

MINI 4-H

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 Mini 4-H Program is designed for youth in first or second grade of the current 4-H year. Mini 4-H is designed to supplement and introduce both first and second graders to the Hendricks County 4-H program.

Additionally, the Mini 4-H program is set up to allow youth to exhibit a project at the 4-H Fair. The 4-H Fair is an exciting time for 4-H members and families. It is a week that allows community youth to showcase their talents, interests and enthusiasm for learning. Mini 4-H is fun! Youth will certainly enjoy it. Parents can have fun too, by guiding and helping as their child participates in the program. Encourage and praise children as they have fun learning and sharing.

Mini 4-H members are welcome to take a maximum of two (2) of the following projects. Should a 4-Her do two years of Mini 4-H (first and second grade) projects can be repeated OR members can take two (2) different projects. ***Be sure to enroll in the projects on 4-H Online and enter exhibit information into FairEntry by designated date.***

Mini Arts & Crafts

- First Grade: Product from the decoupage, splatter painting, beaded key chain, collage or plaster figurine
- Second Grade: Seed drawing, painting, tissue paper, decoupage, beaded necklace, or clay free form

Mini Bugs Project

- First Grade: Product from "My Butterfly" or "Bug Lab"
- Second Grade: Product from "Thumbprint Bugs" or "Backyard Bugs"

Mini Collections

- First Grade: What I Collect or Poster: What You Collect
- Second Grade: What I collect or Notebook: What

Mini Cookie Decorating

- First Grade: Three (3) iced cookies decorated with candies, sprinkles, and/or baking chips
- Second Grade: Three (3) iced cookies with a border around the edge of each cookie. This may be by using decorations or icing and decorating tips. Be sure to decorate the inside of the cookie too! Be creative!

Mini Dinosaur

- First Grade: Product from "Build a Dinosaur" or "Clay Fossils"
- Second Grade: Product from "Dinosaur Diorama" or "Fossil Prints"

Mini Farm Animals

- First Grade: Product from "Barn 'yarn' Animals" or "Animal Tracks"
- Second Grade: Product from "Farm Diorama" or "What do Farm Animals Give us?"

Mini Foods Project

- First Grade: Display six (6) no-bake cookies on a 9" disposable plate
- Second Grade: Display three (3) breadsticks, cinnamon twists, or fruit turn-overs on a 9" disposable plate

Mini Gardening

- First Grade: Product from "Seeds in a Bag" Poster or "Container Gardens"
- Second Grade: Product of "Grow a Green Bean Plant" or "Grow a Potato Vine"

Mini Models

- First Grade: Product of "My Own Model" or a model from a plastic snap together model kit purchased from the store (be sure to keep it appropriate for your age)
- Second Grade: Shoebox Room Model or a models from a plastic snap together model kit purchased from the store (be sure to keep it appropriate for your age)

Mini Nature, Plants, & Trees

- First Grade: Leaf Poster or Bird Feeder
- Second Grade: Tree Poster or Tree Treasures Poster

Mini Oceans Project

- First Grade: An ocean pendant or an ocean life poster
- Second Grade: Ocean oil spill poster or ocean diorama

Mini Pets Project

- First Grade: What pet is best? Or Poster: My favorite pet
- Second Grade: Pet observation or Poster: Pet research

Mini Sewing

- First Grade: Product from "My Sewing Kit" with a list of tools you will put in the kit or "Pin Cushion"
- Second Grade: Product from "Buttons and Hand Stitching" or "Fabric Coasters"

Mini Showing Animals

- ***First Grade: Work with mentor to learn about their livestock animal and "show" mentor's animal in specialty Mini 4-H class during livestock show.***
- ***Second Grade: Work with mentor to learn about their livestock animal and "show" mentor's animal in specialty Mini 4-H class during livestock show.***
- ***Current Livestock Options: Goats, Sheep, Swine, Rabbits***

Mini Sun, Stars, & Space

- First Grade: Sun Clock, Poster: Night Skies or Poster: Outer Space Art
- Second Grade: Notebook: Shadow Science, Poster: If I were an Astronaut...or Planet Mobile

Mini Wildlife

- First Grade: Twig Bird House or Poster: Camouflage Observation
- Second Grade: Bird Bath or Poster: Animal Tracks

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.

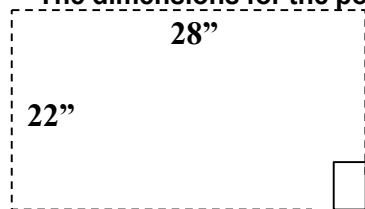


Exhibit tag comes from information entered on FairEntry prior to the 4-H Fair. The exhibit tag needs to go on the outside of the plastic sleeve in the bottom right hand corner.

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.).