

BICYCLE

PLEASE NOTE: Any changes/updates from the previous year will be **BOLDED and **ITALICIZED**! Pay special attention to any projects with **BOLD**, **ITALICIZED WORDS** because they have changed from last year.**

The 4-H Bicycle project teaches safe riding habits.

Note: To compete in the Bicycle Rodeo the 'Bicycle Project Completion Recommendations' must be completed for the appropriate grade.

Completion, exhibition participation, and State Fair information for Bicycle			
Division/Level	Grades <i>(suggested)</i>	Completion Activities Needed*	Maximum State Fair Entries
Level 1	Grades 3-5	7 activities*	No State Fair Entries
Level 2	Grades 6-8	7 activities*	No State Fair Entries
Level 3	Grades 9-12	7 Activities*	No State Fair Entries
Bicycle Rodeo- Junior	Grades 3-7	7 activities*	No State Fair Entries
Bicycle Rodeo- Senior	Grades 8-12	7 activities*	No State Fair Entries

*"Activities" are defined as project manual activities and/or Hendricks County 4-H Workshops related to this topic. Members must be able to prove attendance by getting a signature from 4-H Leader/Project Advisor that conducts the workshop. Activity sheets available in the Extension Office with Bicycle Project Manuals. Fair Exhibit **guidelines** are listed below.

Remember: All posters, notebooks, and display boards **MUST** include a reference list indicating where information was obtained, giving credit to the original author, to complete the 4-H member's exhibit. This reference list should/might include web site links, people and professionals interviewed, books, magazines, etc. It is recommended this reference list be attached to the back of a poster or display board, be the last page of a notebook, or included as part of the display visible to the public. A judge is not to discredit an exhibit for the way references are listed. Reference Sheets are available at the Extension Office for use if needed. For personal safety, do not include personally identifiable information such as mailing address or phone numbers on posters/displays/exhibits.

GUIDELINES

- 1. Refer to the Hendricks County 4-H Policies, Entry & Exhibit Guidelines for poster and general display guidelines.**

EXHIBIT CLASSES

Level 1 Beginner: Grades 3-5 (suggested)

- Create an educational poster, notebook or display about a bicycle topic of choice that is age/grade appropriate.**

Level 2 Intermediate: Grades 6-8 (suggested)

- Create an educational poster, notebook or display about a bicycle topic of choice that is age/grade appropriate.**

Level 3 Advanced: Grades 9-12 (suggested)

- Create an educational poster, notebook or display about a bicycle topic of choice that is age/grade appropriate.**

Riding Skills Option (Bicycle Rodeo): Grades 3-12

- An optional riding skills obstacle course will be held at the County Fair. See next page for details.**

Bicycle Rodeo Notes:

- There will be two (2) divisions in the rodeo:
 - Junior division - Participants must be grades 3-7 in January of current year.
 - Senior division - Participants must be in grades 8-12 in January of the current year.
- It is highly recommended that youth use the right size bike according to bicycle manufacturer guidelines to prevent stress on the body and damage to the equipment.
- Official judges may deem a bicycle unfit for use in the rodeo because of maintenance and/or safety hazards.
- The penalty scoring system is to be used. Unanswered or incorrectly answered questions and violation of rules will draw penalty points for the participant. In each division, the participant who completes the course with the lowest total score or number of penalty points will be the winner.
- In case of a tie score for a trophy or trip award, the tie will be broken by using the following system:
 - 1st tie breaker - participants' written exam score
 - 2nd tie breaker - participants' maintenance/safety event score
 - 3rd tie breaker - participants' parts identification score
 - 4th tie breaker - participants' skill event score #1 score
 - 5th tie breaker – participants' skill event #2 score
- The Superintendent and Assistants of the contest along with the 4-H Extension Educator will decide any rule or interpretation not covered here. Their decisions shall be final.
- All participants will be scored on written quiz, maintenance/safety check of bicycle, parts, tools and accessories identification, bicycle operation on skill events, and safety while at the rodeo.
- Each participant will take a written quiz. The Junior Division will consist of 15 questions and the Senior Division quiz will contain 25 questions. Each question incorrectly answered will add 4 points to the participant's score.
- Quiz questions will be drawn from the Indiana 4-H bicycle manuals, Indiana State traffic rules and regulations pertaining to the operation of bicycles will be covered.
- Junior division participants will be expected to find 5 maintenance and/or safety problems on a bicycle. Senior division participants must find 10 maintenance and/or safety problems. A penalty of five (5) points will be assessed for each maintenance and/or safety item missed or incorrectly listed.
- Junior division participants will identify 10 bicycle parts, tools or accessories and Senior division participants will identify 20. Each item incorrectly identified will result in a five (5) point penalty.
- Participants will be required to wear a helmet at all times when operating a bicycle on the rodeo course. Participants need to provide their own bicycle and helmet.
- A Champion and Reserve Champion participant will be selected from the Junior and Senior divisions.

