

# Kosciusko County



## 2022 Manual

Welcome to the Kosciusko County Mini 4-H Program! We are so glad that you have decided to participate in the 4-H Program. Mini 4-H is a great way to learn about what 4-H has to offer, gain some new skills, and have a lot of fun! This program is for Kindergarten – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and is designed to help you become acquainted with the 4-H program.

Youth will have an opportunity to pick projects to complete and display at the fair, do crafts, play games, and learn about selected topics during the meetings and workshops available. We encourage parents and guardians to get involved as well. By attending meetings, you will learn about how the 4-H program works and see how you can get involved as well.

This opportunity is a way to get our children involved in active, hands – on learning and experiencing new things in age – appropriate educational and fun settings.

Do not hesitate to speak with any of the committee members or the office with any questions. We want to help your child have a wonderful experience in this program.

Sincerely,

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#### **Join the Band App to get Kosciusko Mini 4-H updates on the go!**

We are going to try using the Band app to communicate this year. To use it:

- Download the Band app to your mobile phone.
- Scan this QR Code to join the Kosciusko Mini 4-H Group
- Get updates for the program



#### **Mini 4-H Calendar**

There will be livestock and general project overviews and activities at each meeting. The group will also participate in a community service activity each year.

- January 15- Enrollment deadline
- Thursday, March 17 – 6:30 to 7:30 PM, Extension Office
- Thursday, April 21 – 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM, Extension Office
- May 15- Add/Drop deadline for 4-H projects
- Thursday, May 19 – 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM, Extension Office
- Thursday, June 9 – TBA
- Friday, July 8- Mini Project Check-in, 4 PM to 7:00 PM, Kosciusko County Fairgrounds
- Saturday, July 16– Mini Project Check-out

#### **What is 4-H?**

4-H is an out-of-school, volunteer-led, family-oriented program. 4-H is for children enrolled in grades 3-12 each year. 4-H is for ALL youth in Kosciusko County; urban and rural, farm and non-farm, regardless of race, color, religion, or creed. 4-H helps young people develop life skills they use every day.

## What is Mini 4-H?

Mini 4-H is a fun way to get to know 4-H general projects and livestock projects. The goal of the Mini 4-H program is to help young children build self-confidence, develop an inquiring mind, set goals & make decisions, relate to other people, and develop a concern for the community. Mini 4-H provides skills through access to programs, development of projects, and interaction with 4-H youth and adult volunteer leadership.

The Mini 4-H program offers animal projects and general projects that may be exhibited at the Kosciusko County Fair.

**There is an enrollment fee due by January 15 with the Mini 4-H Enrollment.**

**4-H Mission** - 4-H empowers youth to reach their full potential, working and learning in partnership with caring adults.

**4-H Motto** - "To make the best better."

**Emblem** - It is the four-leaf clover with the letter "H" on each leaf, which stands for Head, Heart, Hands and Health.

**4-H Pledge** - I pledge My Head to clearer thinking; My Heart to greater loyalty; My Hands to larger service; My Health to better living; For my club, my community, my country and my world.

## 4-H Words to Know

- **4-H Council** – group of adult volunteers who are the policy making board for the Kosciusko County 4-H Program.
- **4-H Youth Extension Educator** – leader of the 4-H program; in charge of youth members and adult volunteers.
- **Add/Drop**– after submitting your official enrollment, you have until May 15 to add or drop projects online.
- **Enrollment**– completed each year before the enrollment deadline to enroll in the projects of your choice.
- **Mini 4-H Manual**– handbook that lists the requirements for every mini project.
- **Leader/Committee Member** – adult volunteer in charge of a club or project.

## General Mini 4-H Projects

Arts & Crafts	Collections	Cookie Decorating	Foods	Lego
Nature	Photography	Sewing	Space	

## Animal Mini 4-H Projects

Alpaca	Beef	Cat	Dairy	Dairy Calf Feeder Steer	Dog
Goat	Horse & Pony	Poultry	Rabbit	Sheep	Swine

## Mini 4-H Liability Release Form

The safety and well-being of our 4-H youth is of the utmost importance. Although kindergarten is specified as the time when a child may begin participation in some 4-H events and activities, parents are encouraged to take into consideration their child's physical and mental development before agreeing to let the child begin to show, work with, or care for animals. Each child matures at a different rate, and children in grades K-2 may still be too young to begin showing, working with, or caring for animals.

The Indiana 4-H Youth Program at Purdue University has agreed to allow Mini 4-H members in grades K-2, to participate in NON-COMPETITIVE animal projects subject to certain conditions. These are specified below.

