

Mini 4-H Projects



MINI 4-H GENERAL POLICY

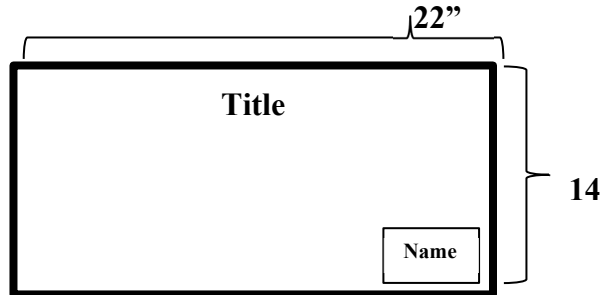
- The Mini 4-H Program is designed to supplement and introduce Kindergarten, First and Second graders to the 4-H Program.
- Mini 4-H is open to any youth who is in kindergarten, first or second grade by the spring of the current year.
- Mini 4-H projects are: Arts & Crafts (includes Lego and models), Beef, Bloom-N-Veggies, Cake Decorating, Collections, Colts and Fillies, Dairy, Fashion Revue, Foods, Goats, Llama, Pig, Pocket Pets, Poultry, Rabbits, Sewing, Sheep and Wildlife
- Online/Enrollment form of Mini 4-H is to be completed by January 15th.

SAFETY POLICY FOR MINI/EXPLORING 4-H MEMBERS

- The safety and well-being of our 4-H youth is of the utmost importance. Although kindergarten is specified as the time when a child may begin participation in some 4-H events and activities, parents are encouraged to take into consideration their child's physical and mental development before agreeing to let the child begin to show, work with or are for animals. Each child matures at a different rate and children in grades K-2 may still be too young to begin showing, working with or caring for animals.
- The State 4-H Youth Department at Purdue University has agreed to allow Mini/Exploring 4-H members in grades K-2 to participate in some animal projects subject to certain conditions. These conditions are following safety guidelines:
- Mini/Exploring 4-H members, in grades K through 2, will be allowed to show, work with or care for animal projects after their parent or legal guardian has signed a liability release. Mini/Exploring 4-H members may independently show, work with or care for animals that weigh 300 pounds or less. Mini/Exploring 4-H members may only show, work with or care for animals over 300 pounds when they are assisted by a parent, legal guardian or another adult designated, in writing, by parent or legal guardian." (*Assisted means with the child at all times.*)
- Mini/Exploring 4-H members exhibiting horses must wear ASTM or SEI standard F1163 (or above) certified helmets whenever mounted. The 4-H member is responsible to see that this specified headgear is properly fitted with the approved harness in place and fastened whenever a rider is mounted.
- If the guidelines stated in this policy are not followed for a particular event or activity, then such event or activity shall not be considered to be a 4-H event or activity and shall not be under the auspices of Extension 4-H Educators or covered by Purdue University.

QUESTIONS REGARDING ALL MINI 4-H EXHIBITS

- Contact the 4-H Staff and Volunteers at Purdue Extension-Hancock County with any questions about Mini 4-H or Mini 4-H Projects
 - Olivia Dickson, odickson@purdue.edu, 317-462-1113
 - Rachel Bates, 317-308-0554
- Helpful resources
 - <https://extension.purdue.edu/county/hancock/>
 - <https://v2.4honline.com/>
 - <https://faireentry.com/>
 - Purdue Extension- Hancock County Phone Number: 317-462-1113
 - Purdue Extension- Hancock County Address: 972 E Park Ave, Greenfield, IN 46140
 - Hancock County Fairgrounds Address: 620 Apple Street. Greenfield, IN 46140
- Posters
 - All mini project posters should be 22"x14"
 - Name labels should be placed in the bottom right-hand corner of all projects
 - Posters should be plastic covered
 - Posters and sleeves are available for purchase at the Purdue Extension Office



MINI BLOOM-N-VEGGIES

EXHIBIT GUIDELINES

- 4-Her may choose to exhibit one or both of the options listed for their division.
- All flowers should be exhibited in disposable, non-glass containers.
- Attach a label to your exhibit in the lower right hand corner indicating name, division, and grade.

