MINI 4-H

JOIN TODAY!

HAVE SOME FUN, MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND LEARN NEW SKILLS!

GRADES K-2ND

CRAFT WORKSHOPS, MINI DAY CAMP, AND EVEN MORE FUN!

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What is Mini 4-H?

Mini 4-H is a noncompetitive 4-H program for youth in grades K-2. Mini 4-H is designed to introduce you and your child to the 4-H program and is an excellent way for children to learn by doing and to exhibit projects at the fair. Mini 4-H members also have the opportunity to attend club meetings, workshops, and a summer day camp just for Mini 4-H'ers.

The noncompetitive learning environment for Mini 4-H includes:
1. Planned learning activities in which children are invited to be active and explore materials and ideas without the pressure of completing a specific product or exhibit.
2. Low adult/leader to child ratio that allows time for adults/leaders to provide individual positive encouragement and assistance.
3. Simple, interesting activities that are fun.
4. Encouragement of children to participate in a group activity by sharing and or displaying their activity projects.
5. Rewards are identical ribbons of the same color for everyone.

There is no limit to the number of projects youth can sign up for, however, try not to overwhelm a child with too many projects.

BICYCLE: Learn bicycle safety, all about road signs and the parts of your bicycle.

CRAFTS: Do you like to paint, draw, play with clay and use your hands to create crafty things? This is the project for you!

COLLECTIONS: Learn about collecting. Tell us what you like to collect and why. Bring your collection to the Fair!

CREATIVE WRITING: Do you like to tell stories about your adventures? Learn how to add more excitement to your stories!
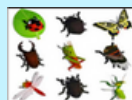
CUPCAKE: Make frosting and create pretty little cake creations that look good enough to eat!

DINOSAURS: Do you know how big a dinosaur was? How about what they ate? Learn about your favorite dinosaur by taking this project.

ENTOMOLOGY: Learn about ants, butterflies, bees and other creepy crawlies.

FARM ANIMALS: Cows, pigs, horses, chickens; all your favorite farm animals are featured in this project!

FOODS: Make your own trail mix, cook no-bake cookies and bake with biscuits! Learn how to make great treats your family will love.

FORESTRY: Learn about different trees and what makes them special.

GARDENING: Growing a vegetable garden does not have to be boring. You can plant hot and spicy peppers or cool cucumbers! Grow something you've never eaten before.

GENEALOGY: Learn about your family through old stories, pictures, and records. Become an Ancestor Detector!

HORSE & PONY: What kind of horse do you have? Learn about different breeds of horses, some safety rules and to care for your horse.

HORSELESS HORSE & PONY: For horse lovers who don't have horses. You too can learn about caring for horses, horse breeds and other fun facts.

MODELS: Models are small versions of the things around us. Use snap together parts, Legos, toothpicks or many other things to build miniature cars, buildings, bridges or anything you can think of.

MY PET & ME: Have fun with Fido, Fifi, or whatever you named your pet. Watch and learn what your pet can do.

PHOTOGRAPHY: Learn the Do's and Don'ts of taking pictures and how to get that perfect shot. Learn about close-ups, landscapes, portraits, and more!

PLANTS & FLOWERS: Learn about what plants and flowers need to grow both outside and in the house. Help make our planet pretty!

SEWING: Want to learn how to sew? Take the first steps with this project!

SPACE: Be an Astronaut in training! Learn about the Sun, Stars and Space flight.

TREES: Trees come in many shapes and sizes, just like people. Learn how trees grow, how old a tree is and how to tell the name of a tree just from its leaves.

WHALES & DOLPHINS: How do whales & dolphins breath? What is sonar? What is the biggest whale? You'll learn all this and more with this project.

WILDLIFE: Observe birds, chipmunks, squirrels and the other creatures that live in the woods.

WOODCRAFT: Have you been wanting to build with wood. Projects in this manual include popsicle stick art, building bookends and finally making a place to keep your tools.

Mini 4-H Workshops

Ancestor Detector

A group of 4-H Mini members tried climbing their family trees to become Ancestor Detectors! Participants made their own notebook to write down family secrets. They created a 3-generation family tree poster using owls for family members. The Mini's went home with tools to help them interview their living ancestors with ease and a booklet on how to make a time capsule. We have a few spare kits at the Extension Office if other Mini's are interested. Happy investigating!