- Mini 4-H members, in grades K through 2, will be allowed to show, work with, or care for animal projects after their parent or legal guardian has signed a liability release. Mini 4-H members may independently show, work with, or care for animals that weigh 300 pounds or less. Mini 4-H members may only show, work with, or care for animals over 300 pounds when they are assisted by a parent, legal guardian, or another adult designated in writing by parent or legal guardian." (*The word assisted means that the adult has control of the animal at all times.*)
- Mini 4-H members exhibiting horses must wear ASTM or SEI standard F1163 (or above) certified helmets whenever mounted. The parent/guardian is responsible to see that this specified headgear is properly fitted with the approved harness in place and fastened whenever a rider is mounted.

## Mini 4-H Non-Competitive Policy

Mini 4-H is a program designed to encourage positive development of children, Kindergarten through second grade. The goal of Mini 4-H is to help young children explore friendships outside the family; explore the way in which things work; practice both small and large muscle control; and think about the ways people work together on projects.

The NON-COMPETITIVE learning environment for Mini 4-H includes:

- Learning activities in which children are invited to be active & explore materials & ideas without pressure.
- Low adult to child ratio that allows time for adults to provide individual, positive encouragement and assistance.
- Simple, interesting activities that are fun.
- Encouragement of children to participate in a group activity by sharing and or displaying their activity projects.
- Rewards that are identical and/or ribbons of the same color for everyone. There is no formal judging for projects.

*NOTE: Purdue University and the Indiana 4-H Youth Development Program do not support, endorse, or encourage programming for children prior to Kindergarten.*

### **Mini 4-H General Project Rules**

Choose activities and exhibits that are appropriate to your child's ability. Large, expensive or complex projects that require parents to complete are not appropriate. Use Mini 4-H as an opportunity to spend time with your child sharing your talents. **Please do not exhibit valuable items. Instead, submit a poster with pictures of the items.**

All posters may be covered with a plastic sleeve available from the Extension office to protect the poster. It is not required, but will be in regular 4-H. A 3"x4" Project Exhibit Tag for each project they have signed up for will be provided at project check in and will be affixed to the lower right corner of the project.

### **Mini 4-H Arts & Crafts**

Exhibit one of the following:

- A drawing or painting with a stiff backing. (Should be 11" x 17" or smaller).
- Any basic or simple craft such as a collage, painting, scrapbook page is suggested.
- A craft or art piece made from an item (jar, bottle, etc.) that was previously used for another purpose.

### **Mini 4-H Collections**

Exhibit one of the following:

- A display box (no bigger than a shoe box) containing 5-10 items you like to collect.
- A poster titled "My Collection" displaying 5-10 items you like to collect.
- A poster titled "My Collection" showing 5-10 photos of items you like to collect.

### **Mini 4-H Cookie Decorating**

Exhibit one of the following by placing 3 cookies on a disposable plate in a small Ziploc baggie:

- Cookies with frosting and sprinkles and/or candy on top of each.
- Cookies with smooth frosting on top with a raised frosting border.
- Cookies with frosting in a design that portrays an event and/or theme.

### **Mini 4-H "LEGO"**

Exhibit one of the following on a 10" x 10" base plate. Footprint should not exceed this size:

- A store-bought kit model made with any Lego-type block.
- A model made from any Lego-type block created without the use of a store-bought kit or plan.
- A poster titled "Lego" with 5-10 photos of Lego-style models you constructed in the last year.

### **Mini 4-H Nature**

Exhibit one of the following:

- A poster of your favorite insect, spider, or plant with the major parts labeled.
- A leaf collection notebook or poster labeled with common name- e.g. Maple, Oak.
- A shoebox diorama of an insect in its natural environment. Use items from nature to make it realistic.

### **Mini 4-H Photography**

Exhibit one of the following:

- A poster of five of your favorite photos of landscapes, buildings, and/or scenery.
- A poster of eight of your favorite photos of animals, people, etc.
- A poster of five to eight photos that tell a story or show how to do something.

