

MINI 4-H HANDBOOK 2025

*Kindergarten through
second grade!*



*Fun and educational
activities to learn
about 4-H!*

Sea the Opportunities of 4-H



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DATES TO REMEMBER

Fashion Revue Judging

Wednesday, June 4

11:00 a.m.

@ Lewis Creek Baptist Church

Project Judging

Saturday, June 7

9 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

@ stage in front of Brinson Building

Mini Livestock Show

(swine, goats & sheep)

Monday, June 9

1:00 p.m.

@ Livestock Barns

Fashion Show

Wednesday, June 4

7:00 p.m.

@ Lewis Creek Baptist Church

Cake Decorating, Collections, Construction Sets, Crafts, Entomology, Equine, Flowers, Foods, Livestock, Model Kits, My Pet & Me, Photography, Recycling, Scrapbook, Sewing, Space, Trees, Veggie Art, Wildlife, and Woodcraft

Rabbit Show

(Rabbits will be provided)

Thursday, June 12

9:00 a.m.

@ Livestock Barn

Mini 4-H Camp

July 10-11

9:00 - 3:00 p.m.

@ Shelby County Fairgrounds

Cat Show

(Cats will be provided)

Thursday, June 12

9:00 a.m.

@ Brinson Hall

Mini 4-H Meetings

February 6

March 6

April 10

at 6:00 p.m.

@ the Family Arts Building on the Shelby County Fairgrounds

Project Pick-Up

Monday, June 16

5-7:00 p.m.

@ 4-H Building

WELCOME TO MINI 4-H!

Mini 4-H is a great way to make new friends and have FUN! There are so many activities for you to explore and try out new things. You can share what you learn with your family and friends. Mom or Dad or another adult can help you with your Mini 4-H projects. Then you can bring your projects to the Shelby County fair. Please be sure to check the date and time you will need to bring your projects! You will get a nice ribbon for completing your project!

Cat Workshop Opportunity!

February 19, 2025 & May 7, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

@ Brinson Building-Shelby County Fairgrounds

*must call or text Olivia Cassidy at (317) 695-3297

Workshop subject to cancellation if no one RSVPs

LET'S LEARN WHAT 4-H IS!

Have Questions?

Be sure to let us know by calling our office at (317) 392-6460

If you have any questions, let us know. We are more than happy to help you!

As one of the largest and oldest youth organizations, 4-H is a wonderful organization to be a part of! You get to learn, meet friends, attend camps and workshops, have FUN and much more!!

For more information read your 4-H newsletter, Friday e-mails and connect with us online at www.extension.purdue.edu/shelby or find us on Facebook!



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**.



Don't forget

All youth K-12th must enroll in 4-H each year at v2.4honline.com

October 1st—May 15th!

PROJECTS

Choose one or more that you want to take to the fair this year!

CAKE DECORATING

Exhibit three (3) decorated cupcakes OR three (3) decorated cookies on a heavy paper plate.



CERAMICS

A painted article of greenware or clay.



COLLECTIONS

Choose One: Collection displayed in a shoe box. (You need to add 3 items to your collection each year.) OR poster, 14" x 22" OR album OR binder.

CONSTRUCTION SETS

Exhibit something you have made from a construction set such as Legos, K'nex, Lincoln Logs, etc.

CRAFTS

Exhibit one craft item that you have made. Refer to your manual for suggested items or make your own creative craft.



ENTOMOLOGY 1,2,3

Entomology 1-

Identify parts of a fly. Color the butterfly or moth and mount it on a 14" x 22" poster board.

Entomology 2-

Identify the parts of the ant and wasp. Collect five (5) different insect pictures and mount them on a 14" x 22" poster board. Label each with the correct common name.

Entomology 3-

- Design and make your own bug using materials around the house.
- Make a poster or book showing the life cycle of a bug.
- Make a poster showing bugs that live in groups on one half and bugs that live alone on the other half.
- Make a project activity as a group and take it to the fair to show the kinds of things your group has been doing.
- Make a scrapbook of pictures showing your group having fun while making the project activities in this manual.
- Make a group mural showing a variety of bugs and where they live.

EQUINE

Year 1:

Identify the parts of a horse and mount on a 14 x 22" poster board.

Year 2:

Complete the "Horse Terms" page. Draw or cut out from magazines pictures of three of the items listed on the "Horse Terms" page. Label what they are and their definition. Mount these pages on a 14" x 22" poster board.

Year 3: Exhibit one of the following:

a. Draw a picture that illustrates at least one of the "10 Things to Remember" and write the rule or rules you illustrated on the poster. Mount the pages on a 14" x 22" poster.

b. Draw a picture of your ideal horse and write a paragraph telling what its breed, color and markings are. Do not forget to give your horse a name! Mount the picture and story on a 14" x 22" poster board.

FASHION REVUE

Choose an outfit from your closet or your parent's closet (with permission) OR create a costume, a dress up outfit or party outfit OR wear a sports outfit and model it at the fashion show before the county fair. Write a description of your outfit and why you chose it. Mini 4-H'ers will attend Fashion Revue judging on Wednesday, June 5th at 11:00 a.m., at Lewis Creek Baptist Church. They will then participate in the public Fashion Revue at 7:00 p.m. on June 5th.