Garden Decorations

Mini 4-H'ers met to get down and a bit dirty making garden decorations just in time for Mother's Day. The Mini members completed not one, not two, but three crafts during the workshop! Top on the list was a concrete garden stone. The children were given glass marbles, luster gems, river rocks, and a lucky penny. Each stone was unique and beautiful. Our second craft was a bit of bling for the garden as the Mini's strung assorted beads on wire with a hoop at the top to hang it from a tree, trellis, or tomato cage. And finally we made a planter from a can, a rubber band, popsicle sticks, and a bit of ribbon.

String Art

The 4-H Mini members (K-2) had a great time learning about a few things you can make with string (and yarn). Sewing by hand is a great life lesson. By making a string art Valentine card, the mini's could practice this skill. It was quite a learning experience! We also tried our hand at twisting yarn around nails in a small wooden circle to make a yarn art heart. One of the read-a-loud books for the class was "Lost, A Story of String". Each child was given a loop of string and shown how to make a couple of string figures shown in the book as we enjoyed the story. Instructions for making more string figures went home with each child.

Mini 4-H Workshops

Mini Day Camp

This years theme was Hawaiian Luau! We had an absolute blast with our minis with a day full of fun crafts and activities! We had a couple of special guests including Indiana DNR who brought some turtles for the kids! Our second guest was a...chicken!
(Fun fact: Did you know that Hawaii has wild chickens?!)
Our amazing volunteer AJ took on the role as our chicken and did fantastic! Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers and staff!

Adventures in Painting

Our Mini 4-H'ers got excited experimented with new ways to create art! We let them get as messy as they wanted while learning to use water-color pencils and making masterpieces just by blowing bubbles. The best technique was saved for last. Have you ever painted with cooked spaghetti? It's bright, it's colorful and looks like worms, but it sure is fun!

Mini 4-H Graduation

On September 27th, many proud parents and grandparents gathered to watch several of last year's Mini 4-H 2nd graders become some of our newest traditional 4-H members. This ceremony congratulated the children in participating in our Mini 4-H program and welcomed them into the traditional 4-H program. Each child received a 4-H binder, a certificate, and their very first 4-H pin. Our speakers included Mary Eve (Miss Mary), Rebecca Wilkins, and Kathy Eschbacher Timberlake. Refreshments and pictures followed the event.

4-H ONLINE: YOUTH AND MINI MEMBERS

Open Enrollment Begins October 1
The 4-H Program Year starts on October 1st! Enroll to join us for a great program year by going to v2.4HOnline.com. Traditional 4-H Members, Mini 4-H Members, and Adult Volunteers must enroll each year to participate in the program. Start the year off right by getting your enrollment done early. Step by step instructions are included in the newsletter, in your email, on our website at extension.purdue.edu/Harrison, and on our Facebook page.

Enrollment Eligibility/Membership/Residence
Enrollment in Indiana 4-H is open to any youth enrolled in grades 3-12. Grade is defined as the school grade the child is enrolled on January 1 of the 4-H year. A child may enroll in only one 4-H program in Indiana, regardless of their place of residence. In other words, youth are not required to participate in their own county's program and may participate in a different county program provided they have properly enrolled. The only exception to this is if their county of primary 4-H enrollment does not offer a project or statewide activity they want to participate in, then the child can enroll in a second county provided they meet Indiana 4-H policy requirements.

Annual 4-H Enrollment/Re-Enrollment
Enrollment is an annual process attained by completing the appropriate county 4-H enrollment process. 4-H Online enrollment is October 1 through January 15 at v2.4honline.com. After January 15, contact the Extension Office. 4-H enrollment is open to youth in grades 3-12 for a maximum of 10 consecutive years. 4-H members may drop or add projects through 4-H Online, through May 15. There is a $15 4-H program fee (Mini 4-H is free), payable at the time of enrollment.

Adding a New Family Member
Enter the member's information. Click the Next button. Complete the "About You" form with requested information Click the Next button. Select your method of participation Click the Finish button. If you have selected that you will be participating as New or Returning Club Member, continue to Youth and Mini 4-H Member Enrollment. If you are participating as an Adult Volunteer, continue to the Adult Volunteer Enrollment instructions.

Logging in to an Existing Account
Go to v2.4HOnline.com Enter your email address and password. Click Sign-In Continue to Youth and Mini 4-H Member Enrollment to re-enroll youth members, to Adult Enrollment to re-enroll adult members or to Adding New Members to add new Family Members. If you have forgotten your password, click "Reset Password?" to receive an email with a link to set a new password.

