putting the finishing touches on their 4-H projects (or just getting started on some...I know how it is...). No matter what part of the process you are in, Fair is right around the corner and the end is in sight!

A few big reminders for you this month...

1. Although winning a top ribbon is great, it's more important what you learned along the way.
2. Do your best. We are proud of you no matter how the judge places your project. It's one person's opinion on that day.
3. Enjoy these last few weeks of preparation and have fun at the fair! You have worked hard - it's time to enjoy!
4. Please be kind. The people helping check in your projects are volunteers! They want to do their best to help you, but kindness goes a long way.

In order to help you prepare for the Fair, we will be open late on **July 6th until 7 p.m.!** Be sure to get your FairEntry Projects entered on time so you can get your fair tickets!

In addition to all of the livestock shows and 4-H projects you can see at the fair, be sure to check out our fair events such as STEM Day, Rocket Launch, and more! See page 05.

Volunteers, don't miss your chance to help at the fair! Check out page 03 for links to sign up! Jr. Leaders, there are also still several spots available for you to help throughout the fair! See page 02 for details.

**Best of luck to everyone as you finish up projects!
We will see you at the 2023 Hendricks County
4-H Fair July 16-22!!**

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Extension Office Info

HEADS UP!! The office will be **OPEN LATE on July 6th** for those that have questions or need help entering on FairEntry.

Hours will be 8am-7pm on this day.

Contact Us

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 Open 8 a.m.—4 p.m.
 Monday—Friday
<https://hendricksco4h.com/HCGS>
<https://v2.4honline.com>





Junior Leaders

Fair Activities and 4-H Co-Alliance Café Sign Ups are open now!

We have Pre-Fair/ Fair Activities, Café Shifts and Café- Officer of the Day Opportunities (see below for links).

We will work with any youth that may need to adjust schedules based on shows/contests. Please be sure to sign up for 3 shifts in the Café and 3 fair activities. If you need assistance or are having trouble finding places that work with your schedule, contact the Extension Office ASAP.

Remember, the Café is our BIGGEST fundraiser and we need LOTS of help from you to make it happen!!



- **Pre-fair and Fair Activities:** <https://hendricksco4h.com/43NSVH3>
- **Café Shifts:** <https://hendricksco4h.com/3ChInp1>
- **Café Officer of the Day:** <https://hendricksco4h.com/JLCafeOfficer>

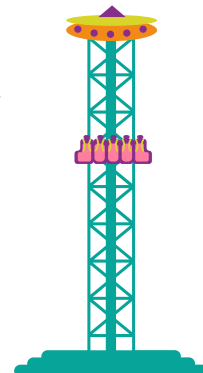
If you still need training to work on a register in the Café, you can stop by the Extension Office during office hours M-F 8am-4pm and during our extended hours on Thursday, July 6th from 8am-7pm!

Completion Trip is Tuesday, July 25th!

We will be taking a charter bus to Kings Island!

You must bring your own money for lunch, supper, & any souvenirs. If you completed at least 3 café shifts and 3 fair volunteer activities, cost per person is \$25.

If you have not completed all of your activities, cost per person is \$55. The travel schedule will be sent out closer to the trip date.



You must register to attend the trip in 4-H Online by **Sunday July 16th**.

Payment Due: Saturday, July 22nd. Cash and check accepted. Please make checks payable to Hendricks County 4-H Jr. Leaders.

Jr. Leader Record Sheets Available!

Don't forget to complete your Jr. Leader record sheet! Hard copies are available in the Extension Office, or you can print it from the link below. **These are DUE TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE BY JULY 16th!!**

Link to Jr. Leader Record Book: <https://hendricksco4h.com/JLRecordBook>

Jr. Leader Service Project!

We are collecting baby wipes for the Food Pantries of Hendricks County. They can be dropped off at the Extension Office during office hours. These are due Thursday, July 20th!

New Officers and Open Positions

Congratulations to our newly elected Jr. Leader Officers for the 2023-2024 4-H Year! We do still have a few open positions that will be voted on at a later date. An email will be coming out with additional information!



Barn Crew Help Needed!! We are in need of barn crew members to assist in the preparation, set up, tear down, and logistics of before, during, and after Fair. Contact Chris Feuquay if interested at 317-829-4335. Should be at least 18 years old to apply.