FLOWERS

Choose one (select a different one each year):

- A. One blossom, exhibited in a soft drink bottle, or small vase.
- B. Notebook of flowers (labeled)
- C. Small arrangement of 3 flowers



FOODS

Exhibit one of the following (select a different one each year):

- A. *peanut butter sandwich*
- B. *popcorn snack displayed in a small plastic sandwich bag*
- C. *no bake cookies*
- D. *marshmallow treats*
- E. *14" x 22" poster on kitchen safety rules or the food plate*

Note: Food products must be exhibited on a 9" disposable plate unless otherwise stated.



LIVESTOCK

Years 1 & 2– Choose one of the following topics (using a different one each year) and put your exhibit on a 14" x 22" poster board.

- A picture that you have drawn of one of the animals in this book.
- A story you have written about one of the animals in this book.
- A collection of cut out pictures of one or more of the animals in this book.
- If your family owns one of the animals listed in this book, make a poster of pictures of you taking care of your animal.

Year 3- Choose one of the animals you read about in your book. Draw a picture of the animal and write a short (no more than one page) story about it. Include in your story what the animal is and its breed. Tell us about that breed plus something interesting about this animal.

MODEL KITS

One assembled Model kit (car, boat, animal, airplane, etc). Painted appropriately.



MY PET AND ME

Make one project notebook or poster and bring it to the fair for judging. Also, if possible, bring your small pet in a cage for judging.



PHOTOGRAPHY

Exhibit one of the following (mounted on a 14" x 22" poster board):

- A poster with six pictures of non-moving subjects (landscapes, building, scenery). Mount on a 14" x 22" poster board.
- A poster with six pictures. Three of the pictures can be of anything you like. The other three should be of the following:
 - One picture of your school
 - One picture of a special friend-that friend may be your best friend, a dog or cat, a brother or sister, or your parents/guardians.
 - One picture of your favorite place to play.
- A poster with six pictures. Four pictures can be of anything you like. The other two should be of the following:
 - One picture of scenery
 - One picture of your favorite animal



RECYCLING

Exhibit an item you have made from recycled materials as outlined in your manual.



SCRAPBOOKING

Scrapbook with two (2) consecutive pages designated as the pages that you would like to have judged.



SPACE

Go to www.spaceplace.nasa.gov

Visit and explore one of these areas

- Universe
- Sun
- Earth
- Solar System
- Science & Technology

Choose from the "activities" or "crafts", complete a project to display at the fair (could be one of the activities OR a poster or a notebook of the activity you completed).

VEGGIE ART

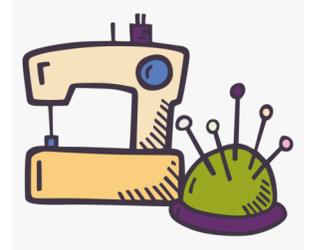
Create art by using fruits and vegetables and assemble them (using all edible parts) to build an animal or any creature you wish.



SEWING

Exhibit will be one of the following:

- Fringe a scarf
- Quilt square initials
- Tic Tac toe weaving
- Stitch the mouse
- Connect a pattern
- Flight pattern



TREES

Exhibit one of the following doing a different one each year.

- an activity as outlined in your manual
- Draw a picture of the ways your favorite tree looks in each of the four seasons.
- A collage of pictures cut out from magazines
- A book of leaf rubbings using 5 leaves that you think are interesting
- Make a poster no larger than 14"x22" that is a tree shaped and glue the things you found on walk in a local park that have fallen from trees onto it.

WILDLIFE

Exhibit one of the following:

- Complete the poster about the animals you learned about as stated in the project book. Mount on a 14" x 22" poster board.
- Complete the poster about the 3 birds and a mammal as stated in the project book. Mount on a 14" x 22" poster board.
- Write a story about an animal and provide a picture. Put in a plastic sleeve.

WOODWORKING

Complete Project Book and one of the following:

- a. Bird Feeder
- b. Bookend
- c. Shelf



FUN POULTRY DECORATED EGG SHOW



This is a FUN SHOW and is open to all 4-Hers and Mini 4-Hers. Exhibitors in this Fun Show are NOT required to enter birds. They may enroll by signing up in 4-H Online or by calling or texting Brenda Nortrup - 317-435-7571 with your name and grade.

Classes are divided into Grades K-2, Grades 3-7, Grades 8-12

• Painted Egg Competition

- ◆ 1 egg consists of one entry. Multiple entries accepted. (Egg size may be chicken, goose, duck, guinea or turkey:
- ◆ Entry must be hard boiled or blown.
- ◆ Egg is painted or inked. NO adornment or decorations added.
- ◆ Some type of upright support recommended.
- ◆ Egg must be painted/inked by exhibitor.

