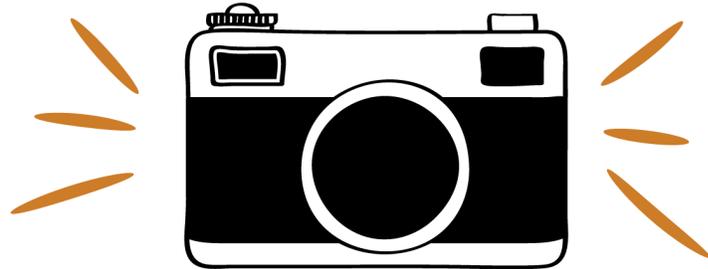


# ADAMS COUNTY MINI 4-H



# Photography

LIFE is like a  
**CAMERA,**



FOCUS on what's IMPORTANT  
CAPTURE the GOOD TIMES,  
DEVELOP from the NEGATIVES,  
And if things don't work out,  
**TAKE ANOTHER SHOT!**



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# MINI 4-H PARENT'S PAGE

## Welcome to the Adams County Mini 4-H Program!

We are so excited to have your child join the largest youth development organization of the nation. We strive to be the premier, community-based program empowering young people to reach their full potential. In addition to that as your youth grows with Adams County 4-H it is our hopes that you as a family will also be very involved and together we can grow as families and as a community.

As a mini 4-H parent, your job is to guide your child through the activities. It is suggested that you don't complete the activities for them. Instead, help them, guide them, work with them and let them do all they can. **Learning by doing** is the **best educational tool** that **we can provide for our youth** ! !

Your child received this **Mini 4-H project manual** when enrolling in Mini 4-H. This manual will provide fun, age-appropriate learning activities throughout their time in Mini 4-H and their interest in this project.

The **Mini 4-H** program has **club meetings** which your child will want to make sure to attend. These meetings are a great time for youth to interact with others their age and to build a sense of belonging where clubs do fun activities and some even complete a project during sessions.

Additionally, the **Mini 4-H** program is set up to allow your child to **exhibit projects at the fair**. The 4-H fair is an exciting time for 4-H members and families, this is the week that allows the community youth to showcase their talents, interests and enthusiasm for learning.

### Mini 4-H is:

- Open to youth who are currently in Kindergarten, First or Second grades.
- Easy to enroll in.  
Enrollment window is October 1 through January 15  
Enroll online at [v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com)
- Fun ! Your child will certainly enjoy it. You can have fun too, by guiding and helping as your child participate in the program. Encourage and praise as your child as they have fun learning and sharing with you.

**If you have any questions regarding the Adams County Mini 4-H Program or other Purdue Extension programming, please reach out:**

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# MINI 4-H'ERS PAGE

## Welcome to the Adams County Mini 4-H Program!

You are now a member of the Adams County 4-H Family !!! Know that you are already loved and we are so excited you have decided to join in on the fun that 4-H has to offer. There are many **activities**, 4-H **Club meetings** and **adventures for you to explore**. You can try new things and even share them with friends and family. Bring your project(s) to 4-H Fair, lots of people will be able to see what you have done and the ribbon earned.

## THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT 4-H

### 4-H Logo:

A four-leaf clover with an "H" in each leaf.



### 4-H Colors:

Green and White

### 4-H Motto:

"To Make the Best Better"

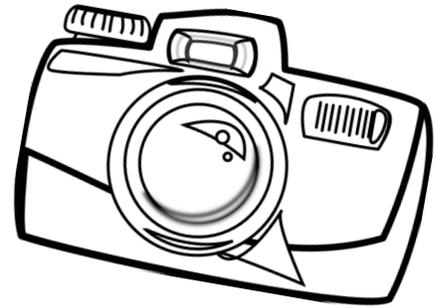
### 4-H Pledge:

**4-H PLEDGE**

I pledge my **HEAD** to clearer thinking,  
my **HEART** to greater loyalty,  
my **HANDS** to larger service,  
and my **HEALTH** to better living,  
for my club, my community,  
my country, and my world.



Everyone likes to take pictures, whether it is to remember a vacation with your family, those special moments of life, something really funny, or holding on to a memory of a loved one. Some pictures are spur of the moment, others take time to set up and get the proper lighting and positioning.



Taking pictures with a cell phone is good for those spur of the moment pictures, but the best pictures are taken with a camera, either digital, or with film.

**A simple camera** would be best for you to begin your photography career with. You may use your parents' camera, or maybe you have one of your own. Once you have decided on a camera, you need to learn the parts, and how to use it.

One of the best ways is to "learn by doing".

1. Learn how to turn it on and off.
2. Learn how to turn the flash on and off.
3. Learn how to work the zoom.
4. Learn how to see the pictures through the view finder.
5. For digital cameras, you need to learn how to view your pictures after taking them.

### **Camera Care:**

Simply owning a camera is a lesson in itself! How do you care for that camera? Check out some tips below that will help you keep your camera in great shape and taking great pictures!

- Avoid dropping or hitting your camera.
- Dust and moisture are harmful to cameras. Store your camera in a dry, well ventilated place.
- Don't store it near moth balls or other chemical materials to avoid damage to metal surface.
- Never store where the temperature is greater than 122°F.  
(For example, a car sitting in the sun on a hot, summer day.)
- Never rub the lens surfaces with your fingers, clothing, tissue or paper towels. It is best to use lens tissues.