FAIR SCHEDULE is now available! See attached schedule or visit our Hendricks County Google Site to see the full schedule at <https://hendricksco4h.com/HCGS>. Schedules also available in the Extension Office.

Youth Talent Competition will be July 18th at 6 p.m. Pre-Register for the talent competition. Winners are eligible for the Indiana State Fair Youth Talent Competition. Information and registration available at: <https://www.4hcomplex.org/p/2023fair/youth-talent-show>.

Hendricks County "Got Talent" Contest will be July 18th at 8 p.m. Winners will receive CASH PRIZES! For more information and to register, visit: <https://www.4hcomplex.org/p/2023fair/hendricks-county-fair-got-talent>.

Fair Yard Signs are STILL available for pick-up in the Extension Office. We appreciate everyone's help in promoting the Hendricks County 4-H Fair!!

Fair Preparation Packet was sent out via mail and email in late June. In the mailing you will find helpful information including: Fair Preparation Check List, Project Check-in Process, FairEntry Guide for Projects, Fair FAQs, Super Sale Information, Project Judging Schedule, Fair Week Schedule (livestock shows and 4-H events), a Map of the Fairgrounds, and a flyer for the 4-H Achievement Banquet. Contact the Extension Office if you need a copy of this mailing.



Creative Writing

- Those exhibitors wishing to participate in this portion of Communications are asked to upload their exhibit into FairEntry by Friday, July 7th. This can be entered as a Word Document or PDF File. This allows us to print your documents to give to our judge to mark up and evaluate.
- The feedback portion of Creative Writing will be on Saturday, July 15th beginning at 8 a.m. Please bring a clean copy of your writing project in a binder with you to the feedback portion of judging to be displayed during the fair.



The Hendricks County 4-H Fair and 4-H Program strive to be inclusive environments for everyone in our community. As part of these efforts, we are excited to share our Disability Inclusion Day. This event will allow individuals of any age with any type of disability to visit and enjoy the fair along with their families! Accommodations such as lower lights and sounds on carnival rides, extra courtesy shuttles, and specialty educational opportunities will be available.

- Sign up to volunteer as a 4-H family use this link: <https://forms.gle/JbjoUDfJhgjZfQx16>

ARE YOU READY FOR FAIR?



RECORD SHEETS

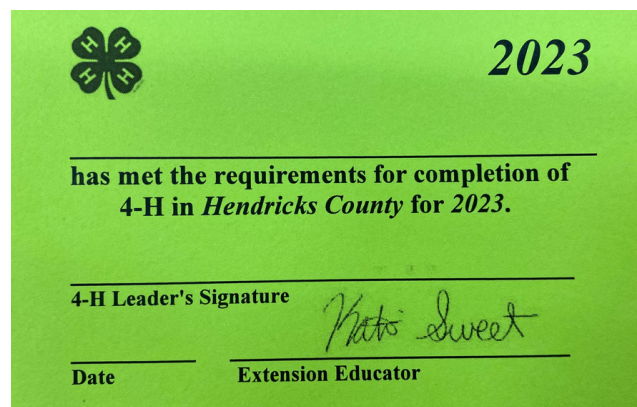
Your Record Sheet for each project is a summary of what you have learned this year in 4-H. You will need to take it to your 4-H Club leader to get their signature. Some of these record sheets are in the back of your workbook (example: Foods), while others are separate from the books (example: Health). For some projects, the activities in the book may serve as the record sheet. If you have questions about what Record Sheet you should have, please talk with your 4-H Club Leader/Project Leader. Be sure to check the 2023 4-H Handbook for requirements as well!

ACHIEVEMENT CARDS (Also called "White Cards")

The MY RECORD OF 4-H ACHIEVEMENT is the official record of your participation in projects and 4-H activities within the 4-H Program. Each year you will complete this sheet with information about projects/activities you have completed for the current year. It is important that you fill this out because the information that you add helps you qualify for scholarships and awards throughout your 4-H career! This year you must turn this into your 4-H Club Leader by Wednesday, July 19th or sooner depending on what your Club Leader decides. The Club leaders will turn-in ALL of the ACHIEVEMENT CARDS in to the Extension Office by Thursday, July 20th at 12:00 (noon). It is a good idea to keep a copy of this card for your records! Mini 4-H members do not need to do this.