Division 1 (Kindergarten)

Exhibit one of the following:

- One bloom from a zinnia or marigold flower you have grown as explained in manual.
- One plate of any vegetable listed in manual. For the number of vegetables to exhibit, please refer to your mini manual.

Division 2 (1st Grade)

Exhibit one of the following:

- Two blooms from a zinnia or marigold flower you have grown as explained in manual.
- One plate of any vegetable listed in manual. For the number of vegetables to exhibit, please refer to your mini manual.

Division 3 (2nd Grade)

Exhibit one of the following:

- Three blooms from a zinnia or marigold flower you have grown as explained in manual.
- Two plates of any vegetable listed in manual. For the number of vegetables to exhibit, please refer to your mini manual

MINI CAKE DECORATING

EXHIBIT GUIDELINES

- All exhibits must be displayed on a sturdy disposable plate or covered cardboard.
- Attach a label to your exhibit in the lower right hand corner indicating name, division, and grade.

Division 1 (Kindergarten): Exhibit 3 regular size cupcakes with frosting of your choice with sprinkles.

Division 2 (1st Grade): Exhibit 3 regular size cupcakes with frosting of your choice. Must have a design made of either frosting or candy (i.e. heart made of M&M's, smiley face made from licorice, etc.).

Division 3 (2nd Grade): Exhibit 3 regular size cupcakes with frosting of your choice, smooth on top. Must have a border on each (i.e., star, line, zig-zag, etc.). You may use any technique learned from the previous two year

MINI COLLECTIONS

EXHIBIT GUIDELINES

- Exhibits may be on a display board, in a box, on a poster, or in a notebook not to exceed 22" x 14" and **must be securely attached to prevent damage to the items.** (Examples of collections: buttons, matchbox cars, hats, etc.)
- Attach a label to your exhibit in the lower right hand corner indicating name, division, and grade.

Division 1 (Kindergarten): Exhibit six (6) representative samples of your collection. Space size should not exceed 22" x 14".

Division 2 (1st Grade): Exhibit six (6) representative samples of your collection that have never been exhibited before. Space size should not exceed 22" x 14". You may include a picture of entire collection; however, only six (6) items are to be exhibited.

Division 3 (2nd Grade): Exhibit six (6) representative samples of your collection that have never been exhibited before. Space size should not exceed 22" x 14". You may include a picture of entire collection; however, only six (6) items are to be exhibited.

MINI CRAFTS

EXHIBIT GUIDELINES

- Learn how to do one of the different crafts. You may choose to make an article in any of the art or craft areas. Included are: needlecraft, latch hook, macramé, ceramics, pottery, leathercraft, painting and drawing, model building, wearable art, Lego building and miscellaneous crafts.
- Legos and models should be exhibited on a display board. All pieces should be securely attached and sturdy enough to withstand being moved several times. Size should not exceed 22" x 14".
- Rubber cement may be used to secure loose pieces.
- All pictures should be prepared for display with matting and plastic or a frame.
- If artwork is displayed on a poster, poster should be displayed horizontally; 22" x 14", and mounted on a firm backing and covered in clear plastic or other transparent material.
- Attach a label to your exhibit in the lower right hand corner indicating name, division, and grade.
- Each 4-Her may exhibit one type of craft.

Division 1 (Kindergarten): Exhibit one simple craft.

Division 2 (1st Grade): Exhibit one simple craft.

Division 3 (2nd Grade): Exhibit one simple craft.

MINI FASHION REVUE

Project Leader: Jenny Musselman 317-691-4369, jkmusselman@yahoo.com

EXHIBIT GUIDELINES

Mini 4-H Fashion Revue is a great way to have fun and build confidence while modeling on stage in front of your parents, grandparents, family and friends. This project will not cost you any money as you can choose clothing that you already have in your closet. Be sure to choose something you like to wear and is comfortable because you will feel good about the way you look when you are on stage. A workshop will be offered to help answer any questions you may have.