### Mini 4-H Sewing

Exhibit one of the following or another no-sew or minimal sew project:

- A sewing kit you assembled and/or decorated that includes scissors, a small ruler or sewing gauge, tailor's chalk, tape measure, pin cushion, pins, thread, and needles (size 7 or 8).
- A sampler where you practiced how to properly sew a button on fabric, hand stitch a straight/running stitch or overcast stitch, and machine stitch a straight line.
- A minimal- or no-sew scarf or blanket- ([www.shepins.wordpress.com/2012/11/22/15-minute-scarves/](http://www.shepins.wordpress.com/2012/11/22/15-minute-scarves/) or [www.thespruce.com/fleece-tied-blanket-1252959](http://www.thespruce.com/fleece-tied-blanket-1252959))
- A drawstring or beach-style bag ([www.marthastewart.com/1119516/drawstring-bandanna-tote-bags](http://www.marthastewart.com/1119516/drawstring-bandanna-tote-bags) or [www.dandee-designs.com/2012/07/beach-towel-tote-bag.html](http://www.dandee-designs.com/2012/07/beach-towel-tote-bag.html))

### Mini 4-H Space

Exhibit one of the following:

- A poster or a group mural of space with planets and/or constellations labeled.
- A rocket using materials around your house like paper towel tubes and construction paper.
- A poster of star constellation labeled with the proper name - e.g. Orion, Gemini or Taurus.

### Mini 4-H Foods

Exhibit one of the following by placing 3 servings in a small Ziploc baggie:

#### Chocolate-Oatmeal No-Bake Cookies Recipe

**Tools:** Saucepan                      Mixing bowl                      Measuring cups                      Spoons                      Wax paper

**Ingredients:**

3 cups oatmeal                      2 cups sugar                      1/4 cup cocoa                      1/2 cup peanut butter  
1 stick of margarine                      1/2 cup milk

**Instructions:**

- Step 1      Mix together oatmeal & cocoa in mixing bowl and set aside.  
Step 2      Mix margarine, sugar, peanut butter and milk in saucepan and bring to boil and stir for 1 minute.  
Step 3      Remove from heat, add dry mixture and stir.  
Step 4      Drop by spoonfuls onto wax paper and cool in refrigerator until set.

#### Rice Krispy Treats Recipe

**Tools:** 3 quart saucepan                      Greased 9" x 13" pan                      Measuring cups                      Spoon

**Ingredients:**

1/3 cup butter or margarine                      5 cups Rice Krispies                      4 cups miniature marshmallows

**Instructions:**

- Step 1      Melt butter in saucepan over low heat and add marshmallows.  
Step 2      Stir constantly until marshmallows are melted and well blended.  
Step 3      Remove from heat and stir in Rice Krispies until well coated with marshmallow mixture.  
Step 4      Press warm into buttered pan; cut into squares when cool.

#### S'mores Bars Recipe

**Tools:** 3 qt saucepan      Greased 9" x 13" pan      Measuring cups                      Spoon                      Large mixing bowl

**Ingredients:**

5 Tablespoons butter or margarine                      8 cups Golden Grahams cereal  
1 bag (10 oz) miniature marshmallows                      1 ½ cups milk chocolate chips (9 oz)  
¼ cup sugar                      1 Tablespoon water                      1 teaspoon vanilla

**Instructions:**

- Step 1      Measure cereal into large bowl.  
Step 2      In saucepan, heat marshmallows, chocolate chips, butter, sugar and water over low heat, stirring occasionally, until completely melted.  
Step 3      Remove from heat and stir in vanilla.  
Step 4      Pour marshmallow mixture over cereal in bowl; stir until evenly coated.  
Step 5      Press mixture into pan. Cool 1 hour. Store loosely covered at room temperature.

## Mini 4-H Animal Project Requirements

Mini 4-Hers consist of youth in kindergarten through second grades. Mini 4-H Animal Projects are optional for any Mini 4-Her interested in learning about and showing an animal. The main objectives of all Mini 4-H Animal Project are to introduce Mini 4-H members to the responsibilities of 4-H animal care, the importance of keeping records, the activities involved in entering a 4-H animal at the fair and the skills to show an animal.

Mini 4-Hers can enroll in any of the following animal projects:

Alpaca	Beef	Cats	Dairy	Dairy Calf Feeder Steer	Dog
Goat	Horse & Pony	Poultry	Sheep	Swine	

Mini 4-Hers will work on and complete their animal project with each individual species 4-H Committee. Feel free to ask the committee's Mini 4-H contact for more information. Contact information is located in the Mini 4-H Handbook or by calling the 4-H office. A Mini 4-Her will be required to follow the same rules as other 4-H members. However, Mini 4-H members cannot sell their animal in the 4-H sale and are not eligible for State Fair participation. All participants will receive a participation ribbon and won't compete against each other.

Mini 4-H members may only show, work with, or care for animals over 300 pounds when they are assisted by a parent, legal guardian, or another adult (over the age of 18) designated in writing by parent or legal guardian. (*The word assisted means that the adult has control of the animal at all times.*)

The day of showmanship a parent/guardian of each Mini 4-H member must sign a check-in sheet with the child's name, the name of the adult that is assisting the Mini 4-H member, and the parent's signature. The Mini 4-H Committee will provide the livestock superintendent with this sign-in sheet.