COMPLETION CARDS

Your completion card is your “pass” to judging. This small **NEON GREEN** colored card (shown below) confirms that you have completed the requirements listed in the 4-H Handbook in order to exhibit your projects. Mini 4-H members do NOT need a Completion Card. In order to get your completion card, you will meet with your club leader, show them your completed record sheet/workbook and they will sign your exhibit COMPLETION CARD. You will need to bring your completion card with you for check-in, judging, and other events where it is required. A good practice is to take a picture of the front and back of your exhibit Completion Card with your phone after being signed by your Club Leader. That way, it can always be with you if you have your phone! You must have it with you for check-in (both indoor and livestock projects)!



WHAT'S COOKING CAFE

New at the Fair – *What's Cooking Café*

The Conference Rooms will be the location of the new *What's Cooking Café*! Many of us look forward to all that glorious fair food, but after a few days crave something a little lighter or more “home cooked”. The *What's Cooking Café* also provides a cool place to sit and enjoy your meal on those hot days. The *What's Cooking Café* will offer lunch and dinner daily, with daily dinner specials.

Lunch will begin at 11 AM and dinner specials will begin at 4:30 PM

Gardening Give Back

This year, all Gardening Project members will have the choice to leave their produce on display, or donate it to the food pantries of Hendricks County. Any Gardening Project Reserve Champion or above will remain on display. All others will have the option to donate it and have a picture of the produce on display instead. Additionally, if members have EXTRA produce they would like to donate, there will be boxes available at check in to collect donated produce! All food donated will decrease food waste, and will help others in the county that don't always have access to fresh produce!

Members will be asked at check-in what they would like to do with their produce.



Flower Bucks

If you sold over \$100 worth of flowers during the spring flower sales, you have earned flower bucks. For every \$100 that was sold, you will receive \$5 in flower bucks. Flower bucks are now available for pick-up in the Extension Office. These coupons are redeemable at the Co-Alliance 4-H Café 7/16 thru 7/22.



Communications Contest

Communications Members should have received an email with additional information about the Communications Contest that will be held on Monday, July 17th from 1-5 p.m. All awards will be given after the last presentation. See email for details.

ADDITIONAL FAIR TICKET INFO & LIVESTOCK INFORMATION

WHAT ABOUT TICKETS & PARKING PASSES?

What will tickets be like this year?

Tickets will be digital again this year. This means they will be e-mailed to the exhibitor address you have in FairEntry. They will not be e-mailed out before July 13, 2023. They will come from the e-mail address: fansupport@hometownticketing.com. If, after July 14th, you don't see them in your e-mail, please check your SPAM folder to see if they were routed there by mistake. Fair tickets will be good for 1 entry (or scan) per day. Additional Fair tickets can be purchased on-line at: 4hcomplex.org/p/tickets

Who gets a Fair ticket?

4-H Members: Each 4-H participant, including Mini 4-H participants who are over the age of 9 years-old that have at least one entry for the fair in the FairEntry system will get a ticket for each day that the Fair is operating. Additionally, each Participating 4-H "Family" will get 2 additional tickets for parents/guardians for each day that the Fair is operating.

Children under the age of 9 years-old (including those in Mini 4-H) are not required to present a ticket to get into the fair.



What about Parking Passes?

There will be no parking passes this year EXCEPT for those that are showing livestock. Livestock members may pick up a Livestock Parking Pass at the Extension Office after July 5th. This pass will allow parking ONLY in the area designated Livestock Parking. NO LIVESTOCK TRAILERS are allowed on the fairgrounds during fair (with the exception of check-in and check-out). The Livestock Parking Pass will NOT allow entrance to the Fair. Your Fair Ticket allows access to the Fair. *Handicap-accessible parking is available in the paved parking lot at the front of the 4-H Fairgrounds Conference Complex closest to the Extension Office.*

ILQAP or YQCA

*Applies only to 3rd-12th grade 4-H Members showing beef cattle, dairy cattle, goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep and swine

Either Indiana 4-H Livestock Quality Assurance Program (ILQAP) or Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training **MUST be completed before bringing your animals to the fair.** There are two options listed below on how to have your completion certificate ready at the time of livestock check-in:

- **Print out the certificate and bring it with you to the fair OR**
- **Take a picture on your phone and have this ready to present at the fair**