(Grades K, 1, 2): By participating in this project:

- You will practice putting together an outfit.
- You will learn how to describe your clothing by writing about your outfit.
- You will model an outfit at the 4-H Bowl at the 4-H Fairgrounds – same date as 4-H Fashion Revue Public Presentation (see Fair Schedule).

Ideas for your Exhibit

- Select items from your closet and put together an outfit.
- Create a costume
- Create a dress up outfit
- Create a party outfit
- Wear a Sporting outfit

Make sure the outfit is safe to walk in, has good visibility and is clothing that allows ease of walking. Most of all, use your creativity, your imagination, and have fun!

Refer to Judging Schedule and Fair Schedule for Fashion Revue time and date.

MINI FOODS

EXHIBIT GUIDELINES

- Learn about working in the kitchen and how to prepare simple foods you and your family will enjoy.
- Attach a label to your exhibit in the lower right hand corner indicating name, division and grade.

Division 1 (Kindergarten): Exhibit three (3) no-bake cookies on a paper plate.

Division 2 (1st Grade): Exhibit three (3) no-bake cookies on a paper plate.

Division 3 (2nd Grade): Exhibit three (3) baked cookies (dropped cookies) on a paper plate. A 3 x 5 recipe card with plastic is to accompany the cookies.

MINI PETS

EXHIBIT GUIDELINES

- Posters are displayed horizontally; 22" by 14", and mounted on a firm backing and covered in clear plastic or other transparent material.
- Attach a label to your exhibit in the lower right hand corner indicating name, division, and grade.

Division 1 (Kindergarten): Exhibit a 22 x 14 inch poster board with two photos of your pet and share your pet's name, type of pet and age

Division 2 (1st Grade): Exhibit a 22 x 14 inch poster board with three photos of your pet and how you take care of your pet

Division 3 (2nd Grade): Exhibit a 22 x 14 inch poster board with three photos of a pet you would like to have and information about that pet

MINI PHOTOGRAPHY

EXHIBIT GUIDELINES

- Learn about basic photography skills
- Posters are displayed horizontally; 22" by 14", and mounted on a firm backing and covered in clear plastic or other transparent material.
- Attach a label to your exhibit in the lower right hand corner indicating name, division, and grade.
- Exhibit three 4" x 6" pictures at the fair. The pictures may be color, black and white, or some of each. Use the title for your poster: "My Life".

The three (3) pictures should be of the following:

Division 1 (Kindergarten): 1 picture of a flower/plant and 2 pictures of your choice

Division 2 (1st Grade): 1 picture of a person and 2 pictures of your choice

Division 3 (2nd Grade): 1 picture of an animal or insect and 2 pictures of your choice.

MINI SEWING

EXHIBIT GUIDELINES

- Learn about basic sewing skills
- Attach a label to your exhibit in the lower right hand corner indicating name, division, and grade.
- Manual: Hancock County Manual

Division 1 (Kindergarten): Exhibit a sewing box.

Division 2 (1st Grade): Exhibit a Kool Cat or Honey Bear felt animal.

Division 3 (2nd Grade): Exhibit a throw pillow, wash-cloth pillow, or a cut-out pillow.

MINI WILDLIFE

EXHIBIT GUIDELINES

- Learn about different animals and how they are important to nature.
- Posters are displayed horizontally; 22" by 14", and mounted on a firm backing and covered in clear plastic or other transparent material.
- Attach a label to your exhibit in the lower right hand corner indicating name, division and grade.
- Manual: Hancock County Manual

Division 1 (Kindergarten): Exhibit a 22 x 14 inch poster board with two of the animal pictures from your manual that you have colored and labeled properly.

Division 2 (1st Grade): Exhibit a 22 x 14 inch poster board with the three bird pictures from your manual that you have colored and labeled properly.

Division 3 (2nd Grade): Exhibit a 22 x 14 inch poster board with six animal pictures from your manual that you have colored and labeled properly.

