

GEARING UP FOR RIPLEY COUNTY MINI 4-H

4-Hers in Kindergarten-2nd Grade

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WHAT IS MINI 4-H?

Mini 4-H is for youth in Kindergarten to 2nd grade to explore and encourage positive youth development. This gives younger children a non-competitive way to participate in the 4-H program before they are in 3rd grade and eligible for 4-H. There is no cost to joining mini 4-H in Ripley County, so why not come join the fun and see what 4-H is all about!

ENROLLING



Ripley County Mini 4-H members will enroll via 4-H Online (<http://v2.4honline.com>) each year. Step by step instructions on how to enroll on 4-H Online can be found on the Ripley County Extension website or by contacting the office. Mini 4-H members will indicate that they are participating in the Mini 4-H Project and can select a 4-H Club that they would like to join.

Enrolling on 4-H Online will ensure your mini 4-Hers will get reminders about Mini 4-H Day Camp and they will also receive six weeks of mini 4-H mailings. These mailings will have fun activities for them to do prior to the Ripley County Fair, along with giving them ideas of projects they could bring to the fair.

4-H'ers are...

4X more likely to give back to their communities

2X more likely to make healthier choices

2X more likely to participate in STEM activities



4-H Pledge

*"I pledge my head to clearer thinking,
my heart to greater loyalty,
my hands to larger service,
and my health to better living,
for my club, my community,
my country, and my world."*

MINI 4-H DAY CAMP

Mini 4-H members get the special opportunity to come to a one day camp where they will play, meet new friends, do crafts, see animals and tour the fairgrounds. Mini 4-H Day camp is hosted by Ripley County 4-H members and 4-H Volunteers. This year Mini 4-H Camp will be on **June 21, 2025 from 9:00-12:00** at the Ripley County Fairgrounds. All mini 4-H members are invited to attend!

Registration for Mini 4-H Day is done through 4-H Online under the events tab. There is no cost for Mini 4-H Camp. If you need help getting registered contact the Extension Office at 812-689-6511.



ENTERING PROJECTS

Mini 4-H'ers will bring their mini 4-H project to Project Check-in and Judging on the first Saturday of the Fair. Each mini 4-H member will have the opportunity to speak with a judge about their project. The project will then be kept in the Exhibit Hall for the duration of fair week and can be picked up on the final Saturday of the fair during project check-out. (Please check monthly newsletters or the "Fair" section of the Ripley County Extension Website for specific dates and times.)

There are no requirements for Mini 4-H exhibit projects. You may use the 4-H Manual as a guide for projects ideas, but the goal is to let these young members explore and show what they've learned. Everyone receives the same Mini 4-H ribbon.

PROJECT IDEAS

Here are some ideas of projects that can be exhibited. Due to limited space, **posters must be 11" x 9"** or smaller (half the size of the foam core boards). Remember these are just project ideas - these ideas do not limit what you can bring. Call the office with any questions!

ANIMALS

- Poster with pictures of mini 4-Her with their favorite animal and write something about that animal.
- Write a story about your favorite animal or rewrite your favorite fairytale using farm animals.
- Make a display on an animal you would like to exhibit at the fair as a 4-H member.



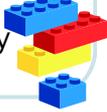
FOODS

- Make cookies or snack mix. Exhibit 3 cookies on a paper plate in a plastic bag or put snack mix in a plastic bag. Include a recipe card.
- Make a poster with kitchen safety rules.



ART & CRAFTS

- Any basic and simple craft.
- Display a model made from play-dough, legos, or any type of building material.
- A drawing, painting or any artwork.



Flowers (floriculture)

- Arrange a small vase of flowers, and attach label to name the flower type.
- Make a poster with pictures of different flowers and label what type they are.



WILDLIFE

- Make a Pine Cone feeder for birds with peanut butter and bird seed.
- Walk in the woods and take pictures of what you saw.



SPORTS

- Pictures of you playing your favorite sport.
- Poster of your favorite athletes.



FORESTRY

- Display five leaves and label each with their names.
- Make a collage of the things you collected in the woods.



SEWING

- Create a sewing kit; include items needed for sewing.
- Sew an item you can use.



WEATHER

- Record the weather over a certain time period.



BUGS (entomology)

- Draw a picture or make a model of your favorite bug.
- Collect five bugs and write a short description about each one.