ENTRY & EXHIBIT GUIDELINES FOR THE HENDRICKS COUNTY 4-H FAIR

All exhibits and entries must be made during the period indicated on the fair schedule.

1. All exhibits must be picked up during the allotted time period or ribbons and awards will be forfeited.
2. All project selections must be made on 4-HOnline. Exhibits that will be presented/displayed at the Hendricks County 4-H Fair must be entered into FairEntry online by designated date.
3. **Judges evaluating exhibits should recognize individual differences and creativity, therefore using information in this handbook as a guide rather than a requirement.**
4. All non-livestock exhibits must include an exhibit label in the lower right hand corner of their exhibit available from FairEntry. Livestock exhibits will receive stall/cage cards when the project is brought to the fairgrounds.
5. In case of an unavoidable circumstance, such as death of animal or drought, which prevents members from exhibiting, insert an explanation in your record book, signed by your parent or guardian and 4-H Leader, and turn book in at the Extension Office to be considered as completing the project.
6. White cards ("My Record of Achievement") must be turned in to exhibit in 4-H. Completion cards must be presented at check-in.
7. **Members are eligible to exhibit their project via Interactive Demonstration during the County Fair, but will not qualify for State Fair. Additionally, Interactive Demonstrations will be a non-judged exhibit option where members may showcase what they have learned in the project to the general public. All projects have the option for Interactive Demonstration exhibit at the county level.**
8. A 4-H member can exhibit in only one division of each project.
9. All exhibitors will receive ribbons. Exhibits in the livestock classes will receive ribbons designated first to tenth places with all exhibits below tenth receiving achievement ribbons. All other projects will be graded as to quality with the highest quality to receive blue ribbons; average quality, red ribbons; below average, white ribbons. Any exhibit not meeting the **guidelines** of the project will be judged on its merit then lowered one placing ribbon. Exhibit entered late, improperly, or not judged will receive a green merit ribbon. Exhibits with exceptional merit will be awarded honor group ribbons as determined by the judge.
10. **Posters are to be 22"x28" and displayed horizontally and placed in a clear plastic sleeve or covered with clear plastic to protect its contents. Display boards should be designed to sit on a table using no more than 36" of tabletop space. Space should be left in the lower right hand corner to place an exhibit tag provided by Purdue Extension Staff.**

The dimensions for the poster are 22 inches tall and 28 inches wide.

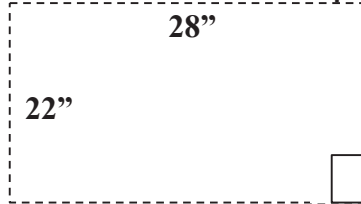


Exhibit tag comes from information entered on FairEntry prior to the 4-H Fair. The exhibit tag needs to go on the outside of the plastic sleeve in the bottom right hand corner.

11. State Fair Livestock 4-H entries are to be entered on the State Fair website by the 4-H member by June 1. The Extension Office will make all other non-livestock project entries through FairEntry.
12. Use of skateboards, skates, roller blades, and bicycles are prohibited on the grounds unless in conjunction with a fair event.
13. Dogs and other domestic animals are prohibited on the grounds unless in conjunction with a 4-H Fair event or dogs being used as service animals for impaired individuals.
14. All judges' decisions will be final.
15. **All** posters, notebooks, and display boards **MUST** include a reference list indicating where information was obtained, giving credit to the original author, to complete the 4-H member's exhibit. This reference list should/might include web site links, people and professionals interviewed, books, magazines, etc. It is recommended this reference list be attached to the back of a poster or display board, be the last page of a notebook, or included as part of the display visible to the public. A judge is not to discredit an exhibit for the way references are listed. Reference Sheets are available at the Extension Office for use.
16. For personal safety concerns, notebooks/posters/displays exhibited should only contain name, county, grade, level, and club if needed. Do not list personally identifiable information (i.e. phone, address, etc.).