The suggested attire for Mini 4-H shows is clean jeans or below the knee skirts, 4-H t-shirt or other appropriate show shirt, and clean footwear appropriate for caring for the type of animal being shown. No shorts, cut off shirts, tank tops, halter tops, or hats are allowed.

### Mini 4-H Alpaca

1. Participants must submit a Mini 4-H Enrollment Form.
2. Mini 4-Hers can exhibit an alpaca that is owned by the Mini 4-her or by another individual. A Mini 4-Her can also borrow a Kosciusko 4-Her's alpaca to exhibit at the fair.
3. Mini 4-Hers are invited to attend all Alpaca workshops and meetings.
4. Mini 4-Hers will compete in a Mini 4-H Showmanship class that will be held during the show.

### Mini 4-H Beef

1. Participants must submit a Mini 4-H Enrollment Form.
2. Mini 4-Hers can exhibit an animal owned by the Mini 4-Her or a family member, or the Mini 4-Her can borrow a Kosciusko County 4-Her's animal to show.
3. Mini 4-Hers borrowing an animal need to secure and work with it prior to exhibition. The Beef Committee will not provide an animal the day of showmanship.
4. No vaccinations, health papers, or ear tattoos are required if the beef animal is owned by the Mini 4-Her or a member of the Mini 4-Her's family.
5. Mini 4-Hers will be invited to attend the Beef project workshops.
6. Mini 4-Hers are not required to have any special equipment. A show stick and scotch comb are optional.
7. Mini 4-Hers must be accompanied by a parent, legal guardian or designated adult when they present their animal for exhibition. The adult assisting the Mini 4-Her must have a hold of a secondary halter and have control of the animal.
8. Mini 4-Hers who choose to use their own animal for exhibition may bring their calf into the barn during the scheduled Kosciusko County 4-H Beef check-in (Saturday, from 7:30 am to 11:00 am) or they may bring it in on Sunday morning. The animals will be released upon the conclusion of the 4-H Beef Showmanship.

### **Mini 4-H Cat**

1. Participants must submit a Mini 4-H Enrollment Form.
2. Mini 4-Hers can exhibit a cat or kitten owned by the Mini 4-Her or by another individual. A Mini 4-Her can also borrow a Kosciusko 4-Her's cat or kitten. All cats must have a harness and leash.
3. All cats or kittens shown by the Mini 4-Her must be healthy, free of fleas, lice or mites.
4. All cats or kittens must have vaccination records (4-H 777) completed and turned in to the Extension Office by May 15<sup>th</sup>. (These may be obtained from the Extension Office or online at [www.four-h.purdue.edu](http://www.four-h.purdue.edu)). A leukemia test must be done no later than 60 days prior to the show date and must be negative to show. A leukemia vaccination is required after a negative test. You must present proof of annual vaccination and/or prior testing for feline leukemia. Those cats that have been tested (negative) in prior years must have been given annual leukemia vaccinations. No cat with a positive test will be allowed to be shown. ALL are required to have testing and vaccination completed by May 15<sup>th</sup> – NO EXCEPTIONS!
5. Mini 4-Hers are invited to 4-H Cat Workshops & will compete in a Mini Class during the Cat Show.

### **Mini 4-H Dairy**

1. Participants must submit a Mini 4-H Enrollment Form.
2. Mini 4-Hers are invited to attend 4-H Dairy Workshops and may show a heifer in a Mini 4-H Class during the Dairy Show.
3. Mini 4-Hers **MUST** borrow a Kosciusko County 4-Hers heifer to show. The Mini 4-Her needs to select the animal and work with it prior to show day. The Dairy Committee will not provide an animal the day of showmanship.
4. Mini 4-Hers must be accompanied by a parent, legal guardian or designated adult when they present their animal for exhibition. The adult assisting the Mini 4-Her must have a hold of the halter and have control of the animal.

### **Mini 4-H Dairy Calf Feeder Steer (DCFS)**

1. Participants must submit a Mini 4-H Enrollment Form
2. Mini 4-Hers **MUST** borrow a Kosciusko County 4-Her's calf to show.
3. Mini 4-Hers are invited to attend 4-H DCFS Workshops.
4. Mini 4-Hers can compete in a Mini Class held during the DCFS Show.
5. Mini 4-Hers must be accompanied by a parent, legal guardian or designated adult. The adult assisting the Mini 4-Her must have a hold of the halter and have control of the animal.

