

Jackson County 4-H HANDBOOK

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4-H STATE FAIR EXHIBITS

1. **Aerospace** - Grades 3-5, 6-8, 9-12 (3 rockets, drones, remote control aircraft, posters, notebooks or display boards per county; one per level.)
2. **Animal Education** – Grades 3-5, 6-8, 9-12
1 Beef entry per county. 3 Cat entries per county; one per level. 1 Dairy Cattle entry per county. 3 Dog entries per county; one per level. 1 Goat entry per county. 1 Horse entry per county. 3 Llama entries per county; one per level. 3 Poultry entries per county; one per level. 3 Rabbit entries per county; one per level. 1 Sheep entry per county. 1 Swine entry per county.
3. **Arts and Crafts** – 12 entries total including: Arts & Crafts, General (Grand Champion Entry & Reserve Grand Champion for Arts and Crafts, General, Ceramics, Gift Wrapping, and Leathercraft) Construction and Architectural Replica (Grand Champion Entry) Fine Arts (Grand and Reserve Grand Champion entry) Model craft (Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Entry) Needle Craft (Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Entry)
4. **ATV Safety and Operator Skills** – Grades 3-5, 6-8, 9-12 (3 posters, notebooks or display boards per county)
5. **Cake Decorating** - Grades 3-5, 6-8, 9-12 (3 entries per county; one per level)
6. **Child Development** - Grades 3-4, Grades 5-6, Grades 7-9, Grades 10-12 (4 entries per county; one per level)
7. **Communications - Demonstration** – 3 junior individuals, 3 senior individuals, 3 junior teams and 3 senior teams per county **Informative 4-H Presentation** – 3 junior individuals, 3 senior individuals
Professional Persuasive Presentation – 3 junior, 3 senior, 3 junior teams and 3 senior teams per county per county. **Public Speaking** – 3 junior and 3 senior per county. **Creative Writing** – Grades 3-5, 6-8, 9-12 (3 exhibits per county, one per level)
8. **Computer Science**- Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8, Grades 9-12 (3 per county; one per level)
9. **Consumer Clothing** - Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8, Grades 9-12 (3 Notebooks per county, no clothing; one per level 1 advanced level (Grade 9-12) per county to model in state fair fashion revue)
10. **Electric** – Levels 1-5 (5 electric exhibits per county, one per level and 1 electronic exhibit per county, level 5)
11. **Entomology** - Beginner (*1st-3rd Year*), Intermediate (*4th-6th Year*), Advanced (*7th-10th Year*)
(3 collection exhibits per county, one per level and 3 educational exhibits per county, one per level)
12. **Fashion Revue** - Grades 8-12 (6 senior exhibits per county with no more than two exhibits per category.) Note – State fair fashion revue grand champion will be selected from the six senior sewing category champions modeling their sewn garment or outfit plus the advanced consumer clothing champion modeling their purchased outfit.
13. **Foods** - Level A (grades 3-4), Level B (grades 5-6), Level C (grades 7-9), Level D (grades 10-12) (2 Level A entries, 2 Level B entries, 3 Level C entries, and 3 Level D entries per county)
14. **Forestry** - Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8, Grades 9-12 (3 per county; one per level)

15. **Genealogy** - Division 1, 2, 3, 4, Advanced (5 entries per county; one per division)
16. **Geology** - Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8, Grades 9-12 (3 per county; one per level)
17. **Health** - Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8, Grades 9-12 (3 exhibits per county; one per level)
18. **Home Environment** - Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8, Grades 9-12 (6 per county; two per level)
19. **Lawn and Garden Tractor Safety and Operator Skills** - Level A (grades 3-4), Level B (grades 5-6), Level C (grades 7-9), Level D (grades 10-12) 4 educational exhibits per county; one per level and 3 junior and 3 senior driving contestants will qualify at the area level to compete at the state contest.
20. **Photography** – Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8, Grades 9-12 (2 beginner, 3 intermediate, and 3 advanced per county)
21. **Sewing - Non-Wearable** – One exhibit per grade 3-12.
22. **Sewing Wearable** - One exhibit for each grade 3-7, Six exhibits from grades 8-12 one per category.
23. **Shooting Sports** - Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8, Grades 9-12 (3 per county; one per level)
24. **Small Engine** - Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8, Grades 9-12 (3 per county; one per level)
25. **Soil & Water Science** - Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8, Grades 9-12 (3 per county; one per level)
26. **Sport Fishing** - Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8, Grades 9-12 (3 per county; one per level)
27. **Tractor Safety and Operator Skills** - Level A (grades 3-4), Level B (grades 5-6), Level C (grades 7-9), Level D (grades 10-12) 4 educational exhibits per county; one per level and 3 junior and 3 senior driving contestants will qualify at the area level to compete at the state contest.
28. **Veterinary Science** - Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8, Grades 9-12 (3 per county; one per level)
29. **Weather & Climate Science** - Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8, Grades 9-12 (3 per county; one per level)
30. **Wildlife** – Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8, Grades 9-12 (3 per county; one per level)
31. **Woodworking** - Level A (grades 3-4), Level B (grades 5-6), Level C (grades 7-9), Level D (grades 10-12) (4 exhibits per county; one per level)
32. **Zero-Turn Mower Safety and Operator Skills** - Level A (grades 3-4), Level B (grades 5-6), Level C (grades 7-9), Level D (grades 10-12) 4 educational exhibits per county; one per level and 3 junior and 3 senior driving contestants will qualify at the area level to compete at the state contest.

Horticulture Building

1. **Beekeeping** - 1 educational exhibit per county and 1 honey exhibit per member, unlimited number of county entries
2. **Floriculture** - Level A (grades 3-4), Level B (grades 5-6), Level C (grades 7-9), Level D (grades 10-12) (8 floral exhibits per county, 2 per level and 4 educational exhibits per county, 1 per level)
3. **Garden** - 1 collection per member, 5 single vegetable entries per member, 3 herb entries per member, 1 potato tray entry per member, 1 tomato plate entry per member, and 1 educational exhibit entry per county
4. **Livestock** - Number of animals vary depending upon specie. Consult state fair website for details.

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EXHIBIT REQUIREMENTS

All Policies and Procedures for Exhibition can be found by visiting <https://bit.ly/PoliciesIntroduction>. Jackson County will follow all guidelines listed by the State 4-H Office unless otherwise noted in the Jackson County Guidelines.

The following requirements must be met for exhibition at the Jackson County Fair. The recordsheet completes the project.

Safety Policy For Mini 4-H Members Section 9: Risk Management

Policy Regarding Overnight Stay At Fairgrounds can be found in Section 9: Risk Management

Miscellaneous:

1. More specific instructions for exhibits may be found in project books. PLEASE LOOK THERE FIRST.
2. DIVISIONS NOT AVAILABLE – Where divisions are not available, the 4-H member may develop his or her program and exhibit with the help of the adult leader.
3. If a problem arises at the fair concerning 4-H events and projects, the 4-H Council Committee, consisting of three or more people, or an Extension Educator and two 4-H Council members will make the final decision as to what is to be done.
4. No alcohol is permitted on or near the fairgrounds. Any 4-H'er who is found using alcohol will be asked to leave the fairgrounds and remove all 4-H projects.
5. Any project display associated with any illegal substances for those 4-H'er's 18 years and younger by law in Indiana will be judged, but not displayed in the 4-H Building at the discretion of the 4-H educator.
6. ALL EXHIBITS will be released on Sunday at the designated time.
7. Projects that are not picked up by October will be donated. 4-H members are responsible for their own projects.
8. The Jackson County Fair and Jackson County 4-H do not assume any liability for loss or damage to any article, but the volunteers will use all precaution possible to avoid any loss or damage.
9. Action demonstrations can be done at the fair to complete project and receive a participation ribbon.
10. When doing any research for projects, use .edu and/or .gov for reliable information.
11. For projects with multiple pieces, all parts must be labeled with the 4-H'er's name on each piece of the project.
12. Artificial Intelligence (AI) may be used, with parent permission, when creating this exhibit and is to be documented as a reference. A majority of the work to create this

exhibit is to be the 4-H member's original work. 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 includes sources cited by AI. 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.

Paperwork:

1. **All record books** must be turned in by Wednesday **prior** to fair week, completely filled out. (This also includes records of projects which are entered on Saturday and also livestock records.) **CURRENT PROJECT RECORDS SHOULD BE IN THE FRONT OF THE GREEN FOLDER WITH THE RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENT (white cardstock sheet) DIVIDING CURRENT RECORDS FROM PREVIOUS YEARS.** Both sides of the

Record of Achievement should be filled out completely and specifically since these are transferred to the member's permanent record card following the fair. Selection of county awards and trip recipients are based on these records.

2. **ALL PROJECTS** require a completed record sheet to be included in the green folder.

Judging:

1. RIBBONS will be awarded according to the Danish group system of merit in all 4-H classes except Horse & Pony. The proportion of each color of ribbons awarded in each class will depend on the quality of the exhibits. Green ribbons are used only when minimum standards have not been met and do NOT denote incompleteness. Champion and Reserve Champion ribbons will be awarded in all lower or grade divisions, and in some cases upper divisions where there are 3 or more entries and/or the exhibit merits the distinction (as determined by the judge). Where there are not usually a sizeable number of exhibits and/or upper divisions are together, Division V and up will be judged together and only one Champion and one Reserve Champion will be named if there are exhibits that merit. Projects selected for State Fair are usually the Division Champion. Remember, not all projects and/or divisions are eligible to be shown at the State Fair (this is determined by the State Fair).
2. **SOME PROJECTS ARE COMMUNITY STYLE OR OPEN JUDGING.** This allows the 4-H'ers to be present during judging to receive information and answer questions from the judges. Attendance is helpful but not mandatory.
3. 4-H'ers may skip **ONE** division by completing the division to be skipped, showing the finished item to their 4-H Leaders and contacting the Extension Office to update enrollment forms. The 4-H'er may then advance to the next division and only exhibit the higher division at the fair.
4. Any project arriving during judging on the date stated, but past the deadline time, will be judged, but will not be considered for any placing higher than a

blue ribbon. Exhibits arriving after judging is completed will **not** be judged and will receive a participation ribbon.

5. It is at the judge's discretion if a Champion or Reserve Champion is given based on exhibitsmeeting requirements.

LIVESTOCK/ ANIMAL PROJECT MANUAL

4-H GENERAL ANIMAL GUIDELINES

See livestock mailing in June for more information related to the fair.

All Policies and Procedures for Exhibition can be found by visiting <https://bit.ly/PoliciesIntroduction>. Jackson County will follow all guidelines listed by the State 4-H Office unless otherwise noted in the Jackson County Guidelines.

Mini 4-H Members:

Mini 4-H members are not to show in competitive livestock competitions of any kind. Mini Livestock members exhibit a poster in the 4-H Building, due the Wednesday before the fair. See Safety Policy for Mini 4-H Members in [Section 9: Risk Management](#)

Animal Ownership Policies can be found in:

[Section 6: 4-H Awards and Competitions Guidelines](#)

General Animal Fair Information:

- 4-H Livestock members may exhibit no more than four (4) market animals of each sex per species - beef, dairy beef, goat, sheep, and swine.
- No animal can show in the Jackson County Fair unless entered at ID Day (if required by breed/species) and in 4-H Online by the deadline. It is recommended to register additional animals to replace others in the event there is loss.
- Animals that die after the designated ID Day or 4-H Online enrollment deadline will not be permitted to be replaced and shown at the Jackson County Fair. Only animals entered at ID Day (if required by breed/species) and in 4-H Online by the deadline may be shown and can replace other animals IF COMMUNICATED TO EXTENSION STAFF.
- All electronic devices used in the barns must be a UL listed item. This includes, but not limited to, fans and radios. All extension cords must be UL listed and contain a three-prong plug.
- Sale signs are not allowed for 4-H projects during fair week.
- Any exhibitor who, with disrespectful language or unprofessional and/or public manner, takes exceptions to the judgment of any awarding committee, official, or judge, shall be prohibited by the Fair Committee from competing for further premiums/awards and will be required to take the exhibit from the grounds of the association. Said exhibitor will also forfeit entry fee and any premiums/awards awarded prior to the incident. Nor shall any exhibitor or person representing the exhibitor interfere with or show disrespect to any judge or show official.

- Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Certification is required for all Indiana 4-H members showing livestock: **pigs, beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, goats, market rabbits, and poultry.**
- Aerosol cans are banned from the inside, and the near vicinity (<10ft), of show arenas. Failure to comply with this rule will result in disqualification of the animal in possession of the 4-H'er at the time of violation, but other animals may still be shown.

Born & Raised:

Beef Steers & Heifers, Dairy Beef Steers, Sheep Market & Breeding, Boer Goat

- Beginning 2012 the Born & Raised class is defined as “a class for 4-H animals which were born on the 4-H'er's **family** farm and raised by the same 4-H'er on the same **family** farm.” The **family** farm is defined as being owned by father, mother, stepfather, stepmother, legal guardian, brother, sister, half-brother, half-sister, stepbrother, stepsister, grandfather, grandmother, step grandfather, step grandmother, aunt or uncle.
- Enrollment into the 4-H Born & Raised class will be done at time of online identification for livestock. Appropriate entry must be made at the time of online identification. No entries will be accepted after this deadline.

Care, Fitting & Grooming of Animals:

- At the Jackson County Fair, the 4-H animal exhibitor may receive CLIPPING AND GROOMING ASSISTANCE only from their immediate family which is defined as a father, mother, stepfather, stepmother, sibling, grandfather, grandmother, step grandfather, stepgrandmother, aunt or uncle or from another current Jackson County 4-H exhibitor. PLEASE NOTE, THIS IS DIFFERENT THAN STATE FAIR POLICY
- **All livestock must remain in their assigned barns during fair week unless being transported to a show or walking for the purpose of exercise during off-peak fair hours (example: early morning or late evening).**
- False switches will not be allowed. (Except for horses.) Only hair that is growing naturally on the specific animal in that specific location is acceptable. If an animal is altered, the animal in question shall be disqualified and all awards for that animal shall be forfeited.
- The direct application of ice, ice water, alcohol, Freon or any other refrigerant to the hide is strictly prohibited. This deceptive, fraudulent practice will cause the animal(s) to be disqualified immediately.
- Application of cold towels is permitted.
- **UNETHICAL FITTING OF ANIMAL EXHIBITS** is defined as the administration of any substance (to include, but not limited to drugs, blood, oils, steroids, air, chemical substances) or performance of any surgical or non-

surgical procedure altering the animal's configuration or natural conformation of any part of the animal's body, or rendering its tissues unfit for human consumption and is prohibited. Exceptions that are allowed include hoof trimming, dehorning, removal of hair, castration, branding, tattooing, ear notching, docking of tails on sheep and swine, and coloring or manipulation of normally attached hair that does not alter or misrepresent breed characteristics or the animal's configuration or natural conformation.

- Show animals must meet all requirements for proper withdrawal date on all medications.
- If anyone is caught giving alcoholic beverages to 4-H livestock, the 4-H member will be disqualified from showing that animal in a 4-H Show and will be required to remove the animals in question from the fairgrounds.
- 4-H MARKET ANIMALS SHALL NOT CONTAIN any foreign substance including: drugs, steroids, or chemicals, greater than those standards established by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) or the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as permissible for sale for consumption as human food upon entry at the fair.
- 4-H animals shall be free of any foreign substance, including steroids, drugs, or chemicals affecting the central nervous system (for example, stimulants, depressants or painkillers), except for equine exhibitors which are subject to levels established by the United States Equestrian Federation.
- Drugs may not be administered to 4-H animal exhibits at the Fair except those administered by a veterinarian upon notification of a Jackson County 4-H Council Member.
- Veterinarians are permitted to treat animals for illness, but are not permitted to treat lameness and/or unsoundness cases related to an animal's movement.
- All treatments performed by veterinarians shall be reported to a 4-H Council Member at treatment time.
- **TAMPERING, ALTERING, AND /OR MISREPRESENTATION** relative to any exhibit is prohibited. This prohibited activity includes, but is not limited to, the breeding age, ownership, and/or method of preparation or completion. (For example, with animal exhibits, this includes, but is not limited to, coloring that alters or misrepresents breed characteristics, pumping, and filling).

Substitute Showman Policy information can be found i:

Section 6: State Fair Terms and Conditions

Showmanship:

All 4-H members must show their OWN animals for showmanship. There shall be three showmanship divisions (Junior, Senior and Master) in the Dairy and Dairy Beef shows and four in the Beef, Goat, Sheep and Swine shows (fourth being Rookie). The Junior Division shall consist of those 4-H members who are 7th grade or younger. A 4-H'er once winning the Junior Division, regardless of grade, must thereafter show in the Senior Division. Senior Division winners must thereafter show in the Master Division. Master Class includes all who have previously won the Senior Division. Rookie Class includes first year members of the project. A 4-H member may participate in the Master Class as long as he/she is enrolled in the 4-H program.

Master Showmanship:

The Master Showmanship winners from Beef, Boer Goat, Dairy, Dairy Beef, Dairy Goat, Sheep and Swine will compete for the title of Supreme Showman.

Supreme Showmanship:

- **Supreme Showmanship:** Winners of Master Showmanship from Beef, Boer Goat, Dairy, Dairy Beef, Dairy Goat, Sheep, and Swine will have the opportunity to participate in the Supreme Showmanship contest. If the winner has won Master Showmanship in multiple species, they will still represent all of the species that they won. If the Master Showman forfeits their right to show or cannot attend the contest, that species will not have a representative to vie for Supreme Showman. No Reserve Master Showmanship winners will take the place of the winner from the delegated species.
- **Details of the Supreme Showmanship contest:** Representatives from the Master Showmanship contests will show livestock from the above species. Order of show will be determined the day of the show. Livestock selected for the contest will be determined by the barn superintendent. All show supplies for that species will be provided by the barn superintendent and given to the showman upon receiving the animal for show. Each participant will take a general livestock quiz prepared by the event coordinator and will only be used in case of a tie. Participants may be asked to speak on the microphone.

Answers to questions will be left to the discretion of the judge and only the answer to the question will be considered part of the contest and not the quality as to which it was presented.

- **Junior Supreme Showmanship:** Winners of Junior Showmanship from Beef, Boer Goat, Dairy, Dairy Beef, Dairy Goat, Sheep, and Swine will have the opportunity to participate in the Junior Supreme Showmanship contest. If the winner has won Junior Showmanship in multiple species, they will still represent all of the species that they won. If the Junior Showman forfeits their

right to show or cannot attend the contest, that species will not have a representative to via for Junior Supreme Showman. No Reserve Junior Showmanship winners will take the place of the winner from the delegated species.

- **Details of the Junior Supreme Showmanship contest:** Representatives from the Junior Showmanship contests will show livestock from the above species. Order of show will be determined the day of the show. Livestock selected for the contest will be determined by the barn superintendent. All show supplies for that species will be provided by the barn superintendent and given to the showman upon receiving the animal for show. Each participant will take a general livestock quiz prepared by the event coordinator and will only be used in case of a tie. Participants may be asked to speak on microphone. Answers to questions will be left to the discretion of the judge and only the answer to the question will be considered part of the contest and not the quality as to which it was presented.
- Note: In the instance that a livestock exhibitor successfully receives both Junior and Master Showman in their species, they must choose to compete in either Junior or Master Supreme Showmanship. No Reserve Junior or Master Showmanship winners will take the place of the winner from the delegated species.

Grand Parade of Livestock:

Any 4-H livestock member may participate in the Grand Parade of Livestock. All participants must sign up. Sign up information will be available in the 4-H Building.

Pen Reservations:

Reservations are due to the Extension Office by the date according to the pen reservation mailing. (Open Class fees are **payable** upon entry of livestock at the **Fair Board Office**). There are no fees for 4-H'ers showing only 4-H animals. Please only reserve pens for animals (no single hog pens, no tack pens). No animal will be given 4-H pen space if there is no designated 4-H area in which that animal may show.

Auction:

- Families will fill out Auction Consignment questions and Pen Reservation Questions in Fair Entry. Auction Consignment Information must be **entered NO LATER THAN MANDATED BY FAIR ENTRY!** There will be absolutely no late auction consignments accepted. The **Auction Consignment Fee will be deducted from the check written to the 4-H'er from the proceeds from the sale of their auction animal.**
- Information pertaining to the 4-H Livestock Auction will be sent out in a letter to all Livestock members. Each 4-H member may sell only one animal.
- Each 4-H member must have a picture with his/her animal(s) that will be

selling in the 4-H Auction. This picture will be given to the buyer of that animal during the auction

- All sales are final.
- Animals must be exhibited in the County 4-H show to be eligible for sale.
- Only market animals shown in a market class can sell at the auction.
- 4-H members are expected to sell their own animal in the auction.
- If a 4-H livestock exhibitor experiences the loss, or impairment of their auction animal prior to the auction, they may substitute an alternate animal regardless of species with approval of the Jackson County 4-H Livestock/Auction committee. In the event that a 4-H member substitutes an alternative animal, that animal must belong to the 4-H member and be exhibited by the 4-H member in a market class during fair week. During check-in of the 4-H member's livestock at the Jackson County Fair, the 4-H member needs to declare to the respective barn superintendent, the decision to switch species. If the animal dies or is impaired between check in and the auction, the 4-H member must notify their committee chairperson immediately, for approval to switch species. All substitute animals **MUST** be entered at ID Day (if required by breed/species) and in 4-H Online by the deadline.
- Animals may be sold in the auction as long as there is a market buyer confirmed each year.

State Fair:

4-H members interested in showing at the State Fair will need to enter their animal(s) by the designated State Fair Deadline. Information about State Fair can be found at: www.indianastatefair.com

Animal Affidavits must be obtained from the Extension Office or online and completed prior to arriving at the Indiana State Fairgrounds.

BEEF

Read official health terms and conditions, general terms and conditions and official ownership terms and conditions in the 4-H General Animal Guidelines Section. Pay particular attention to terms on tampering, misrepresentation, conduct, drugs, etc. All 4-H beef animals must be identified in the online system by the assigned date listed below. Information on how to enroll will be included in the 4-H Newsletter. 4-H members should completely fill out all information on the 4-H Online system.

Exception will be for registered heifers. No beginning weight date and beginning weight will be needed for registered heifers.

Steers & Non-registered/commercial heifers must

- Attend ID Day (Check newsletter for date)
- Be identified in 4-H Online by May 15th.

Beef Feeder Steers must

- Attend ID (Check newsletter for date)
- Be identified in 4-H Online by May 15th.

Market Heifers (in order to be eligible for Auction)

- Attend ID Day (Check newsletter for date)
- Be identified in 4-H Online by May 15th.
- Be weighed at the fair
- Shown in a Market Heifer Class

Registered Heifers must

- Have Tattoo & 840-RFID tag
- Have Registration papers
- Be identified in 4-H Online by May 15th.

Additional guidelines:

- No bulls are to be shown in any 4-H class at the Jackson County Fair.
- Market animals are weighed **once** at I.D. Day and **once** at the fair.
- All market beef animals must have milk teeth at fair weigh in. The 4-H Livestock Committee reserves the right to randomly inspect all animals for milk teeth.

- Purebred heifers must have registration papers from their breed association and be identified by a readable tattoo and registration number or dam registration number and birth date at time of enrollment.
- The 4-H Beef Committee may require 4-H'ers to have heifer birthdays and steer weights printed on back numbers.
- A steer or heifer enrolled in a particular breed may be changed to the crossbred section before final entries are made.
- Registration certificates must be presented on Wednesday (for heifers) and at fair weigh in or ID weigh in, stating that the exhibitor owns the animal as per ownership terms on or before the enrollment deadline and continuously until show date. No exceptions will be allowed. Only registration papers issued by the breed association will be accepted – no photo copies or carbon copies and no FAX except a FAX directly from the national breed association to the Jackson County Extension Office.
- Steers and market heifers will be shown by breed and weight classes depending on the weight of the animal within a breed. Market animals should weigh at least 800 pounds to be sold through the auction. Market animals must have milk teeth in place to show and sell.
- Feeder calves will be shown by WEIGHT ONLY, not breed. Weight limit at fair time is 700 lbs. Feeder calves weighing more than 700 lbs. will be judged in a separate class and receive a red ribbon. Feeder calves will NOT be sold in the Auction. Feeder calves may be brought back the next year.
- Any breed that is represented by less than 2 animals, other than the offered breeds, will be shown in an All-Other Breeds (AOB) class.