MINI 4-H ANIMAL OPPORTUNITIES

MINI BEEF

EXHIBIT GUIDELINES

Division 1 (Kindergarten): Exhibit a poster on your favorite breed of cattle. Posters are displayed horizontally; 22" by 14", and mounted on a firm backing and covered in clear plastic or other transparent material. Attach a label to your exhibit in the lower right-hand corner indicating your name and grade.

Division 2 (1st Grade): Exhibit a poster on the cuts of beef. Posters are displayed horizontally; 22" by 14", and mounted on a firm backing and covered in clear plastic or other transparent material. Attach a label to your exhibit in the lower right-hand corner indicating your name and grade.

Division 3 (2nd Grade): Learn how to care for a calf and the proper way to show one. Show a calf at the 4-H Fair. The calf must be one that is at the fair and being shown by a 4-Her. There is not enough space to allow Mini 4-H exhibitors to bring in cattle. While showing the beef calf, a parent, legal guardian, or another adult designated in writing by parent or legal guardian will have control of the animal at all times. REFER TO FAIR SCHEDULE FOR THE DATE AND TIME OF SHOW.

MINI CATS

Project Superintendent: Heather Melton 317-847-5908 or angelize1107@gmail.com

EXHIBIT GUIDELINES

- Please see general rules for participation in Mini 4-H projects.
- Mini 4-H members do NOT need to own a cat to participate in the Mini 4-H Cat project.
- Mini 4-H members will have a mini cat show where they will bring a stuffed animal cat to show. **NO real cats are to be brought in by mini 4-H members please.** The stuffed animal cat needs to have free moving limbs that are separate from the body.
- They will bring their stuffed animal cat to the judging table in proper holding form and present the cat just like in the 4-H cat show.
- They will be asked a few basic knowledge questions about cats. Example: What is a baby cat called?
- If a mini 4-H member has a cat of their own they are encouraged to bring a photo of the cat as well, so they may share it with the judge.
- Mini 4-H members will exhibit one cat poster with parts of a cat labeled. They are also encouraged to color the cat in the same colors/patterns as their own cat or the cat they wish to own in the future.
- All exhibitors will be awarded Mini 4-H participation ribbons.

Recommended activities for Mini 4-H Cat members would include:

All Divisions: Prepare a poster of the parts of the cat, OR how to properly care for a cat OR a similar activity. Posters are displayed horizontally; 22" by 14", and mounted on a firm backing and covered in clear plastic or other transparent material. Attach a label to your exhibit in the lower right-hand corner indicating your name and grade.

MINI COLTS AND FILLIES

EXHIBIT GUIDELINES

Learn how to care for a pony and the proper way to show one. You must have your own pony to participate. While showing the horse or pony, a parent, legal guardian or another adult designated in writing by parent or legal guardian will have control of the animal at all times. Each youth must fill out a Horse & Pony Enrollment form and have signed by a Horse & Pony Leader by May 15th.

Each youth participating in the Colts and Fillies class is strongly recommended to attend at least two (2) supervised practice workshops in Lead Line class in order to participate safely at the Hancock County 4-H Horse Show.

REFER TO FAIR SCHEDULE FOR THE DATE AND TIME OF SHOW.

MINI DAIRY

EXHIBIT GUIDELINES

LEARN HOW TO CARE FOR A DAIRY COW AND THE PROPER WAY TO SHOW ONE.

Kindergarten: Exhibit a poster with a picture of a dairy animal that you color. You can find your own favorite picture to use! You can color her to look like any of the dairy breeds. Remember to label your picture with your name and grade on the lower right corner.

(Optional in addition to the poster.) Learn to care for a calf and the proper way to exhibit a dairy heifer. Mini 4-Her will be able to show a young heifer calf with the help of parent or legal guardian. The calf must be already at the fair and being shown by a 4-Her.

First Grade: Exhibit a poster of three dairy breeds labeled with their respective name. Pictures of the breeds should be mounted horizontally on a 22" x 14" poster board and covered by clear plastic or other transparent material. Attach a label with Mini 4-Hers name and grade in the lower right-hand corner.