SHOWMANSHIP CLASS ADDITION

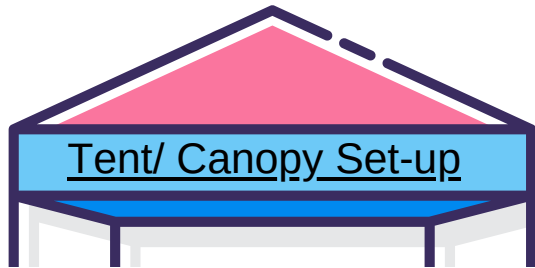
NEW THIS YEAR is an additional showmanship class called "MASTER" Showmanship. From the 4-H Handbook:

"The Master Showmanship class will include the Senior Showmanship Class Champion for the current year and all past Senior Showmanship Class Champions who are still in 4-H for that specific species. The Champion of the Master Showmanship Class will be the representative for that species in the Supreme Showmanship Contest. See page 135 in the 4-H Handbook for more details about the Supreme Showmanship Contest." Contact the Extension if you have questions regarding rules.

LIVESTOCK INFORMATION

Re-Tagging Protocol

We know that animals have tags that get ripped out. If this happens with a county tag or an RFID tag, please contact the Extension Office ASAP. The re-tag must be witnessed by a 4-H Youth Council member or representative in order to allow us to accurately update 4-HOnline.



Again this year, we will have a system for identifying tent/canopies during Fair. You must have a specified tag on your tent at all times.

- You can sign your form and pick up your tent tag at the NSSB Fair Office starting Saturday, July 15th at 12 noon.
- Tags will be \$5 per tent (up to 12'X12').
- Non-Dog Tents cannot be set up until 12 pm on Saturday, July 15th (one-day dog-show tents do not require a permit).
- Covers must be removed from tents at night and when the "Responsible Person" is not on the fairgrounds. The responsible person is designated when you get your tent tag. Tents must be visible throughout and **cannot have enclosed sides**.

Please be courteous to all 4-H participants on placing your tent. The Livestock Director may establish areas for 10-year members. Tents, no larger than 12' x 12', are limited to one per family on the 4-H Fairgrounds.

Tents are to be located 10' away from building, do not block doors, do not place on sidewalks or in restricted areas. Due to livestock shows and safety concerns, tents will not be placed between the HC Horseman's Club Sheep/Goat Pavilion and the NSSB Arena and between the Neier Swine Pavilion and the NSSB Arena. Tents will be permitted to be moved to those areas on that species' show day at the discretion of the Livestock Director.

The "Responsible Person" **and** any family is liable for damage caused by this tent. Tent will be moved or taken down at the direction of the Fair Board President or designee if/when needed.

LIVESTOCK CHECK-OUT

Fair Check- Out for all species:

Check out for livestock will take place after Supreme Showman on Saturday, July 22nd. There are penalties for early departure for animals:

- 4-H member will not be eligible to exhibit that species the balance of the current year and the subsequent year.
- 4-H member will not be eligible to sell any species in the auction.

Only Exception for early release:

- During designated State Fair animal release day and time with proof of State Fair entry for each animal, and you must keep at least 1 animal for each species on the Fairgrounds until regular check-out time.
- With an Early Animal Release Form that has been signed by the Barn Superintendent AND 4-H Youth Development Educator, Kati Sweet. These forms can be obtained from Barn Superintendents or the NSSB Fair Office.



LIVESTOCK SKILLATHON

SAVE THE DATE for a *NEW* Event at the Fair!!! We will be holding a Livestock Skillathon for youth to test their livestock judging skills and knowledge. Open to any 4-H and/or FFA youth in grades 3-12! You do not have to be currently enrolled in a livestock project to participate!

Saturday, July 22nd 9 a.m.

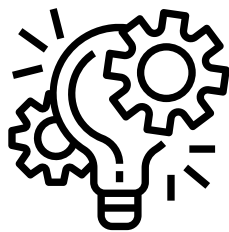
Link for more contest information and entry form:

<https://hendricksco4h.com/skillathon23>

4-H OPPORTUNITIES

STEM at the Fair

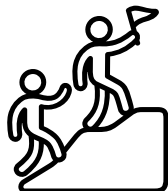
Join the fun and FREE educational experience of **STEM at the Fair** on Sunday, July 16th from 3-5 p.m. in the classrooms of the 4-H Fairgrounds Complex Center. This event is open to all ages and has something for everyone! Stop by to explore hands-on STEM activities! See flyer attached for more information!



CLUB INFORMATION

Club and Project Leaders Needed!