Beef Steers: Exhibited by weight & breeds. Classes may be subdivided more at the discretion of the Beef Superintendent. Suggested weight range is 800 to 1300 pounds (any breed represented by less than 2 animals, other than the offered breeds, will be shown in an All-Other Breeds [AOB] class)

- Offered Breeds for Market Animals: Angus, Belted Galloway, Charolais, Chianina & Chi Angus, Gelbvieh, Hereford, Limousin, Maine-Anjou & Maintainer, Mini Hereford, Red Angus, Red Poll, Salers, Santa Gertrudis, Shorthorn & Shorthorn Plus, Simmental & Sim-Solution, Crossbred, Slick Steers, Market Heifers

Beef Market Heifers: (Exhibited by weight)

Beef Breeding Heifers: Any breed that is represented by less than 2 animals, other than the offered breeds, will be shown in an All-Other Breeds (AOB) class.

- Offered Breeds for Breeding Heifers: Angus, Belted Galloway, Charolais, Chianina & Chi Angus, Gelbvieh, Hereford, Limousin, Maine-Anjou & Maintainer, Mini Hereford, Red Angus, Red Poll, Salers, Santa Gertrudis, Shorthorn & Shorthorn Plus, Simmental & Sim-Solution, Commercial

1. Junior Heifer - Calved after January 1, 2025
2. Senior Heifer - Calved between September 1 and December 31, 2024
3. Late Summer Yearling Heifer - Calved between July 1 and August 31, 2024
4. Early Summer Yearling Heifer - Calved between May 1 and June 30, 2024
5. Late Junior Yearling Heifer - Calved between March 1 and April 30, 2024
6. Early Junior Yearling – Calved between January 1 and February 28, 2024
7. Senior Yearling – Calved between September 1 and December 31, 2024
8. Showmanship

Poster Exhibit Requirements: Posters are due the Wednesday before the fair. 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 manner in which references are listed.

Level 1 (Grades 3-5), Level 2 (Grades 6-8), Level 3 (Grades 9-12)

1. Turn in your green folder with record sheet on Wednesday prior to the fair.
2. Exhibit (do a minimum of one)
 - A. Exhibit your animal(s) at the Jackson County Fair.
 - B. An educational poster (following poster guidelines) that shows something the 4-H'er learned from the project.

DAIRY

All 4-H dairy animals (Must be Purebred, may be registered or non-registered) must be enrolled online by May 15th. Information on how to enroll will be included in the 4-H Newsletter. 4-H members should completely fill out all information in 4-H Online.

All dairy heifers and cows **MUST BE**:

- Identified with 840 RFID tags, 15 digits, beginning with 840
- Identified in online system by May 15th.

Order – Alphabetical Order by Breed, 4-H Showmanship

Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey, Milking Shorthorn

Classes:

1. Spring Heifer Calf - born March 1, 2026 (over 4 months old)
2. Winter Heifer Calf - born December 1, 2025 to February 28, 2026
3. Fall Heifer Calf – born September 1, 2025 to November 30, 2026
4. Summer Yearling Heifer - born June 1, 2025 to August 31, 2025
5. Spring Yearling Heifer - born March 1, 2025 to May 31, 2025
6. Winter Yearling Heifer – born December 1, 2024 to February 28, 2025
7. Fall Yearling Heifer - born September 1, 2024 to November 30, 2024
8. Junior Champion Female
9. Junior Reserve Champion Female
10. Supreme Champion
11. Reserve Supreme Champion
12. 2 year old cow - born September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2024
13. 3 year old cow - born September 1, 2022 to August 31, 2023
14. 4 year old cow - born prior September 1, 2021 to August 31, 2022
15. Aged Cow- born prior to August 31, 2021
16. Dry Cow, two years old or older, born prior to August 31, 2024
17. Senior Champion Female
18. Senior Reserve Champion Female
19. Grand Champion Female
20. Reserve Grand Champion Female

Showmanship – Senior, Junior, Master (End of Show)

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Level 1 (Grades 3-5), Level 2 (Grade 6-8), Level 3 (Grades 9-12)

1. Turn in your green folder with record sheet on Wednesday prior to the fair.
2. Exhibits (do a minimum of one)
 - A. Exhibit your animal(s) at the Jackson County Fair.
 - B. An educational poster (following poster guidelines) that shows something the 4-H'er learned from the project.

DAIRY BEEF

All 4-H dairy beef animals (registered and non-registered) must be enrolled online by date listed below. Information on how to enroll will be included in the 4-H Newsletter. 4-H members should completely fill out all information in 4-H Online.

Dairy Beef Steers must

- Attend ID Day on April 18th, 2026, from 7:30am-11am at the fairgrounds
- Be identified in 4-H Online by May 15th.

Dairy Beef Feeder Steers must

- Attend ID Day (Check newsletter for date)
- Be identified in 4-H Online by May 15th.
- Dairy Beef Steers and Dairy Feeder Steers will consist of Holstein, Brown Swiss steers. Cost records should cover entire feeding period for not less than ID Day. Steers must be born January 1, 2025 or later and must have milk teeth to show and sell. Dairy Feeder Steers must be born January 1, 2026 or later. There will be a weight limit of 300 lbs. plus 3 lbs. per day from April 1 until ID Day.
- All steers need to be on the fairgrounds and in their pens by noon of Monday of the fair.
- All non-auction dairy beef can be released only after, Friday at 11 pm.
- Read official health terms and conditions, general terms and conditions and official ownership terms and conditions in the 4-H General Animal Guidelines section. Pay particular attention to terms on tampering, misrepresentation, conduct, drugs, etc.
- Dairy Beef are weighed once at I.D. Day and once at the fair.
- All steers must have milk teeth at fair weigh in. The 4-H Livestock Committee reserves the right to randomly inspect all animals for milk teeth.
- All Dairy Beef must be 100% Dairy, Holstein or Brown Swiss or Holstein/Brown Swiss Cross, but do not have to be registered animals.
- No crossbred steers will be permitted. A breed classification committee will evaluate all steers and feeder steers for 100% dairy breed characteristics. The decision made by this committee will be final. This will take place at ID/Weigh In Days and at Weigh In at the Jackson County Fair. If determined steer or feeder steer is not 100% dairy the animal will be ineligible to be shown.
- All Dairy Steers and Dairy Feeder Steers must be properly dehorned and castrated prior to the Jackson County Fair. Freshly dehorned and castrated steers will not be allowed to show in this project.

Poster Exhibit Requirements: Posters are due the Wednesday before the Fair. 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 manner in which references are listed.

Level 1 (Grades 3-5), Level 2 (Grades 6-8), Level 3 (Grades 9-12)

1. Turn in your green folder with record sheet on Wednesday prior to the Fair.
2. Exhibits (do a minimum of one)
 - A. Exhibit your animal(s) at the Jackson County Fair.
 - B. An educational poster (following poster guidelines) that shows something the 4-H'er learned from the project.

DOG

- 4-H members may exhibit two dogs at the 4-H Dog Show.
- All 4-H dogs must be owned and cared for by the 4-H'er by May 15.
- A dog being shown in the dog project must belong to the exhibitor or to a member of the immediate family or household. Dogs may only be shown by the 4-H member. This term does not apply to siblings and parents.
- Outside of the show ring, all 4-H dogs must be on a leash or in their crate. No training is allowed in the building.
- All 4-H dogs must have a completed certificate of vaccination signed by a licensed and accredited veterinarian indicating that the dog has been vaccinated for rabies, distemper, hepatitis, parvovirus, leptospirosis and kennel cough to present at the Dog Show. Dates must be included for each vaccine. All information must be completed on the vaccination certificate or the animal will be sent home. Animals that are vaccinated at home must provide an original receipt for the vaccine and attach the receipt and the label for the vaccine on the vet form; in addition to putting the date of vaccination on the form.
- A dog displaying signs of aggression will not be allowed to show in the interest of safety to others associated with the show. Dogs that bite any official (including judges) will be disqualified from all further activities and will be sent home from the show.
- 4-H members are responsible for the actions of their dogs.
- Female dogs who are "in season" will not be allowed to compete in the dog show. These dogs should be left at home, so they do not distract other dogs and prevent the exhibitors from being able to demonstrate their true abilities.
- Excessive and/or inhumane treatment of a 4-H dog by a handler and/or family member will be grounds for disqualification of the 4-H exhibitor.
- 4-H dogs must wear a well fitted slip, buckle, or Martindale collar made of leather, fabric or chain in order to be exhibited in dog show classes. The leash must be made of fabric or leather and must be six (6) feet in length. Collar tags will not be allowed in the 4-H show. Head halters are useful training tools, and are acceptable in the 4-H training program. However, the head halter is not acceptable show equipment.
- A dog being shown in the dog project must belong to the exhibitor or to a member of the immediate family or household. Dogs may only be shown by the 4-H member. This term does not apply to siblings and parents.
- The 4-H showmanship and agility dog must be the same animal that was shown by the 4-H exhibitor in an obedience class. Dogs that have been disqualified in their obedience class are not eligible for exhibition in showmanship or agility.
- Commercial advertisement or insignia on 4-H exhibitors is prohibited during the dog show; however, the 4-H clover is permitted.
- All 4-H exhibitors are required to clean up after their dog.
- The 4-H arm band number should be exhibited on the handler's left arm at all times when competing in the ring.
- No bait allowed in the ring except for showmanship.

Judging Classes - Agility:

- Proper attire: Tennis shoes are to be worn for all judging classes. Unsafe footwear, such as smooth soled boots, high heels, backless slip-on shoes, and loose-fitting shoes are not permitted. No low-cut shirts, crop tops, tank tops, or cut off shirts. Shorts, skirts, and dresses are permitted, but should be no shorter than mid-thigh.
- Dogs showing in agility are required to have shown in obedience and must

be at least 1 year old on day of show. Agility is recommended for 1B dogs and higher.

- Dogs 7 years and over (Veterans) may jump no jump height lower than their actual height.
- All agility work will be done on a flat, buckle collar. Beginning level A must use a six footlead. All other levels will be off lead. Collar tags will not be allowed.
- Once all paws have touched contact equipment, the dog must either complete the obstacle or move to the next one. No additional attempts will be allowed.
 1. Beginner – A
 2. Beginner – B
 3. Intermediate – A
 4. Intermediate – B
 5. Advanced – A
 6. Advanced – B
 7. Excellence – A
 8. Excellence – B

Showmanship:

- Proper attire: Tennis shoes are to be worn for all judging classes. Unsafe footwear, such as smooth soled boots, high heels, backless slip-on shoes, and loose-fitting shoes are not permitted. No low-cut shirts, crop tops, tank tops, or cut off shirts. Shorts, skirts, and dresses are permitted, but should be no shorter than mid-thigh. For dresses and blouses, the sleeve should be at least 3.5 inches wide. Blouses and shirts should not be low-cut; preferably no lower than to the clavicle bone.
- A dog fouling in the ring will be placed lower in the class.
- Dogs showing in showmanship are required to have shown in obedience and must be at least 6 months old on day of show.

Junior Showmanship - For any 4-H exhibitor in grades 3, 4 & 5. Once an exhibitor is the Junior Showmanship Winner, he/she is only eligible to compete in intermediate or senior showmanship.

Intermediate Showmanship - For any 4-H exhibitor in grades 6, 7, & 8. Exceptions only for previous Junior Showmanship winners. Once an exhibitor is the Intermediate Showmanship Winner, he/she is only eligible to compete in Senior Showmanship.

Senior Showmanship - For any 4-H exhibitor in grades 9 or above. Exceptions only for previous Intermediate Showmanship winners. Once an exhibitor is the Senior Showmanship Winner, he/she is only eligible to compete in Master Showmanship. (This is a county rule.)

Master Showmanship - For previous winners of Senior Showmanship.

Obedience:

First Year - Section A (Class 1-A): For 4-H'ers with no previous formal dog training experience with a dog which has received no obedience training prior to January 1 of the current year. Previous mini-dog member showing at any obedience show must advance to Level 1-B.

First Year - Section B (Class 1-B): For 4-H'ers with previous dog training experience (4-H or otherwise), coming back with a new dog, or for 4-H'ers with no experience whose dogs have had training, which disqualifies them for 1-A.

Second Year - Section A (Class 2-A): For 4-H'ers and dogs which have completed 1-A and/or 1-B.