(Optional in addition to the poster) Learn to care for a calf and the proper way to exhibit a dairy heifer. Mini 4-Her will be able to show a young heifer calf with the help of parent or legal guardian. The calf must be already at the fair and being shown by a 4-Her.

****Kindergarten and First Grade are required to exhibit a poster, showing a dairy animal is an optional activity for them.**

Second Grade: Learn to care for a calf and the proper way to exhibit a dairy heifer. Mini 4-Her will be able to show a young heifer calf with the help of parent or legal guardian. The calf must be already at the fair and being shown by a 4-Her. We encourage 2nd graders to show an animal but if you are unavailable, you may exhibit a poster.

And/Or, Mini 4-Her can also choose to exhibit a poster with a picture of a dairy female. A minimum of 20 parts or features of the animal need to be identified on the picture. Refer to this year's Fair Schedule for the date and time of show. We encourage 2nd graders to show an animal but if you are unavailable, you may exhibit a poster.

REFER TO FAIR SCHEDULE FOR THE DATE AND TIME OF SHOW.

MINI GOATS

EXHIBIT GUIDELINES

Learn how to care for a goat and the proper way to show one. Show a goat by the collar at the 4-H fair. The goat must be one that is at the fair and being shown by a 4-Her. There is not enough space to allow youth to bring in goats and the State Veterinarian will not be there to check health papers on the day of show.

REFER TO THE FAIR SCHEDULE FOR THE DATE AND TIME OF SHOW.

MINI LLAMA AND ALPACA

EXHIBIT GUIDELINES

Division 1 (Kindergarten): Exhibit a poster with both of the llama and alpaca pictures from the mini 4-H manual that you have colored and cut out. Be creative – feel free to add a pasture, barn or mountains to the background of your poster. Posters are displayed horizontally; 22" by 14" and mounted on a firm backing and covered in clear plastic or other transparent material. Attach a label to your exhibit in the lower right-hand corner indicating your name and grade.

Division 2 (1st Grade): Exhibit a poster with pictures of various uses for llamas and alpacas. You may use photos, magazine pictures, internet pictures, drawings, etc. Posters are displayed horizontally; 22" by 14", and mounted on a firm backing and covered in clear plastic or other transparent material. Attach a label to your exhibit in the lower right-hand corner indicating your name and grade.

Division 3 (2nd Grade): Learn how to care for a llama/alpaca and the proper way to show one. Show a llama or alpaca at the 4-H Fair with the help of an older 4-Her. The animal must be one that is at the fair and being shown by a 4-Her. There is not enough space to allow Mini 4-H exhibitors to bring in their own animal. You can either find your own 4-H llama exhibitor to pair up with prior to the fair, or you will be assigned one to work with prior to the Mini Show.

REFER TO THE FAIR SCHEDULE FOR THE DATE AND TIME OF SHOW.

MINI PIGS

EXHIBIT GUIDELINES

Division 1 (Kindergarten): Exhibit a poster with pictures of pigs (snapshots, magazine picture, drawings, etc.). Posters are displayed horizontally; 22" by 14", and mounted on a firm backing and covered in clear plastic or other transparent material. Attach a label to your exhibit in the lower right-hand corner indicating your name and grade.

Division 2 (1st Grade): Exhibit a poster on one of the following:

- Favorite breed of pig. Include picture(s), short description, and explanation of why it is your favorite breed of pigs.
- Products we get from pigs.
- Overview of swine well-being and care.

Posters are displayed horizontally; 22" by 14", and mounted on a firm backing and covered in clear plastic or other transparent material. Attach a label to your exhibit in the lower right-hand corner indicating your name and grade.