What's the Difference Between Fair Entry and 4-H Online?
4-H Online is the program enrollment website. This is where you register for the 4-H program year as well as the projects, project animals, and events you will be participating in throughout the year. Fair Entry is the fair entry database. This is where you submit the projects or animals you specifically intend to exhibit or show at the county fair. Fair Entry does not open until later in the year, and you must have your projects registered on 4-H Online before submitting them on the Fair Entry database.

How can Families Help?
- The 4-H program encourages parents, grandparents, guardians, and family members to help the 4-Her with his/her projects. Here are some suggestions:
- Help youth select projects that relate to their interest/hobbies.
- Attend club meetings with your child.
- Give encouragement and supervision, but allow the 4-Her to do their own work.
- Help youth develop a record keeping system for their project work. (This may mean finding a special place for records and 4-H materials in the home and reviewing that information periodically with them.)
- Read the 4-H Newsletter/4-H emails and help them stay on top of dates, deadlines, rules, etc
- Be willing to help whenever possible for the club as extra adult hands, hostess, driver, chaperone, etc. as the need arises.
- Be positive. Praise them when they succeed & be there to help when they struggle. Let them learn!
- Seek help from Extension Staff, Club Leaders, fellow 4-Hers, as well as people with specific expertise in project areas.
- HAVE FUN!

Did You Know?
In most 4-H projects, 4-H members are divided by their level, which is usually based on their grade level. Divisions include:
Minis: Grades K-2
Juniors: Grades 3-5
Intermediate: Grades 6-8   *A few projects like Foods, Sewing, and Tractor have more levels*
Senior: Grades 9-12

4-H ONLINE: STEP BY STEP ENROLLMENT GUIDE

Creating A New Account:

1. Go to **v2.4HOnline.com**.
2. Click "Don't have an account?" if you have never enrolled in 4-H before using 4-H Online.
3. Select Indiana from the drop-down menu.
4. Choose your county from the drop-down menu.
5. Complete your family's information.
6. Click the Create Account button.
7. Enter your family's address information.
8. Click the Verify button.
9. If you create a new account and an existing account is found, click the Confirm button and continue to Logging in with an existing 4-H Online account.

If you are returning to 4-H, your member record will be listed on the Family Member List. Click "Enroll Now" under 4-H. If you are a new member and your name is not yet listed, click "Add Member" and follow the steps for "Adding a New Family Member," then continue to Step 1 below.

1. Select the member's Grade and click Next.
2. Select to Confirm that you would like to enroll as a Club Member.
3. Click the Select Clubs button.
4. Select the County in which your Club is located.
5. Click Add next to the Club you would like to join.
6. Repeat steps 1-3 to add all of the Clubs in which you would like to participate.
7. If you have enrolled in more than one club, be sure the Primary club is marked correctly. If not, click the Change to Primary button to mark a different Club as your Primary Club.
8. Click the trash can icon to remove a Club from the list.
9. Once all of your Clubs are added, click Next at the bottom of the screen.
10. Click Select Projects.
11. Select the Club with which you want your project to be associated.
12. Click the Add button next to the project you want to add to the member's enrollment.
13. Repeat steps 10-12 for each project in which you would like to participate.
14. Click the trash can icon to remove any projects.
15. Click the Next button once all the member's projects have been added.
16. Click "Show Questions"
17. Complete the enrollment questions. Some of the questions will be completed for you based on what you entered when you created your record.
18. Complete the Health form fields and Consents.
19. Click the Next button at the bottom of the screen when you are done.
20. Complete the Consents
21. Click the Next button at the bottom of the page when you are finished.
22. If applicable, review the fees for the member.
    a. **For the 2023-2024 4-H year, the 4-H Council has generously decided to cover the enrollment fees for all youth. Be sure to click the "Pay By Check" option in the Payment step to allow enrollment fees to be covered.**
23. Review the enrollment information.
24. Once you have verified that the clubs and projects are listed correctly, click the Submit button.

You will receive an email to let you know your enrollment has been submitted. You will receive another email when your County Extension office has approved your enrollment. You may view the enrollment status on the Member List. Any enrollments that have fees to be paid by credit card will process when the County Extension Office approves the enrollment. Should the transaction be declined, you will receive an email notification. It will include a link to login so that you may add another card or change your payment method.