Second Year - Section B (Class 2-B): Same as 2-A, only has drop on recall and one minute sit and downs.

Third Year - Section A (Class 3-A): For 4-H'ers and dogs which have completed second year work.

Third Year - Section B (Class 3-B): For 4-H'ers and dogs which have spent a year in 3-A, but are not ready for fourth year work. May be repeated.

Fourth Year - Section A (Class 4-A): For 4-H'ers and dogs which have completed third year work.

Fourth Year - Section B (Class 4-B): For 4-H'ers and dogs which have spent a year in 4-A, but are not ready for fifth year work. May be repeated.

Fifth Year - Section A (Class 5-A): For 4-H'ers and dogs which have completed fourth year work.

Fifth Year - Section B (Class 5-B): For 4-H'ers and dogs which have spent a year in 5-A, but are not ready for sixth year work. May be repeated.

Sixth Year - Section A (Class 6-A): For 4-H'ers and dogs who have completed fifth year work.

Sixth Year - Section B (Class 6-B): For 4-H'ers and dogs which have spent a year in 6-A and may repeat.

Veterans Class: For dogs 7 years old and above, or who have physical impairments which prohibit them from participating in other classes. The dog must have completed at least class 2-B in previous years. Dogs which are physically challenged must be accompanied by a letter from a veterinarian stating that the dog is unable to perform jumping and/or retrieving exercises. A dog may not show in any other obedience class, once they have competed in the Veteran's Class. May be repeated.

NOTE: CLASS CHANGES AT THE LEADER'S DISCRETION ONLY!

Poster Exhibit Requirements:

- Dog poster: A 22"x 28" educational poster displayed horizontally with a stiff backing and a clear protective covering.
- To be judged at the 4-H Dog Show. Please take note, this is prior to project check-in. Please make arrangements accordingly.
- 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 manner in which references are listed.

Level 1 (Grades 3-5), Level 2 (Grades 6-8), Level 3 (Grades 9-12)

1. Turn in your green folder with record sheet on Wednesday prior to the Fair or at the county dog show.
2. Exhibits (do a minimum of one)
 - A. Exhibit your animal(s) at the Jackson County Dog Show.
 - B. An educational poster (following poster guidelines) or exhibit that shows something the 4-H'er learned from the project.
 - C. All 4-H Dog Posters are due the Wednesday before Fair.



Indiana 4-H Aggressive Dog Policy

The safety and well-being of 4-H members and volunteers is a primary concern with all Indiana 4-H Program opportunities. Families should err on the side of caution in selecting a dog for the 4-H member to exhibit. A dog that has a known history of aggression or biting is not appropriate for involvement in the 4-H Program. On occasion, the 4-H member may have difficulty managing their dog within the 4-H Program. The following guidance has been provided for the Indiana 4-H Dog Program as the owner/exhibitor of the dog bears responsibility for the dog's actions. In the subsequent policy, the term "4-H Dog Personnel" will include County 4-H Volunteers, County Extension Educators, State 4-H Staff and appropriate County and State Fair Directors.

A dog that bites a human or another dog at any 4-H Dog Event must be immediately removed from that event by the 4-H member and will subsequently be excused from the 4-H Program. The member should be directed by 4-H Dog Personnel on-site to remove the dog if the member does not willingly. If a determination is made by the 4-H Dog Personnel that a dog bit in self-defense, it may be allowed to remain at the 4-H Dog Event.

Dogs that display other signs of aggression, including but not limited to barking and standing ground, growling, lunging and snapping will be given one verbal warning. They will be removed from the event after the second violation at the same event. To be removed from a 4-H Dog Event, there must be two violations at the same event.

Any dog that is removed from a 4-H Dog Event due to aggressive behavior will be placed on probation for 2 weeks. Written notification of the probation will be given to the 4-H member. The 2-week period will start upon written notification to the 4-H member. While on probation, the 4-H Dog Personnel and the 4-H member and parents will work together to determine the best course of action for the dog. This may include (but is not limited to) working individually with the dog and 4-H member, asking the 4-H member to use a different dog or having the 4-H member attend events without their dog. At the end of the designated probation period, 4-H Dog Personnel will decide regarding the dog's return to 4-H Dog Events.

Dogs that are removed from a 4-H Dog Event twice will be immediately excused from the 4-H program and will not be allowed to re-enter. Excusing a dog from the 4-H Program is rare but could be necessary for the safety of 4-H members, volunteers, and other participating dogs. Should a dog be excused from the program, it must be remembered that the action is against dog and not the 4-H member. 4-H Dog Personnel should look at many solutions and encourage the 4-H member to attend classes without their dog while training it at home or potentially bringing another dog to 4-H events. 4-H members will always be welcome in every other part of the dog project.

In the event that a dog is removed from a 4-H Dog Event or excused from the 4-H program, 4-H Dog Personnel should report such to the State 4-H Office so that the information is available at all county 4-H dog programs and the Indiana State Fair.



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Indiana 4-H Aggressive Dog Policy Incident Reporting Form

Date of Incident: _____

County: _____

4-H member name: _____

Breed of Dog: _____

Dog Color and Markings: _____

Dog's Name: _____

Microchip number (if applicable): _____

Description of Incident:

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Action Taken:

Person Completing Form: _____ Role: _____

Phone number: _____ Email address: _____

This completed form should be turned into the Purdue Extension County Office within 24 hours of the incident. It should then be forwarded to the State 4-H Office.

CAT

4-H members may exhibit two cats at the 4-H Cat Show and complete the record sheets as outlined in the 4-H Cat requirements. All 4-H cats and kittens must be owned and cared for by the 4-H'er since May 15. All 4-H cats must have a completed certification of vaccination signed by a licensed and accredited veterinarian to present at the cat show. All youth enrolled in the project will receive a vaccination form.

Classes

1. Kittens, 4 to 8 months old on show day
 - A. Male - long hair
 - B. Male – short hair
 - C. Female - long hair
 - D. Female - short hair
 - E. Champion & Reserve Champion - Male and Female Kitten
2. Adult Cat (Domestic), 9 months old and older
 - A. Male - long hair
 - B. A. Male - short hair
 - C. Female - long hair
 - D. Female - short hair
 - E. Champion & Reserve Champion - Male and Female Domestic Adult Cat
 - F. Altered Male or Female – long hair
 - G. Altered Male or Female - short hair
 - H. Champion & Reserve Champion Altered Domestic Cat
3. Adult Cat (Purebred) - must have registration number, 8 months old or older
 - A. Male or Female - long hair
 - B. Male or Female - short hair
 - C. Altered Male or Female - long hair
 - D. Altered Male or Female - short hair
 - E. Champion & Reserve Champion Purebred Cat
 - F. Grand & Reserve Grand Champion
4. Showmanship (Novice, Junior, Senior, Master)
5. Cage
6. Costume

Poster Exhibit Requirements: Posters are due the Wednesday before the Fair. 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 manner in which references are listed.

Level 1 (Grades 3-5), Level 2 (Grades 6-8), Level 3 (Grades 9-12)

1. Turn in your green folder with record sheet on Wednesday prior to the Fair.
2. Exhibits (do a minimum of one)
 - A. Exhibit your animal(s) at the Jackson County 4-H Cat Show.
 - B. An educational poster (following poster guidelines) that shows something the 4-H'er learned from the project.

GOAT

BOER, DAIRY, MYOTONIC

All 4-H goats must be owned and enrolled online by May 15th. Information on how to enroll will be included in the 4-H Newsletter. 4-H members should completely fill out all information on the online system. Exception would be if your animal was not weighed at ID Day, do not include Beginning Weight Date or Beginning Weight.

All Boer, Dairy and Myotonic Goats will be identified using State 4-H guidelines.

- Any Registered Boer, Dairy or Myotonic Goat needs a tattoo for identification purposes.
- Any one animal may not be enrolled by more than one 4-H member, except brothers and sisters. Animals would need to be entered under each sibling's online identification.
- Registered Boer Goat Does and Dairy Goat Does must be identified by either their own registration number or their dam's registration number. This number must be typed in the 4-H Online animal enrollment system by May 15th and must match the animal's registration paper. The system will not accept "Papers Applied For." The animal's birth date, breed, and tattoo number must be listed and these numbers must match the animal's registration paper. At check-in at the fair, original registration papers must be presented and tattoos must match the registration papers and the original animal enrollment papers. "Recorded Grade" is a registered class for Dairy Goats.
- Meat goat wethers and non-registered meat goat does Commercial Does, Market Does must be ear tagged at the Jackson County ID Day. If you have a Lamancha wether, you must contact the Extension Office to receive a County Tag number and the animal must be tattooed prior to ID Day. All goat's five-digit tag number or tattoo must be recorded in the online enrollment system along with its birth date.
 - 4-H exhibitors must have been enrolled in a goat project in Jackson County before May 15th.
 - A Born & Raised class for Boer Goat wethers will be offered at the Jackson County Fair. Please see **Born & Raised information at the beginning of the animal section** for more details.

4-H Goat Exhibition Terms and Conditions

- a. An exhibitor is limited to a maximum of two (2) entries per class.
- b. Dairy goats with horns are not permitted.
- c. No bucks are permitted.

- d. Every goat must have a collar and tie chain available if needed.
- e. It is recommended that a dairy goat exhibitor wear a white blouse/shirt and white/blackpants or skirt/split skirt to show their dairy goats. The exhibitor's midriff should not be exposed when standing or bending over.
- f. Registered Boer Goat: Full blood and Purebred does show together (94% and higher)
- g. At fair check in, original registration papers are needed and animal must be tattooed.
- h. Goats are checked in at the fair on the Sunday before the show and are released on Fridayevening or Saturday, the day of the 4-H Auction.
- i. The Jackson County 4-H program does not support the practice of drenching, unless it is absolutely necessary for animal welfare. 4-H members should contact their committee chairperson immediately if their animal needs drenching.

BOER GOAT

Classes:

Percentage or Commercial Does

1. 0-under 3 months
2. 3-under 6 months
3. 6-under 9 months
4. 9-under 12 months
5. Junior Champion
6. Junior Reserve Champion
7. 12 under 16 months
8. 16 under 20 months
9. 20-under 24 months
10. Yearling Champion
11. Yearling Reserve Champion
12. 24 – under 36 months
13. 36 months and older
14. Senior Champion
15. Senior Reserve Champion
16. Grand Champion Doe
17. Reserve Grand Champion Doe

Full Blood/Purebred with Registration papers

1. 0-under 3 months
2. 3-under 6 months
3. 6-under 9 months
4. 9-under 12 months
5. Junior Champion
6. Junior Reserve Champion
7. 12 under 16 months
8. 16 under 20 months
9. 20-under 24 months
10. Yearling Champion
11. Yearling Reserve Champion
12. 24 – under 36 months
13. 36 months and older
14. Senior Champion
15. Senior Reserve Champion
16. Grand Champion Doe
17. Reserve Grand Champion Doe

Boer Market

Market Wethers will be divided by weight after fair weigh in

- Grand Champion Wether
- Reserve Grand Champion Wether

Market Does will be divided by weight after fair weigh in

- Grand Champion Market Doe
- Reserve Grand Champion Market Doe

Showmanship – Rookie, Junior, Senior, Master

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DAIRY GOAT

Every goat must wear a collar and have a tie chain available if needed. Goats should be free of horns. The breed classes are as follows: Oberhasli, Recorded Grade, Saanen, Toggenburg, Alpine, LaMancha, Nubian, Nigerian Dwarf Classes

Milkers

1. Doe - one year and under two years (milking).
2. Doe - two years and under three years (milking).
3. Doe - three years and under five years (milking).
4. Doe - five years and over (milking).
5. Champion Doe (milking).
6. Reserve Champion Doe (milking).
7. Grand Champion Doe (milking).
8. Reserve Grand Champion Doe (milking).

All Breeds (these classes will be awarded Grand and Reserve GrandChampions)

1. Mother and Daughter Class (all breeds).
2. Produce of Dam - 2 does any age the product of 1 dam.
3. Get of Sire - 3 does any age with the same sire.

Dry Doe (Must be dry for 90 days prior to show)

1. Junior Doe - born on or after April 1, current year.
2. Intermediate Doe - born in March, current year.
3. Senior Doe - born before end of February, current year and under one year.
4. Yearling Doe - one year and under two years (never freshened).
5. 2 Years and Over.
6. Champion Dry Doe.
7. Reserve Champion Dry Doe.
8. Grand Champion Dry Doe.
9. Reserve Grand Champion Dry Doe.