Division 3 (2nd Grade): Learn how to care for a pig and the proper way to show one. Show a pig at the 4-H Fair in the Mini 4-H Showmanship Class. The pig must be one that is at the fair and being show by a 4-Her as there is not enough space to allow Mini 4-H swine exhibitors to bring in their own pigs. You can either find your own 4-H swine exhibitor to pair up with prior to the fair or the committee will assign you a 4-Her to work with prior to the fair if indicated at the workshop or you have notified the extension office by May 15th that you will need to be matched with a 4-Her.

REFER TO THE FAIR SCHEDULE FOR THE DATE AND TIME OF SHOW.

MINI POCKET PETS

EXHIBIT GUIDELINES

Learn how to care for a pocket pet and the proper way to show one.

- Mini-4-Her must own and care for his/her own mice, rat(s), gerbil(s), guinea pig(s), hamster(s), hermit crab(s), lizard(s), turtle(s) and sugar glider(s). The Mini 4-Her may exhibit one or two small animals of the same species. Mini 4-Her must own animal on or before May 15th.
- Mini-4-Hers are responsible for the pocket pet and all materials needed, such as cages with secure lid, feed, water, etc.
- Pocket Pets must be taken home immediately after judging.

Division 1 (Kindergarten): Refer to the manual for your project. The following is an example of a question the judge may ask, why did you choose to own this type of animal?

Division 2 (1st Grade): Refer to the manual for your project. The following is an example of a question the judge may ask, how did you care for your animal?

Division 3 (2nd Grade): Refer to the manual for your project. The following is an example of a question the judge may ask, how did you design your pet's habitat?

REFER TO FAIR SCHEDULE FOR THE DATE AND TIME OF SHOW.

MINI POULTRY

EXHIBIT GUIDELINES

Learn how to care for poultry and the proper way to show them. Show chicken at the 4-H fair. The poultry must be one that is at the fair and that is provided by the 4-H Poultry Club.

REFER TO FAIR SCHEDULE FOR THE DATE AND TIME OF SHOW.

MINI RABBITS

Project Superintendent: David Wildman 317-467-4889

REFER TO THE FAIR SCHEDULE FOR THE DATE AND TIME OF SHOW.

Club Meeting and Workshop dates and times TBD.

EXHIBIT GUIDELINES

- Please see general rules for participation in Mini 4-H projects.
- Mini 4-H Rabbit members may attend all rabbit club meetings and workshops and are encouraged to do so. Mini 4-H Rabbits members are not permitted to hold officer positions within the club but may participate in other club activities.
- Mini 4-H Rabbit members may own the rabbit exhibited or borrow a rabbit from another exhibitor to complete the project. It is the responsibility of the 4-H member and family to locate a rabbit for exhibition. The rabbit should be one that the mini 4-H member may work with throughout the summer and at mini 4-H rabbit workshops. The 4-H leaders do not provide rabbits for this purpose.
- The exhibitor will be evaluated on his/her ability to carry the rabbit to and from the judges table and be evaluated on his/her ability to answer general questions about rabbit care, ownership and the breed of rabbit handled. The rabbit will not be judged.
- Each level of Mini 4-H Rabbit will participate in separate show class.
- All exhibitors will be awarded Mini 4-H participation ribbons.
- Rabbits used only for the Mini 4-H Rabbit project will not participate in the rabbit barn display area however Mini 4-H Rabbit members are encouraged to participate in rabbit barn activities such as feeding/watering duties and serving as building host/hostess.

Recommended activities for Mini 4-H Rabbit members would include:

Kindergarten – exhibit one rabbit as described above.

First Grade – exhibit one rabbit as described above and prepares a poster of the parts of a rabbit.

Second Grade – exhibit one rabbit as described above, prepare a poster of the parts of a rabbit and participate in the breed identification contest.

MINI SHEEP

EXHIBIT GUIDELINES

Learn how to care for a lamb and the proper way to show one. Show a lamb by halter at the 4-H fair. The lamb must be one that is at the fair and being shown by a 4-Her. There is not enough space to allow youth to bring in sheep and the State Veterinarian will not be there to check health papers on the day of show.

REFER TO THE FAIR SCHEDULE FOR THE DATE AND TIME OF SHOW.