### **Mini 4-H Dog**

1. Participants must submit a Mini 4-H Enrollment Form.
2. Mini 4-Hers can exhibit a dog during a Mini 4-H class held during the 4-H dog show or complete a poster detailing an aspect of proper dog care. (Poster should follow Dog Poster project rules.)
3. Minis may show their own or a family dog. The care and maintenance of the dog should follow the Dog Care Guidelines in the Dog Project information folder.
4. During the show, Minis may be asked about dog care and maintenance.
5. Minis must be assisted by a parent, guardian or adult volunteer while showing.
6. Flat buckle or Martingale collars and a 6-foot flat cotton, nylon or leather lead are required for all dogs. Harnesses or head collars are permitted.

### **Mini 4-H Goat**

1. Participants must submit a Mini 4-H Enrollment Form.
2. Mini 4-Hers must borrow a Kosciusko 4-Her's goat to exhibit at the fair.
3. Mini 4-Hers are invited to attend 4-H Goat Workshops.
4. Mini 4-Hers will compete in a Mini 4-H Showmanship Class during the 4-H Goat Show.

### **Mini 4-H Horse & Pony**

1. Participants must submit a Mini 4-H Enrollment Form.
2. Minis 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 show or activity.
3. Mini 4-Hers can exhibit a horse or pony owned by the Mini or by another individual. A Mini can also borrow a Kosciusko County 4-Her's horse or pony to show.

4. A Mini 4-H Member who chooses to show their own or a leased animal must have their Horse/Pony Lease Agreement, Off-Premise Form, Stall Form and Vaccinations Form turned in by May 16 to the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Secretary or the Horse Drop Box located at the Horse and Pony Barn.
5. Mini 4-H members that exhibit their own Horse/Pony at the fair will be required to have current Influenza, West Nile, Eastern & Western Encephalitis, Rhinopneumonitis, Tetanus & Rabies vaccinations. Proof will need to be submitted by May 16. It is also recommended that 4-H Horse/Ponies be vaccinated for Strangles, Potomac Fever, and EPM (Opossum Disease).
6. Mini 4-H members will be offered the following non-competitive classes: Showmanship, Lead-line Pleasure (English and Western), Lead-line Barrels, Lead-line Poles, and Lead-line Keyhole and Lead-line Egg & Spoon Ride.
7. Mini 4-H members must be assisted by a designated adult volunteer at all times while in the arena.

#### **Mini 4-H Poultry**

1. Participants must submit a Mini 4-H Enrollment Form.
2. Mini 4-Hers can borrow an animal owned by another 4-Her or show their own bird.
3. All birds are required to be from an approved NPIP hatchery or tested prior to fair. If purchased from a local business, please make sure you get hatchery information at time of purchase. They must be clean and free of parasites.
4. Mini 4-Hers are invited to attend 4-H Poultry Workshops.
5. The Mini 4-Her can bring a chicken or duck to exhibit. They will be asked questions about the type of bird they bring, parts of the bird, and its purpose.
6. Cages with feeders and waterers will be provided during the fair.

#### **Mini 4-H Rabbit**

1. Participants must submit a Mini 4-H Enrollment Form.
2. Mini 4-Hers can exhibit a rabbit owned by the Mini or by another individual. A Mini 4-Her can also borrow a Kosciusko County 4-Her's rabbit to show.
3. The rabbit must be in good health. It can be tattooed, but doesn't have to be.
4. Mini 4-H members are invited to attend the 4-H Rabbit project meetings.
5. Mini 4-Hers can compete in a Mini Class held during the Rabbit Show.
6. Suggested attire includes long sleeve shirt.

#### **Mini 4-H Sheep**

1. Participants must submit a Mini 4-H Enrollment Form
2. Mini 4-H member can exhibit their own lamb or borrow a lamb owned by another 4-H member. The lamb must be properly tagged with a tamper-proof tag.
3. Lambs must be tail docked, show no signs of testicular tissue and be slick shorn.
4. Lambs must be free of all fungus, ringworm or sore mouth and in a healthy state.
5. Mini 4-Hers are invited to attend 4-H Sheep Workshops.
6. Mini 4-Hers can show during the 4-H Sheep Show between the Breeding Stock Show and the Market Class Show in a showmanship type class.
7. All lambs must have a lead halter, bucket and feeder.

#### **Mini 4-H Swine**

1. Participants must submit a Mini 4-H Enrollment Form.
2. Mini 4-H member **MUST** borrow an animal owned by another 4-H member for the swine exhibition. Please contact the Swine Committee if you need help finding an animal to borrow.



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