All Breeds

1. Market Wether – Classes divided by weight
2. Grand Champion Market Wether
3. Reserve Grand Champion Market Wether

Showmanship - Rookie, Junior, Senior, Master

GOAT GIVE-AWAY CONTEST: OPEN TO ANY CHILD IN GRADES 2-11 WHO WILL BE ENROLLED IN THE COUNTY 4-H DAIRY GOAT PROJECT NEXT YEAR. SEE A CLUB LEADER FOR DETAILS ON HOW TO ENTER.

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MYOTONIC GOATS

1. 0-under 3 months
2. 3-under 6 months
3. 6-under 9 months
4. 9-under 12 months
5. Junior Champion
6. Junior Reserve Champion
7. 12-under 16 months
8. 16-under 20 months
9. 20-under 24 months
10. Yearling Champion
11. Yearling Reserve Champion
12. 24-under 36 months
13. 36-under and older
14. Senior Champion
15. Senior Reserve Champion
16. Grand Champion Myotonic Doe
17. Reserve Grand Champion Myotonic Doe
18. Wether – Classes divided by weight
19. Grand Champion Myotonic Wether
20. Reserve Grand Champion Myotonic Wether

Showmanship – Rookie – Junior – Senior – Master

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 - A. Exhibit your animal(s) at the Jackson County Fair.
 - B. An educational poster (following poster guidelines) that shows something the 4-H'er learned from the project.
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 - A. Exhibit your animal(s) at the Jackson County Fair.
 - B. An educational poster (following poster guidelines) that shows something the 4-H'er learned from the project.

HORSE AND PONY

All 4-H Horses must be entered on the online website by May 15. The Horse ID requirements include: a color photo showing all four feet and face. Information on how to enroll will be included in the 4-H Newsletter. 4-H members should completely fill out all information on the online system. 4-H Vaccination form will be required and will include the following vaccinations: Eastern and Western Equine Encephalomyelitis, Rhinopneumonitis/EHV type 1 and 4, Equine Influenza, Tetanus, West Nile Virus (New in 2021) and Rabies.

- All 4-H members **are required to wear a properly fitted ASTM or SEI standard F1163 (or above) certified helmet whenever mounted, or driving, at a 4-H Horse and Pony event, show, or activity.** The 4-H member is responsible to see that this specified headgear is properly fitted with the approved harness fastened in place whenever mounted. Original tags must be present in all approved helmets. This policy was placed in effect during the 2003 4-H program year and applies to all county, area, and state 4-H Horse and Pony events, shows, and activities.
- Adults riding horses are also at risk of head injury; therefore, adults are also strongly encouraged to wear properly fitted, certified helmets when they are riding at any 4-H sponsored activity/event so that they will serve as role models of safe behavior, as well as protect themselves.
- Junior (Grades 3-7); Senior (Grades 8-12)

Classes:

English Pleasure	Open Reining All Ages
English Equitation	Senior Trail
Hunter Hack	Junior Trail
Walk/Trot – Amateur	Senior Pole Bending
Walk/Trot – Open *this is a new class*	Junior Pole Bending
Country Pleasure	Senior Barrel Race
Senior Western Pleasure – Under 56”	Junior Barrel Race
Junior Western Pleasure – Under 56”	Senior Flag Race
Senior Western Pleasure – Over 56”	Junior Flag Race
Junior Western Pleasure – Over 56”	Senior Keyhole Race
Senior Horse Western Pleasure *Horses age 6 and above*	Junior Keyhole Race
Junior Horse Western Pleasure *Horses age 5 and under*	Halter Mares – Under 56”
Junior Horsemanship	Halter Mares – 56” and Over
Senior Horsemanship	Halter Geldings – Under 56”
Western Riding All Ages	Halter Geldings – 56” and Over
Ranch Riding	Junior Showmanship
	Senior Showmanship

Poster Exhibit Requirements: Poster will be judged at closed judging and will need to be turned in at project check in on Wednesday before the fair. 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 manner in which references are listed.

Level 1 (Grades 3-5), Level 2 (Grades 6-8), Level 3 (Grades 9-12)

1. Turn in your green folder with record sheet on Wednesday prior to the Fair.
2. Exhibits (do a minimum of one)
 - A. Exhibit your animal(s) at the 4-H Horse & Pony Show and/or participate in Trail Ride.
 - B. An educational poster (following poster guidelines) that shows something the 4-H'er learned from the project.

POULTRY

All poultry brought to the fairgrounds must meet one of the following requirements:

- a. Test negative for pullorum-typhoid within 90 days of the date of their exhibition. Birds can be tested at the fair.
- b. Committee screens all poultry entering the fairgrounds and reserves the right to send home sick or infirmed poultry.
- c. Be hatched from eggs originating from certified NPIP pullorum-typhoid clean flocks.
- d. Originate from a flock where the entire flock is certified NPIP pullorum-typhoid clean.

1. Entry consists of one animal.
2. All poultry are tested prior to the fair at a date set annually by the poultry committee.
3. Band all meat birds during poultry check in at the fair.
4. 4-H'er must exhibit a chicken in order to enter an egg exhibit.
5. 4-H'ers are required to leave a minimum of one animal for exhibition the week of the fair. Other birds may be taken home after the show.
6. 4-H member must show bird.
7. Exhibitors must be present during judging.
8. Clean own cage (and under cage) before, during and after the fair.
9. Provide own bedding, feed, water, fan for animals and a lock for each cage.

Classes (Each class will be divided into Cock, Hen, Cockerel and Pullet)

1. Showmanship
2. American Large Fowl
3. Asiatic Large Fowl
4. Continental Large Fowl
5. English Large Fowl
6. Mediterranean Large Fowl
7. All Other Large Fowl
8. Modern Game Bantams
9. Old English Game Bantams
10. Rose Comb Clean Legged Bantams
11. Single Comb Clean Legged Bantams
12. All other Clean Legged Bantams
13. Feather Legged Bantams
14. Waterfowl (ducks and geese)
15. Turkeys
16. Commercial Class- Hens and Pullets only, exhibited as a pair, not considered for the grand drive.
17. Egg – Exhibit six white or six brown or six other color eggs in a carton. You must also show a chicken to exhibit in this class.
18. Meat Birds
 - a. Broiler: 3.5-5.5 lbs
 - b. Roaster: 5.6-7.9 lbs
 - c. Stewer: 8 or more lbs
 - d. Commercial Turkey: White or Bronze

- Class 1 will be divided into Rookie, Junior, Senior, and Master.
- Classes 2-12 will be subdivided into cock, cockerel, hen and pullet classes with each subdivision naming a first place. The highest-ranking entry in each

subdivision would compete for overall class champion. (The highest-ranking cock, cockerel, hen and pullet will compete against each other.) There will be class champions for each class. These champions would compete for grand champion.

- Class 14 will be divided into ducks: light weight, medium weight, and heavy weight and geese: light weight, medium weight, and heavy weight. A champion duck and champion goose will be chosen. From these two champions a grand champion waterfowl will be chosen.
- Class 15 will be divided into turkeys: young hen, old hen, young tom, old tom.

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RABBITS

General Information:

Jackson County 4-H Rabbit Exhibitors are strongly encouraged to become a member of the Jackson County 4-H Rabbit Club.

Enrollment Regulations:

1. The 4-H member must have possession, be feeding, caring, and keeping records for their animal by the Animal ID deadline (May 15th). Rabbit identification needs to be entered in 4-H Online by May 15th. Meat pen rabbits might not be big enough to be tattooed by May 15th, however, go ahead and enter the tattoo numbers you plan to use in 4-H Online. You need to indicate by May 15th if you plan to show meat pen rabbits. Instructions will be sent out to all Rabbit project members.
2. Tattoos are required (Left Ear)

Show Regulations:

1. Exhibitors need to bring the Fair Entry Card matching the animal they wish to check in. Rabbits must arrive on Sunday for check in.
2. Committee screens all rabbits entering the fairgrounds and reserves the right to send home sick or infirmed rabbits.
3. Cages will be assigned. 4-H members should clean their own cages (under cage) before, during and after the fair. Providing their own bedding, feed, water, and a fan for animals.
4. 4-H member must show his/her own rabbit.
5. Exhibitors must be present during judging.
6. Only one exhibit per member per class.
7. 4-Hers are required to leave a minimum of one animal for exhibition the entire week of the fair. Other rabbits may be taken home.
8. If your rabbit is brought to the fairgrounds showing any types of sickness that rabbit will not be allowed to show and will need to exit the premises.
9. The American Rabbit Breeder's Association Standard of perfection will be the guidelines for judging the Jackson County 4-H Rabbit Show.
10. A champion 4 class and a champion 6 class award will be added to the show to match the ARBA show and the Indiana State Fair.
11. There will be a Grand Champion Rabbit overall between 4 and 6 class.

2026 Classes:

- Meat Pen- Consists of three rabbits, same breed and variety, each animal weighing between 3.5 lbs-5.5 lbs. Age limit is 10 weeks. A single fryer will automatically be entered when a meat pen is enrolled.
- Single fryer Class- animal weighing between 3.5 lbs-5.5lbs. Age limit 10 weeks. 4-Her can use one of the animals from their meat pen.
- Roaster Class- Animal must be under 6 months of age. Minimum weight 5.5 lbs., Maximum 9 lbs.

- Stewer class- Animal must be older than 6 months of age. Minimum weight over 8 lbs.
- Breeding Class- 4 class or 6 class recognized by the ARBA Standard of Perfection.
- Pet Class- 4 or 6 class rabbits not recognized by ARBA. These rabbits will be judged on care and quality of the animal and will not be eligible for Best in Show.

4 Class

- Senior Buck 6 months of age or older.
- Senior Doe 6 months of age or older.
- Junior Buck- under 6 months of age.
- Junior Doe- under 6 months of age.

6 Class

- Senior Buck 8 months of age and older.
- Senior Doe 8 months of age and older.
- Intermediate Buck 6 to 8 months of age.
- Intermediate Doe 6 to 8 months of age.
- Junior Buck under 6 months of age.
- Junior Doe under 6 months of age.

Animals will be classed by Breed, Variety, and Age. The rabbit committee has the right to class animals properly.

Rabbit Ambassador Contest:

Written Test, Breed ID Portion & Showmanship:

To participate in showmanship, members must also participate in rabbit ambassador. If members do not participate in ambassador and take the Breed ID and written test, they will be ineligible for showmanship.

Divisions:

- Novice-4-H member in the 3rd or 4th grade
- Junior-4-H member in the 5th or 6th grade
- Intermediate-4-H member in the 7th or 8th grade
- Senior-4-H member in the 9th or 10th
- Master-4-H member I in the 11th or 12th grade

Written Test:

Questions for the written test will be taken from the following publications:

- Domestic Rabbit (published by ARBA)
- Standard of Perfection 2022-2028 (published by ARBA)
- In the event of a conflict of information, the Standard of Perfection is

- considered the authority.
- Decision of the judges shall be final

Breed Identification:

- Identify ten (10) rabbits according to showroom classification and class.

Showmanship (handling portion):

- Each contestant must furnish his/her own rabbit and bring the rabbit to the judge in a carrier.
- The rabbit should be in a solid bottom carrier.

Contestants should refer to the 4-H Ambassador Contest Showmanship Score Sheet as a resource. This form is available from your County Extension Office or on the Purdue University 4-H website

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SHEEP

All 4-H sheep must be entered in 4-H Online by May 15th. Information on how to enroll will be included in the 4-H newsletter. 4-H members should completely fill out all information on the online system. 4-H Sheep must be owned and identified by 4-H'er by Sheep ID Day.

- Registered ewes exhibiting in the breeding show do not need to attend ID Day, however, those animals will not be permitted to switch to the market show for any reason if they did not attend ID Day.
- Yearling Ewes exhibited prior years do not need to attend ID Day as long as they still meet the tag requirements.
- Both registered ewes and yearling ewes must be entered in 4-H Online prior to deadline.
- All sheep members that plan to take their sheep to the Indiana State Fair must turn in DNA Hair samples to the extension office by May 15th.
- The Jackson County 4-H Program does not support the practice of drenching, unless it is absolutely necessary for animal welfare. 4-H members should contact their committee chairperson immediately if their animal needs drenching.