Are you interested in helping with a 4-H Club, or in leading 4-H project workshops throughout the year? We have numerous clubs and projects that need additional adult volunteer help! Needs range from club leaders to project leaders, to an extra set of hands to help with meetings and workshops. Contact the Extension Office for more information!



4-HER ROUND UP

4-H'er Round-Up is the Friday of Fair week and is open to **ALL 4-H Participants** (Mini 4-H too!). It will be held at **12:30 p.m.** outside the Fleece Performance Grandstands. You must bring your **COMPLETION CARD** (unless you are a Mini) with you in order to participate. This **FUN** day may include dirt, water, slime and more! Come ready to get messy and have fun with other 4-H Participants. It's a great way to celebrate your hard work!

Rocket Launch at the Fair

The 4-H Rocket Launch will be happening on Saturday, July 15th at 4:00 p.m. and is located at the back 40 lot (North-most grass field of the Fairgrounds)



Mini 4-H

SAVE THE DATE

MINI 4-H DAY AT THE FAIR

July 16 from 1-3 p.m.

See the attached flyer for more information.



VOLUNTEER & BOARD INFORMATION

NEW Hendricks County

4-H Facebook Page

Follow our NEW Facebook page for Hendricks County 4-H!

Search: *Hendricks County 4-H- Purdue Extension*

Follow us for up-to-date information about events, news, deadlines, and SO MUCH MORE!

Blessing Box

We are always looking for volunteers to help keep our blessing box filled!

We are looking for clubs and groups to help us stock our box. Below is a link to sign up for a 2 week slot where you

would be responsible for filling the box. WE NEED YOUR HELP!



<https://bit.ly/BlessingBox2023>

GENERAL VOLUNTEER SIGN-UPS

It takes MANY hands to create a successful 4-H Fair. We need YOUR HELP!

Volunteer Sign-ups are available for approved adult volunteers who would like to help during the Hendricks County 4-H Fair! To sign up, visit:

<https://hendricksco4h.com/4620r3d>

There are options to help with project watching, helping at the 4-H information booth, trash pickup, and other event help (ex. motocross, cheerleading contest, etc.)

Congratulations to our 2023 Hendricks County Queens Court!



From L to R: Court Members Megan Thompson and Mary Van Ness, 1st Runner Up Sadie Mercurio, Queen Kate Alsdorf, Miss Congeniality Mollie Dial, and Court Member Amanda Fulcher

HHS UPDATE

HOME AND FAMILY ARTS SHOW

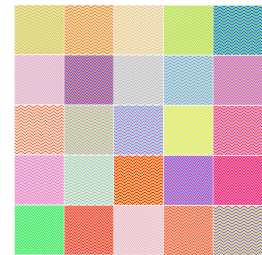
NEW LOCATION for Open Class exhibits at the Hendricks County 4-H Fair! They will be moving across the hall to **Justin Dorsey Plumbing South Hall**.

Open Class Show- Open Class project books are available in the Hendricks County Purdue Extension Office. The office is open Monday-Friday, 8:00am-4:00pm. To find more information, visit: <https://hendricksco4h.com/3qgZJw4>

The HCEH will be present at the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds Complex at the below dates and times to accept entries:

- Tuesday, July 11 from 3-7pm
- Wednesday, July 12th from 3-7pm
- Thursday, July 13th from 9am-3pm

For questions, contact Joana Sell at 317-745-5947.



There will be a Zucchini Contest sponsored by the Hendricks County Extension Homemakers and Hendricks Power Cooperative and a Quilt Block Contest sponsored by Chat 'N' Do Extension Homemakers.

Zucchini Contest- Entries will be accepted from Noon-1:45pm in Classrooms Rooms B and C on Thursday, July 20, 2023. Judging will start at 2:00pm on July 20.

Quilt Block Contest- The Theme for the Quilt Block contest is Adventure Awaits. This contest is open to everyone, and entries will be accepted on July 15, 2023 in the open class area, south hall, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

More information can be found at the link below.

<https://hendricksco4h.com/3N7D8NU>



ANR UPDATE

Hendricks County Master Gardeners will have an informational booth in the Hendricks Power Expo Hall. They will have free handouts and people to answer any questions you may have about gardening or the Master Gardener Program!