## Do's and Don'ts of Photography:

- Hold your camera with 2 hands.
- Look through the viewfinder.
- Keep both eyes open.
- Make sure your fingers are away from the lens and flash.
- Find the shutter release button (the one that takes the photo), point your camera at your chosen subject, and gently push the button.
- Don't move your camera quickly after taking the photo.

## To take a better picture:

- Keep your finger off the lens, and your hands away from in front of the camera.
- Keep your camera horizontal. If you tip the camera, your pictures will look tilted.
- Press the shutter release gently so camera doesn't jerk.
- Hold the camera steady and remember to hold your breath when you take the picture.
- Watch your background.  
If the background is too cluttered, it will take away from the subject.

### To get rid of clutter:

- Remove distracting things from the area.
- Change your location.
- Take your subject to a different place.
- Move yourself to a different location where clutter is not visible.

## When taking pictures outside:

- Bright days with cloud coverage are much better than sunny days, because you don't have to worry about shadows, or reflections from the sun.
- On a dark day, you can use a flash, but keep in mind that your subject should be at a distance of 6-12 feet away to get the best picture.
- Any closer than 6 feet will make it too light, and any further than 12 feet will make it too dark.
- You should almost always use a flash indoors, unless you are in an extremely well-lit place.
- On days when the sun is out, always take your pictures with the sun at your back.

**The best way to become a good photographer is by taking lots of pictures. Take your camera with you on vacation, to the park, when you visit friends, etc. See what kind of pictures you like to take, and work on improving your skills.**



# Activity 1 — Life is Like a Box of Crayons

Part of being a great photographer is being able to capture colors. The world around us is full of colorful objects like pretty spring flowers and brightly colored insects, all the way down to the 96 assorted colors in a box of crayons.

In this activity, you will capture the various colors and shapes around you.



## Who goes there?

Using items around you, or in nature, spell out your name with different pictures representing each letter of your name. Post the picture below.

Hello, my name is...



## Activity 3 — Photo Scavenger Hunt

How good are you at finding or noticing things around you? A Photo Scavenger Hunt is a creative way for you to experience and interact with the world and people around you.

This Photo Scavenger Hunt will highlight everyday sights that are right out your back door.



It's time to grab your camera slip on some shoes and have some fun on this photo-based adventure!

Remember... this is not about speed; it is about:

**Identifying** your "subject" to take a picture of.

**Focus** in on the item(s) intended to be photographed.

**Capturing** the best photo possible.

Take a picture of each of the items listed below.

Something green

A flower

Someone making a silly face

Something that begins with the letter "T"

Something you can eat

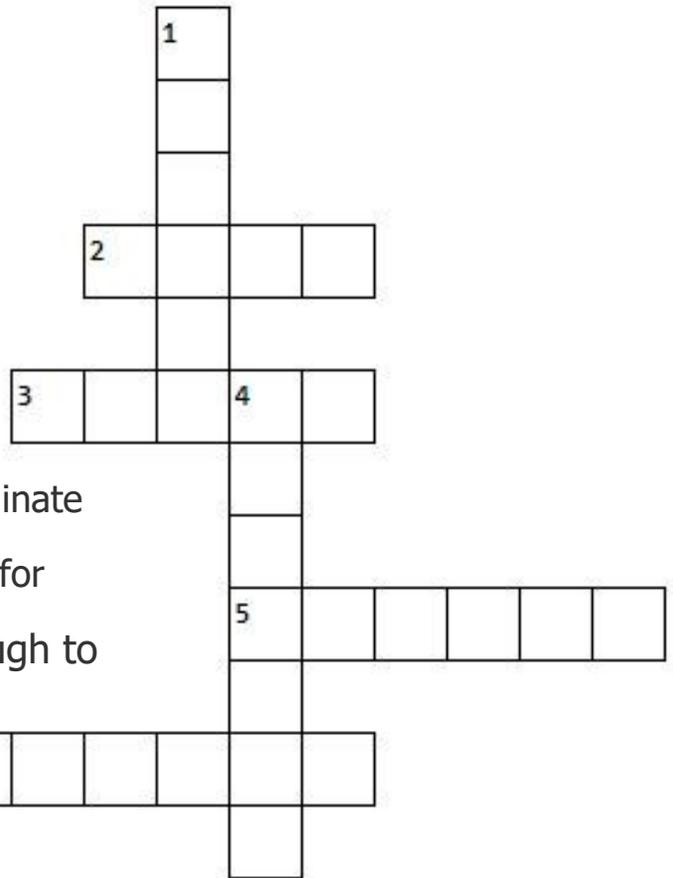
An insect

Something round

Something that has the 4-H clover on it

Once your Photo Scavenger Hunt is complete, paste or describe 1 of your favorite pictures of the above items in the space provided below.

# Activity 4 — Parts of a Camera Crossword



## Across

- This is the "eye" of the camera
- A portable light source that helps illuminate the subject.
- A camera stand with three legs, great for keeping the camera steady!
- The part of a camera you look through to compose a photo.

## Down

- The thing you use to take photos.
- Acts as the eyelid; it moves the lens open and closed



**Answer Key:** Across 3. Lens, 4. Flash, 5. Tripod, 6. Viewfinder  
Down 1. Camera, 2. Shutter