Classes will be by breeds.

1. Showmanship
2. Ewe Lamb (born after September 1, 2024)
3. Yearling Ewe (born after September 1, 2023)
4. Market Lambs (Ewes & Wethers) (Purebred to Crossbred)
 - 4-H Show will consist of ewes and wethers only (no rams).
 - Wether lambs must show clean castration.
 - Ewes will be shown by breeds. Purebred or Commercial/Grade animals are considered a breed.
5. Rate of Gain

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SWINE

All 4-H swine must be entered in 4-H Online by May 15th. Information on how to enroll will be included in the 4-H Newsletter. 4-H members should completely fill out all information on the online system.

- **Hair:** There are **no** restrictions on hair length for hogs shown in any of the 4-H shows. However, the buyer for all market hogs from our fair, whether it is an auction hog or general out hog, has requested that all hogs have $\frac{1}{2}$ " of body hair or greater. If your hog has less than $\frac{1}{2}$ " of hair and causes a stoppage in production at the buyers' facility, **the buyer has the option to withhold payment on that hog. In that situation, the 4-H'er will forfeit all market proceeds for that animal.**
- All barrows and gilts must be farrowed on or after December 1 of the previous year. The suggested weight range for 4-H barrows is 230-290 pounds.
- 4-H'ers are responsible for their own bedding. Shavings will be available during fair week for a charge.
- For purebred swine breeding animals and all barrows, a certificate of registration which lists a specific number for each animal must be presented at fair weigh-in. The gilt certificate of registration must show that exhibitor owns pigs either entirely or in part according to the State Fair methods of registration before May 15 and continuously until date of show.
- All 4-H Swine exhibitors must be Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care certified.
- During the showmanship portion of the 4-H show, no parents or other spectators will be allowed in the arena directly behind the holding pens. Any assistance needed by the 4-H'ers will be provided by the ring attendants.
- All electronic devices used in the swine barn must be a UL listed item. This includes, but is not limited to, fans and radios. All extension cords must be UL listed and contain a three-prong plug.
- All 4-H out hogs, locker hogs and breeding stock not being sold at the auction, will be loaded out according to the schedule set by swine committee.
- All hogs (barrows and gilts) will be required to be weighed at check-in at the fair.
- All barrows must weigh 200 pounds to be eligible to show, be sold in the auction, or included on the out-hog trailer going to the packer. Any gilts that are intended to be sold in the auction or included in out-hog trailer to the packer must also be a minimum of 200 pounds. Gilts weighing less than 200 pounds are still eligible for the breeding show and showmanship but must be taken home following the fair. All barrows weighing less than 200 pounds are still eligible to be used in showmanship but must be taken home following the fair.

1. 4-H Gilts – Exhibited by breeds (crossbred gilts shown as if they were a separate breed)
 - a. Purebred Gilts – will be divided by age into classes of approximately 8 head per class.
 - b. Crossbred Gilts – will be divided by weight into classes of approximately 8 head per class
 - Crossbred Gilts weighing over 345 pounds will not be permitted to be exhibited.
2. 4-H Swine Showmanship
 - a. Junior Showmanship
 - b. Rookie Showmanship
 - c. Senior Showmanship

- d. Master Showmanship
- 3. 4-H Market Barrows
 - a. Purebred Barrows – will be divided by weight into classes of approximately 8 head per class
 - b. Crossbred Barrows – will be divided by weight into classes of approximately 8 head per class.

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2026 Indiana 4-H Animal Identification

The following table lists the different animal species and the respective form of identification that is required for a 4-H member to be eligible to show in the 4-H livestock shows at the 2026 Indiana State Fair. The animal ID information must be entered in the Indiana 4-H Online enrollment system by the respective deadlines. Missing, incomplete or incorrect animal ID information could result in state fair ineligibility for that particular animal.

	For State Fair	Max # to Enroll in 4-H Online	Deadline
Beef and Dairy Beef Steers	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample	10 Total steers	May 15
Commercial and Market Heifers and Dairy Feeder	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample	10 total	May 15
Beef, Registered Heifers	840-RFID tag and Tattoo and DNA Hair Sample	10 total heifers	May 15
Dairy Cattle	840-RFID tag and animal's registered name and registration number (or dam's registration number) and DNA Hair Sample	40 total	May 15
Dairy Goat Females, Registered Wethers	Breed Registry Tattoo 5-digit County Tag or Tattoo	40 dairy goats total	May 15
Meat Goat Wethers (Including Myotonics)	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample		May 15
Boer Goat Females, Registered Myotonic Goat Females, Registered	Breed Registry Tattoo or Microchip that Matches Registration Papers and DNA Hair Sample	40 meat goats total	May 15

Market Goat Does (Wether Dams)	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample		May 15
Pygmy Goats Registered Unregistered	Breed Registry Tattoo or Microchip that Matches Registration Papers Official USDA Scrapie Tag or Official Scrapie Tattoo	40 total	May 15
Horses and Pony	Two Color Pictures	20 total	May 15
Llama and Alpaca	Two Color Pictures	20 total	May 15
Sheep Market Lambs and Wether Dams Commercial Ewes Registered Ewes	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample 840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag/or official Scrapies tag and DNA Hair Sample 840-RFID Tag and ID that matches registration Papers and DNA Hair Sample	30 sheep total	May 15
Swine	840-RFID Tag and Ear Notch and DNA Hair Sample	15 Gilts 15 Barrows	May 15

STATE PROJECT INFORMATION

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Below you will find a chart of all State 4-H Projects. We have linked directly to the State 4-H Website, so you are receiving the most up to date information. Be sure to click on “Exhibit Guidelines” for the exact project guidelines. If you need a hard copy of any of these project guidelines, reach out to the Extension Office at 812-358-6101

Aerospace	https://bit.ly/StateAerospace
Animal Education	https://bit.ly/StateAnimalEd
Arts and Crafts, Construction and Architectural Replica, Fine Arts, Model Craft, and Needle Craft	https://bit.ly/StateArtsandCrafts
ATV Safety	https://bit.ly/StateATVSafety
Beekeeping	https://bit.ly/StateBeekeeping
Bicycle	https://bit.ly/INStateBicycle
Cake Decorating	https://bit.ly/StateCakeDecorating
Child Development	https://bit.ly/StateChildDevelopment
Communications	https://bit.ly/StateCommunications
Computer Science	https://bit.ly/StateComputerScience
Consumer Clothing	https://bit.ly/StateConsumerClothing
Electric	https://bit.ly/StateElectric
Entomology	https://bit.ly/StateEntomology
Floriculture	https://bit.ly/StateFloriculture
Foods	https://bit.ly/StateFoods
Forestry	https://bit.ly/StateForestry
Garden	https://bit.ly/StateGarden
Genealogy	https://bit.ly/StateGenealogy
Geology	https://bit.ly/StateGeology
Health	https://bit.ly/StateHealthProject
Home Environment	https://bit.ly/HomeEnvironment
Leadership	https://bit.ly/StateLeadershipProject
Photography	https://bit.ly/StatePhotography
Performing Arts	https://bit.ly/PerformingArtsGuidelines
Sewing	https://bit.ly/StateSewing
Shooting Sports	https://bit.ly/StateShootingSports
Small Engine	https://bit.ly/StateSmallEngines
Soil and Water	https://bit.ly/StateSoilandWater
Sport Fishing	https://bit.ly/INStateSportFishing
Tractor (including Lawn and Garden and Zero-Turn Mower)	https://bit.ly/StateTractor
Vet Science	https://bit.ly/StateVetScience
Weather and Climate	https://bit.ly/StateweatherandClimate
Wildlife	https://bit.ly/StateWildlife
Woodworking	https://bit.ly/StateWoodworking

COUNTY PROJECT MANUAL

Accomplishment Resume

Description: Youth participating in the Accomplishment Resume Project will complete documents revisiting their 4-H career and emphasizing life skills acquired.

Exhibit Guidelines:

- 4-H member must fill out a record sheet to be turned in with the green record book.
- All classes must exhibit in lightweight folder.

Exhibit Class Guidelines: Each grade level has specific guidelines, please be sure to check the materials provided to complete this project.

Beginner (grades 3-6)

- Demographic page
- Resume page

Intermediate (grades 7-9)

- Demographic page
- Cover Letter
- Resume

Advanced (grades 10-12)

- Demographic page
- Cover Letter
- Resume

Ceramics

Description: Youth in the Ceramics Project will learn how to select a piece of premade pottery or construct a hand-built piece for their own use. Youth will learn about painting, glazing, and staining techniques required to complete the finished product.

Exhibit Guidelines:

1. 4-H member must fill out a record sheet to be turned in with the green record book. Attach to project 4-H-618-AW “4-H Craft Information Card” for description of work completed on the project.
2. Choose either “pre-mold ceramics” or “hand-built pottery”.
3. If multiple pieces make up the exhibit, a photograph of the complete exhibit should be attached to the exhibit so the total exhibit can properly be displayed. For safety purposes any craft exhibit that resembles a sword, knife, or look-a-like weapon will be judged but will not be displayed.
4. Lamps, figures or any large article should have felt bottoms for protection.
5. Note: if the exhibit so warrants, there will be a champion in each division and one overall grand champion ceramics exhibit.

Exhibit Class Guidelines: Pre-Mold Ceramics (No Porcelain)

Beginner (grades 3-5)

Things to Learn

1. How to select pieces
2. Tools and uses
3. Glazing or staining techniques

Exhibit requirements: One article that has been stained or glazed.

Intermediate (grades 6-8)

Things to Learn

1. Staining methods
2. Antiquing methods

Exhibit requirements: One article that has been stained or glazed. Use techniques learned over the course of the project.

Advanced (grades 9-12)

Things to Learn

Proper techniques for:

1. Dust away
2. One stroke
3. Dry brushing
4. Overglaze
5. Chalks
6. Other advanced techniques

Exhibit requirements: One article that has been stained or glazed. Use techniques learned over the course of the project.

Exhibit Class Guidelines: Hand built Pottery

Beginner (grades 3-5)

Things to Learn

1. How to prepare clay for use
2. Tools and uses
3. Hand building techniques – pinch pot, coil method, slab construction, wheel
4. Glazing and firing techniques

Exhibit requirements: One article that has been stained or glazed.

Intermediate – (grades 6-8)

Things to Learn

1. How to prepare clay for use.
2. Hand building techniques – pinch pot, coil method, slab construction, wheel
3. Decorating techniques
4. Underglazing

Exhibit requirements: One article that has been stained or glazed. Use techniques learned over the course of the project.

Advanced (grades 9-12)

Things to Learn

1. Hand building techniques – pinch pot, coil method, slab construction, wheel
2. Combing techniques
3. Other advanced techniques

Exhibit requirements: One article that has been stained or glazed. Use techniques learned over the course of the project.

Collections

Description: Youth participating in the Collections Project will learn how to start and maintain collection of similar items that are of interest to the exhibitor.

Exhibit Guidelines: 4-H member must fill out a record sheet to be turned in with the green record book.

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.

Posters are to be 22"x28" and displayed horizontally and placed in a clear plastic sleeve or covered with clear plastic to protect 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.

Exhibit Options (can do one or both)

1. Your collection or samples from your collection. Remember to exhibit new items from your collection every year. Be creative in the display of your collection as long as it is not bigger than 2'x3'x3' (length, width, height). If your collection is bigger than that or very valuable, you can exhibit a poster (22"x28" displayed horizontally) or a notebook containing photographs of the items in your collections. No living plants or animals may be displayed as a collection. A 4-H Collection Inventory Sheet should be attached to the exhibit.

Exhibit Class Guidelines:

There are three divisions divided according to members' grades:

Beginner (Grades 3-5), Intermediate (Grades 6-8), Advanced (Grades 9 - 12) Exhibit options are the same for all youth in grades 3-12

Corn

Description: Youth participating in the Corn Project will learn how to select seeds, grow and maintain their crops, and select and harvest the plants and/or grains for exhibit.

Exhibit Guidelines: 4-H member must fill out a record sheet to be turned in with the green record book.

Exhibit Options (can do one or both):

Peck of Shelled Corn

1. Exhibit one peck (8 quarts or 1/4 bushel) of corn in sack furnished by member.
2. One exhibit per member.

Full Grown Plants

1. Exhibit three full grown plants in buckets.
2. All plants must include a washed complete root system.
3. On one of the plants, using shipping tags or 3" x 5" cards, correctly identify and label five exterior plant parts.