Also, be sure to check out the **HC Master Gardener Demo Gardens located on the NW corner of Complex Center.** They grow many types of vegetables and plants that are tended by the Master Gardeners. *They donate all the produce to local food pantries!!*

IMPORTANT 4-H DATES



4-H Youth Council

Thursday, July 6th
@ 6:30 p.m.
(combined with
Fairboard)



June and July Dates

July 6 - OFFICE OPEN LATE; Hours are 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.
July 6 - Combined Fairboard & Youth Council Meeting; Fairgrounds- 7 p.m.
July 16-22 - 2023 Hendricks County 4-H Fair!!
July 23 - 4-H Achievement Banquet; Fairgrounds- 1 p.m.

4-H Adult Leaders

Next meeting:
August 7
Debrief the
fair/year



Club/Project Meetings in June

- 6 - Rabbit Club Meeting; Fairgrounds @ 6:30 p.m.
- 7 - Amo Aces Meeting; Amo Community Bldg @ 6 p.m.
- 9 - Poultry Blood Testing; Fairgrounds @ 12-4 p.m.
- 9 - Photography Workshop; Fairgrounds @ 2 p.m.
- 10 - Photography Workshop; Fairgrounds @ 7 p.m.
- 10 - Washington Winners Meeting; Fairgrounds @ 6:30 p.m.
- 10 - Dog Workshop; Fairgrounds @ 6 p.m.
- 10 - Beef Club Meeting; Fairgrounds @ 6:30 p.m.
- 11 - Bridle Bunch Open Ride/Meeting; Fairgrounds @ 6:30 p.m.
- 11 - Mini 4-H Rabbit Workshop; Fairgrounds @ 6 p.m.
- 12 - Swine Club Meeting; Fairgrounds @ 6:30 p.m.
- 13 - Bridle Bunch Barn Cleaning; Fairgrounds @ 6 p.m.

4-H Fairboard

Thursday, July 6th
@ 7 p.m.(after combined
meeting with Youth
Council at 6:30 p.m.)





JULY 16TH, 3PM - 5PM

COME HAVE SOME FUN!

STEM DAY AT THE FAIR

Location: Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds

- **Classrooms B & C**

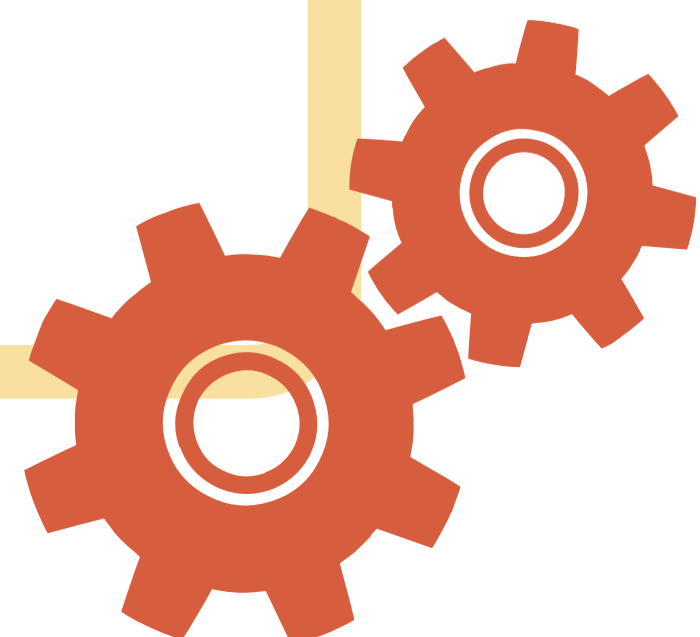
Ages: 4 to 18 years old

- **No 4-H Membership Required**
- **Stations will have challenges for all abilities!**

**FREE
PROGRAM**

**Many activities including:
Snap Circuit Kits, Legos, Keva Planks,
Straw Structures, Ozobots, Hex Bugs, etc.**

All subject to change



MINI DAY AT THE FAIR

July 16th, 2023, 1p.m. to 3p.m.

Mini 4-Hers will be led on a "Safari Tour" around the fairgrounds while getting to visit and learn more about some of our favorite spots at the fair - including checking out their projects on display! Following the tour, we will have popsicles for all Mini 4-Hers. At 2:30 p.m. we will hold a Mini 4-H Graduation celebration for all 2nd graders in Mini 4-H. Following the graduation celebration there will be bouncy houses and a foam party!