Exhibit Class Guidelines:

There are three divisions divided according to members' grades:

Beginner (Grades 3-5), Intermediate (Grades 6-8), Advanced (Grades 9-12)

Exhibit options are the same for all youth in grades 3-12

Note: *If the exhibit so warrants, there will be a champion in each division and one overall grand champion corn exhibit.*

Geocaching

Description: Youth participating in the Geocaching Project will try to locate hidden containers called geocaches using GPS enabled devices and then share their experiences through their exhibit.

Exhibit Guidelines: 4-H member must fill out a record sheet to be turned in with the green record book.

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Posters are to be 22"x28" and displayed horizontally and placed in a clear plastic sleeve or covered with clear plastic to protect 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.

Exhibit one of the following:

- 1) Create a poster or notebook on an aspect of Geocaching. Some topics might be:
 - Geocaching Safety Tips
 - Helpful Geocaching Tools
 - How to Prepare for a Geocache Outing
 - How to Read a Compass
 - How to use coordinates on a GPS device to find geocaches
 - Or some other interesting geocache topic, etc.
- 2) Create a Record Book/Notebook to keep track of all of your geocache adventures
 - Include log records, photos of your finds (such as trackable, geocoins, etc.)
- 3) Create a geocache that is ready to hide
 - Include official log finders to sign, cache explanation, tradable items, first to find reward, etc. Be sure to decorate it with camouflage painter tape to blend with the intended hiding location.
- 4) Plan and conduct a geocaching outing and document the event with photos.
- 5) Plan a "Cache In Trash Out" Community Service project. Include finds and interesting details of the adventure.
- 6) Display a collection of your favorite geocache found items

- Use your imagination and create your own project related to geocaching.
Each year should show development and increase in scope and difficulty.

7) Create your own project

- Your options are varied and it is up to you to be creative!

Exhibit Class Guidelines:

There are three divisions divided according to members' grades:

Beginner (Grades 3-5), Intermediate (Grades 6-8), Advanced (Grades 9-12)

Exhibit options are the same for all youth in grades 3-12

Gift Wrapping

Description: Youth participating in the Gift-Wrapping Project will learn how to wrap various shaped containers using different wrapping techniques and their own creative themes.

Exhibit Guidelines:

1. 4-H member must fill out a record sheet to be turned in with the green record book.
2. Packages wrapped for exhibit should not contain an article.
3. Attach to project 4-H-618AW "4-H Craft Information Card" for description of work completed on the project.
4. If multiple pieces make up the exhibit, a photograph of the complete exhibit should be attached to the exhibit so the total exhibit can properly be displayed. If boxes are not secured together, attach neat labeling to exhibits for identification purposes.
5. For safety purposes any craft exhibit that resembles a sword, knife, or look-a-like weapon, will be judged but will not be displayed.

Exhibit Class Guidelines:

Beginner (grades 3-5)

Exhibit: Creatively wrap a square or rectangle box for exhibit

Intermediate (grades 6-8)

Exhibit: Creatively wrap a unique shaped box for exhibit (cylinder, box with lid,etc.)

Advanced (grades 9-12)

Exhibit: Creatively wrap any box or container of your choosing.

Leather Craft

Description: Youth participating in the Leather Craft Project will develop leather-craftsmanship skills and explore different methods to leather craft while exploring their creativity.

Exhibit Guidelines:

- 1) 4-H member must fill out a record sheet to be turned in with the green record book.
- 2) Attach to project 4-H-618AW "4-H Craft Information Card" for description of work completed on the project.
- 3) If multiple pieces make up the exhibit, a photograph of the complete exhibit should be attached to the exhibit so the total exhibit can properly be displayed.
- 4) For safety purposes any craft exhibit that resembles a sword, knife, or look-a-like weapon, will be judged but will not be displayed.
- 5) Projects must not exceed division skill limits. They must also show proper use of expected skills for their level.

Exhibit Class Guidelines:

Beginner (grades 3-5)

Skills to learn:

1. Learn kinds and working qualities of leather
2. Practice the correct way to handle stamping tools and how to hold a mallet so as not to tire easily
3. Learn how much moisture to use in working leather
4. Practice making simple and original designs with stamping tools
5. Learn proper finishing techniques including slicking edges, dyeing/staining and sealing

Make and exhibit one small leather article using a simple stamped design using skills learned with or without single lacing. Examples include: coasters (set of 4), coin purse, key case or item of equal skill level.

Exhibit: one (1) article made

Intermediate (grades 6-8)

Skills to learn:

1. Continue enhancing skills from beginner level
2. Practice on leather scrap pieces to learn the tooling technique and the correct use of the swivel knife, how deep to cut, and decorative cuts
3. Proper beveling of swivel knife cuts
4. Learn the different grades of leather and which are best suited for which types of projects
5. Learn to cut your own hides, create your own designs for articles, cut pieces for projects

Select an article to tool and/or stamp and finish the article. Lace or hand sew as needed. Examples of articles include: belt, small purse, key case, billfold, or item of equal skill level.

Exhibit: one (1) article made.

Advanced (grades 9-12)

Skills to learn:

1. Continue enhancing skills from previous levels
2. Learn figure carving and techniques associated

Select an article to tool and carve using an advanced design on one large article. Figure carving is also acceptable. Lace or hand sew as needed. Examples of articles include: figure carved pictures, billfolds, handbags, portfolio, or item of equal skill level.

Exhibit: one (1) article made.

Note: Some leather tools and stamps are available on loan on a first come, first serve basis from the Extension Office. Plan early.

Performing Arts

Description: Youth participating in the Performing Arts Project will learn how to prepare and perform an act of talent on stage for an audience.

Exhibit Guidelines: The 4-H member must fill out a general record sheet to be turned in with their green record book. Youth may have one solo division entry and/or one group division entry.

I. GROUP ACTS

- Number of performers: five (5) or more performers
- Performance time limit: 5-8 minutes
- Types of acts: skits or sketches, choral number, dance routines, lip sync

II. CURTAIN ACTS: NON-MUSICAL

- Number of performers: one (1) to four (4) performers
- Performance time limit: 3-5 minutes
- Types of Acts: skits or sketches, magic, clowning, rhythmic gymnastics, reading, 4-H cheerleading routines, choral, speaking, reading, dance (ballet, tap, modern, etc.) lip sync, juggling, acrobatic feats, ballads, puppetry.

III. CURTAIN ACTS: MUSICAL

- Number of performers: one (1) to four (4) performers
- Performance time limit: 3-5 minutes
- Types of Acts: instrumental (piano, guitar, flute, drums, etc.), vocal, bands (rock, country, jazz)

Special Note: Area winners will be screened at the state level and only those consistent with Indiana's 4-H mission and values will be invited to perform.

Please visit: <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/get-involved/state-programs/performing-arts.html> for more information regarding the Performing Arts Project.

Pocket Pets

Description: Youth participating in the Pocket Pets Project will learn about small pets, the cost to raise them, the care involved, showmanship, and much more.

The Pocket Pets Project may include: gerbils, guinea pigs, hamsters, hedgehogs, birds such as canaries, finches, parakeets, or parrots, ferrets, frogs, turtles, lizards, mice, non-venomous snakes, etc.

Exhibit Guidelines: 4-H member must fill out a record sheet to be turned in with the green record book.

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Posters are to be 22" x 28" and displayed horizontally and placed in a clear plastic sleeve or covered with clear plastic to protect 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.

1. This project is intended for animals that do not fit into another category (i.e. birds, fish, etc.).
2. 4-H'er encouraged to have ownership of the animal by May 15th.
3. Animals must be of the non-poisonous variety.
4. Animals will not be exhibited at the fair.

Exhibit Class Guidelines:

Exhibit an educational poster (following poster guidelines) that shows something the 4-H'er learned from the project.

There are three divisions divided according to members' grades:

Beginner (Grades 3-5), Intermediate (Grades 6-8), Advanced(Grades 9-12)

Exhibit options are the same for all youth in grades 3-12

Reading

Description: Youth participating in the Reading Project will expand their literacy skills by choosing books appropriate for their individual reading levels.

Exhibit Guidelines:

1. 4-H member must fill out a record sheet to be turned in with the green record book.
2. Books must have been read between the previous County Fair and check in date for exhibits in current 4-H program year.
3. The participant will read and report on four books:
 - By selecting books of his or her choice
4. A brief report on each book is to be completed. Report forms are provided with project booklets. Reports must be attached to the back of the poster (outside plastic) in an attached pocket made from a manila envelope or something similar.
5. 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.
Posters are to be 22"x28" and displayed horizontally and placed in a clear plastic sleeve or covered with clear plastic to protect 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.
6. For safety purposes any exhibit that references a sword, knife, look-a-like weapon, or graphic content will be judged but will not be displayed.

Exhibit Class Guidelines:

Read 4 books and make a poster

Topic ideas:

- Explain one of the books you have read
- Read to younger children and show what the child liked about the books you read to them
- Research an author of a book you read.
- Any other topic of your choosing related to one of the books you read.

There are three divisions divided according to members' grades:

- *Beginner (Grades 3-5), Intermediate (Grades 6-8), Advanced(Grades 9-12).* Exhibit options are the same for all youth in grades 3-12

Recycling

Description: Youth participating in the Recycling Project will learn how to make homes, communities, and our world safer, cleaner, and more efficient. Youth will know what recycling means to our environment and by doing something large or small they can make a difference.

Exhibit Guidelines: 4-H member must fill out a record sheet to be turned in with the green record book.

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.

Posters are to be 22" x 28" and displayed horizontally and placed in a clear plastic sleeve or covered with clear plastic to protect 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.

Note: All Levels - Choose one. Exhibit topics cannot be repeated. Posters should follow requirements for posters as noted above. Reports should be a maximum of two pages.

Reports can be either hand written in ink or typed, however, the work must be that of the 4-H'er.

Exhibit Class Guidelines:

Beginner (grades 3-5) Exhibit one of the following

1. Make a useful or decorative object from items normally thrown away. Exhibit should not exceed 2' X 2' X 2' and must include a written explanation of the article, what was used to make it and how it will be used. It should also include a list of involved costs. The project should be age appropriate.
2. A poster, report or slide show on one of the following topics or any other topic
 - Identifying and preparing recyclables
 - The seven recycling codes
 - The 3'Rs
3. Design a poster to promote recycling.

Intermediate (grades 6-8) Exhibit one of the following

1. Make a useful or decorative object from items normally thrown away. Exhibit should not exceed 2' X 2' X 2' and must include a written explanation of the article, what was used to make it and how it will be used. It should also include a list of involved costs. The project should be age appropriate.
2. Construct a compost bin and start a composting program in your home. Make a poster or write a report talking about your project. Be sure to include photos. Report should be no longer than four pages including pictures.
3. A poster, report or power point on one of the following topics:
 - Identifying and reducing excessive packaging.
 - Starting a recycling program in your home.
 - Disposable vs. durable items
 - Nonrenewable and renewable resources
 - Decomposition of waste
4. Write and record a social media campaign to promote recycling. Submit video and written script with a link to your YouTube video included.

Advanced (grades 9-12) Exhibit one of the following

1. Make a useful or decorative object from items normally thrown away. Exhibit should not exceed 2' X 2' X 2' and must include a written explanation of the article, what was used to make it and how it will be used. It should also include a list of involved costs. The project should be age appropriate.
2. Make and label a model of a landfill. Exhibit should not exceed 2'x2'x2'.
3. A poster, report or power point on one of the following topics:
 - Water usage and conservation
 - Household Hazardous Wastes
 - Disposal of industrial waste, oil, junk cars, old appliances, farm chemicals & batteries
 - Septic system operation and problem
 - Your involvement in a community recycling program
 - An interview with an adult on recycling practices in their lifetime
4. Write and record a social media campaign to promote recycling. Submit video and written script with a link to your YouTube video included.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING YOUTUBE

- The video URL **MUST** come from a YouTube account of apparent, guardian, or other adult mentor over the age of 18.
- **We will not publish videos URL's that come from a minors YouTube account.**

Scrapbook

Description: Youth participating in the Scrapbook Project will preserve their memories in an organized and creative way. Memories may include family, school, 4-H, etc.

Exhibit Guidelines:

One album with pages according to your division. Judged pages will be those made since the last county fair. Follow the guidelines included in the scrapbook manual.

4-H member must fill out a record sheet to be turned in with the green record book.

Exhibit Class Guidelines: All Levels: Mark pages to be judged.

Beginner (grades 3-5)

6 pages; 3 pages front and back

Intermediate (grades 6-8)

8 pages; 4 pages front and back

Advanced (grades 9-12)

10 pages; 5 pages front and back

Small Grains

Description: Youth participating in the Small Grains Project will learn how to select seeds, grow and maintain their crops, and select and harvest the plants and/or grains for exhibit.

Exhibit Guidelines: 4-H member must fill out a record sheet to be turned in with the green record book.

1. Exhibit one peck (8 quarts or 1/4 bushel) of grain in an appropriately sized container furnished by member. (Wheat, Oats, Rye, Barley, Triticale)
2. One small grain exhibit per member.

Exhibit Class Guidelines:

There are three divisions divided according to members' grades:

Beginner (Grades 3-5), Intermediate (Grades 6-8), Advanced (Grades 9-12)

Exhibit options are the same for all youth in grades 3-12

Note: *If the exhibit so warrants, there will be a champion in each division and one overall grand champion small grains exhibit.*

Soybeans

Description: Youth participating in the Soybeans Project will learn how to select seeds, grow and maintain their crops, and select and harvest the plants and/or grains for exhibit.

Exhibit Guidelines: 4-H member must fill out a record sheet to be turned in with the green record book.

Exhibit Options (can do one or both):

Peck of Soybean Seeds

1. Exhibit one peck (8 quarts or 1/4 bushel) of corn in sack furnished by member.
2. One exhibit per member.

Full Grown Plants

1. Exhibit five full grown plants (including roots) tied together to hang upsidedown.
2. On one of the plants, using shipping tags or 3" x 5" cards, correctly identify and label five exterior plant parts.

Exhibit Class Guidelines:

There are three divisions divided according to members' grades:

Beginner (Grades 3-5), Intermediate (Grades 6-8), Advanced (Grades 9-12)

Exhibit options are the same for all youth in grades 3-12

Note: *If the exhibit so warrants, there will be a champion in each division and one overall grand champion soybean exhibit.*

Sports

Description: Youth participating in the Sports Project will educate others on a sport they actively participate in by relaying information such as rules, equipment, history of the game, and other related details.

Exhibit Guidelines:

- 4-H member must fill out a record sheet to be turned in with the green record book.
- 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.
- Posters are to be 22"x28" and displayed horizontally and placed in a clear plastic sleeve or covered with clear plastic to protect 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.
- All Divisions will exhibit at one display board, one scale model, one sports notebook or poster with a one-page report on topics as stated. If doing a notebook, pictures should not be included on the report page but may be used to emphasize the report.
- You may use pictures from printed publications, photographs, original art work, etc. to put in your notebook or on your poster. This would be in addition to the one-page report. Be sure to label each illustration appropriately.
- (Limit pictures to 4 pages fronts only. Do not add any extra pages.)
- For Notebooks: Use a divider to separate current year's project from proceeding years.

Exhibit one of the following:

- One notebook with a one-page report and up to 4 pages of pictures (fronts only)
- Poster
- Display boards
- Scale Model

Choose one topic per year

1. Rules
2. Equipment
3. Your participation.
4. Influential person to the sport
5. History
6. Preparation or warm up
7. Special skills or techniques
8. Officiating
9. Exercise value and health benefits
10. Teaching someone else

Exhibit Class Guidelines:

There will be three divisions divided according to members' grades:

Beginner (Grades 3-5), Intermediate (Grades 6-8), Advanced (Grades 9-12)

Exhibit options are the same for all youth in grades 3-1

Welding

Description: The 4-H welding project develops skills in metalworking, equipment safety, and fabrication techniques. Members learn principles of welding processes, proper tool use, metal preparation, and project design while practicing safe and effective welding methods to create functional and artistic metal projects.

****ONLY GRADES 7 AND ABOVE ARE ELIGIBLE. DIVISIONS ARE BY YEARS IN PROJECT****

Exhibit Guidelines:

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.

Posters are to be 22"x28" and displayed horizontally and placed in a clear plastic sleeve or covered with clear plastic to protect 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.

Judges evaluating exhibits should recognize individual differences and creativity, therefore using information in this document as a guide rather than a requirement.

Exhibit Class Guidelines:

Level A - Welding Suggested for youth in 1st and 2nd year of project) or Grades 7-8

Manual: OSU Bulletin 573 – Arcs and Sparks (Shielded Metal Arc Welding)

Requirements:

- Study the Arcs and Sparks manual
- Learn welding safety rules.
- Learn the various welding equipment.
- Learn about the different types of joints.
- Learn how to run a bead.

Exhibit one (1) of the following:

- A 22" x 28" poster board, displayed horizontally, showing something pertaining to arc welding
- Another type of display where you show some arc welding procedures that you have learned
- One of the weldments (articles) diagrammed in the manual;
- Another article you have repaired or constructed using the mig or arc welder as your fabricating tool.
- Create a notebook describing your work on your project, pictures can be included.

Level B –Welding and Cutting Suggested for youth completed 3rd and 4th year) or Grades 9-10

Manual: Learning to Use the Welding Torch (The Oxyacetylene Flame Process)

Requirements:

- Study the Learning to Use the Welding Torch manual
- Learn oxyacetylene safety rules.
- Learn the various oxyacetylene equipment.
- Learn how to properly regulate and light your welding/brazing tip and your cutting equipment.
- Projects need to be more advanced than the year before.

Exhibit one (1) of the following:

- A 22" x 28" poster board, displayed horizontally, showing something pertaining to the oxyacetylene flame process
- Another type of display where you show some oxyacetylene procedures that you have learned
- One of the projects diagrammed in the manual
- Another article you have repaired or constructed using any type of welding torch as your fabricating tool.
- Create a notebook describing your work on your project, pictures can be included

Level C – Advanced Welding (Suggested for youth in 5th and 6th year of project) or Grades 11-12

Manual: Welding of Different Metals with the Oxyacetylene Torch

Requirements:

- Attain knowledge of Weld testing, Destructive and Non-destructive

- Study the Welding of Different Metals with the Oxyacetylene Torch manual
- Learn oxyacetylene safety rules
- Learn the various oxyacetylene equipment
- Learn how to properly regulate and light your blowpipe and do basic welding on mild steel
- Perform some of the welding and brazing jobs that are explained in the manual
- Projects need to be more advanced than the year before

Exhibit one (1) of the following:

- A 22" x 28" poster board, displayed horizontally, showing something pertaining to the welding or brazing procedures found in the manual
- Another type of display where you show some oxyacetylene welding or brazing procedures that you have learned
- An article you have repaired or constructed using the oxyacetylene welding or brazing or techniques or any welder available to you that you have learned.
- Create a notebook describing your work on your project, pictures can be included

Mini 4-H

Description: Mini 4-H is designed to allow youth in grades K-2 to get a small look into the vast project choices that 4-H offers. Youth are encouraged to explore projects in the Mini 4-H manuals and exhibit their favorite project(s).

For safety purposes, any project exhibit that resembles a sword, knife, or looks-like a weapon will be judged but will not be displayed.

Safety Policy for Mini/Exploring 4-H Members: can be found in [Section 9: Risk Management](#)

Exhibit Guidelines:

All mini projects are to be entered the Wednesday before the fair, with the exception of Garden. Garden will be judged the same day as regular 4-H Garden. Mini Foods exhibits are turned in with regular 4-H Foods projects at the designated turn-in location.

1. All posters are to be 14"x22" poster board.
2. All posters need to have stiff backing.
3. All posters need to be covered with a clear plastic.
4. All posters should be horizontal.
5. Put a title on your poster.
6. Add a label with your first and last name on back of poster.
7. For safety purposes any craft exhibit that resembles a sword, knife, look-a-like weapon, or graphic content, will be judged but will not be displayed.

Exhibit Class Guidelines:

Project Exhibits by grade level are limited to the following:

- Kindergarten – One project exhibit
- First Grade – Up to two project exhibits
- Second Grade – Up to three project exhibits

CAKE DECORATING – choose one and exhibit on a proper plate with plastic wrap.

1. Frost three (3) two-to-four-inch sugar cookies, using store-brought or homemade icing and decorate as you desire.
2. Frost three (3) cupcakes using store-brought or homemade icing/frosting and decorate as you desire.

CONSTRUCTION AND ARCHITECTURAL REPLICA – One age and developmentally appropriate Lego or other kit no larger than 10" x 10".

CRAFTS – Make and exhibit one article from the area of needlework, latch work, candle-making, fine arts, ceramics, other craft of your choice.

FOODS – *Choose one and exhibit on a paper plate covered with plastic wrap.*

1. Three baked biscuits. You may use store bought can or frozen biscuits or homemade.
2. Three slices and bake cookies or three drop cookies from the store-bought ready to prepare mix or from scratch.
3. Three cuts into serving size brownies from store-bought ready to prepare mix or from scratch.

FORESTRY – Mount and identify by labeling 5 leaves on a 14" x 22" horizontal poster.

GARDEN – One vegetable and one flower. Follow single vegetable requirements found in the Garden Section of Regular 4-H for the list provided for provided for the correct number of vegetables to exhibit.

HEALTH – *Choose one of the following to exhibit.*

1. A 14" x 22" horizontal poster with a MyPlate using pictures or drawings of foods fitting to each category.
2. A 14" x 22" horizontal poster about bicycle safety.
3. A 14" x 22" horizontal poster about 3 Healthy Habits you have learned about. (Self-Care, Physical Activity, Eating Properly, etc.)

LIVESTOCK – *Choose one of the following to exhibit*

1. A 14" x 22" horizontal poster that has a picture of a livestock animal. Identify by labeling the animal and label 5 parts on the animal. You may also include a picture of your real animal on your poster as well.
2. A 14" x 22" horizontal poster explaining the care, grooming and/or feeding of your animal.

PHOTOGRAPHY - Up to three (3) 4" x 6" printed photographs mounted on a 14" x 22" horizontal poster. Number each photograph 1, 2, 3. Create a title for the poster exhibit.

READIND – Choose one of the following to exhibit

1. A 14" x 22" horizontal poster by drawing a scene from a favorite book you have read this year. Title your poster using the name of the book.
2. A 14" x 22" horizontal poster that talks about the book you liked the most you read this year by drawing scenes and writing sentences to describe the scenes you have drawn. Title your poster using the name of the book.
3. Illustrate and write own short story. Mount on a 14" x 22" horizontal poster. Title your poster using the name of your short story.

SCIENCE – Choose one of the following to exhibit

1. Plant 3 small pots with a flower or vegetable in each one. (Example – green beans, tomato, pepper, zinnia, etc.) Take care of the plants and exhibit the best plant of the three.
2. Weather Science – Exhibit a 14" x 22" horizontal poster showing 3 types of clouds. May draw, use craft materials, etc.
3. Create a star constellation using paints or stickers using on the constellation in the State manual as your guide or build a make-believe rocket using materials you find around your home. (Example – Paper towel tubes, construction paper, etc.) Rocket must be no larger then 10" tall x 6" wide.

SCRAPBOOK – Exhibit 4 pages (2 pages front and back) in an album at least 8" x 10" in size. Judged pages will be those made since the last county fair, Follow the guidelines included in this manual. Mark pages you want to be judged.

SEWING – Choose one of the following to exhibit

1. Make and exhibit any 2 quilt squares.
2. Tic-Tac-Toe Weaving as directed in the State manual and mount on a 14" x 22" horizontal poster.
3. Make and exhibit fleece fringe scarf.
4. Make and exhibit either a hand sewn tissue holder or a stuffed felt monster/animal using directions provided.

WILDLIFE – Choose one of the following to exhibit

1. Draw, color and identify by labeling 2 animals native to Indiana from the provide list. Exhibit and mount on a 14" x 22" horizontal poster.
2. Make and exhibit one birdhouse or bird feeder.
3. Create a pollinator garden or feeding station. Exhibit one of the following –
 - A 14" x 22" horizontal poster with pictures of your garden or station showing pollinators visiting.

- Draw, color and identify by labeling 3 species of pollinators. Exhibit mounted on a 14" x 22" horizontal poster.