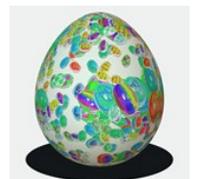


• Decorated Egg Competition

- ◆ 1 egg consists of one entry. Multiple entries accepted. (Egg size may be chicken, goose, duck, guinea or turkey)
- ◆ Entry must be hard boiled or blown.
- ◆ Egg is to be adorned or decorated but may have paint added.
- ◆ Outline of egg must be recognizable.
- ◆ Egg decoration must be created by the exhibitor.

Bring your decorated egg on Monday June 10th to the Poultry barn anytime between 9 am—5 pm. Judging will be on Tuesday afternoon during the Poultry show (the show starts at 1:00 p.m.)

Prizes will be provided by the Indiana State Poultry Association (ISPA).



MINI 4-H ANIMAL PROJECTS

Cats will be shown in conjunction with the 4-H Cat show on Thursday, June 12th and will start at 9:00 a.m. (Brinson Hall)

Goats, Sheep & Swine will be shown on Monday, June 9th beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the show arena. (Livestock Show Arena)

Rabbits will be shown in conjunction with the 4-H Rabbit show on Thursday, June 13th, starting at 9:00 a.m. (Livestock Show Arena)

Due to space limitations and health requirements, we cannot allow a Mini 4-Her to bring an animal that they may own to the fair to show. You will be able to pair up with a current 4-H member and show their animal.

- ⇒ Goats – to complete the project, you will show a goat at the Shelby County 4-H Fair. The goats for the show will be provided.
- ⇒ Rabbits – to complete the project, you will show a rabbit at the Shelby County 4-H Fair. The rabbits for the show will be provided.
- ⇒ Sheep – to complete the project, you will show a sheep at the Shelby County 4-H Fair. The sheep for the show will be provided.
- ⇒ Swine – to complete the project, you will show a swine at the Shelby County 4-H Fair. The swine for the show will be provided.
- ⇒ Cats – to complete the project, you will show a cat at the Shelby County 4-H Fair. The cat for the show will be provided.

Mini 4-Hers showing livestock MUST have turned in the completed Mini-Exploring 4-H Liability Release Form.

Mini 4-H members enrolled in any of these five projects will be invited to attend any workshops given for the 4-H members.

While Mini 4-H projects are not state fair exhibits, we are very proud you have joined the Shelby County 4-H program this year. Any youngster enrolled in third grade or older may join our regular 4-H program, and possibly qualify for State Fair competition.



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 Development 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 conditions 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 are not required to own the animals they participate with in Mini 4-H. All animals on exhibit should meet the regulations of the Indiana Board of Animal Health Requirements for Exhibition of Domestic Animals in Indiana and meet the vaccination requirements set by Indiana 4-H.

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.

I understand that participating in 4-H activities can involve certain risks to my child. Those risks may include injury or harm, including, but not limited to, bodily injury, disability, exposure to COVID-19 and other viruses and or illnesses, and death. During virtual 4-H activities, I understand that program staff are not providing supervision for my child during the online program, and the Released Parties do not have control over the information available through the internet or other electronic data sources beyond that which is a part of the 4-H activity. On behalf of my child, I fully assume the inherent risks associated with my child participating in 4-H activities and assert that my child has chosen to participate in this program with my express approval. I hereby release and discharge Purdue University, The Trustees of Purdue University, the _____ County Commissioners, the _____ County Cooperative Extension Service, and each of their trustees, officers, appointees, agents, employees, and volunteers ("Released Parties") from all claims which my child or I might have for any injury or harm to my child, arising out of my child's participation in any activity related to the 4-H program, even if such injury or harm is caused by the negligence or fault of any of the Released Parties. I do not, however, release these individuals and entities from liability for intentional, willful or wanton acts and this release shall not be construed to include such acts.

Mini 4-H member's name

Other Adult Designee - Print Name

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Date

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Date

Mini 4-H Day Camp Application

July 10 – 11, 2025

9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Name _____ Grade (as of January 1 of current year) _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Parent/ Guardian Name _____

T- Shirt Size _____

Cost for Mini 4-H Day Camp is \$20 for the first child in the family, \$15 for each additional child in the family. Make checks payable to **Purdue CES**.

1. I understand that if poor behavior is causing problems to other campers, you may be removed from the camp.
2. The day camp is held at the Shelby County Fairgrounds (Family Arts Building). I understand that I must provide transportation to and from the fairgrounds for my child to arrive promptly at 9 a.m. and be picked up at 3 p.m.
3. **I will supply a sack lunch for my child everyday of camp.**
4. I understand that completion of the youth health form is necessary before my child can attend camp.
5. I agree to fulfill the expectation of a camper and camp parent.
6. My child is currently enrolled as a Mini 4-H member in Shelby County.

Signature of legal parent/ guardian _____ Date _____

Return completed camp registration form and fee to:

20 W Polk Street, Suite 201, Shelbyville, IN 46176

ALL FORMS AND REGISTRATION FEE DUE by 4pm on JUNE 27, 2025

Purdue University is an equal opportunity/ equal access university. If you have special needs, please indicate on the registration form, or all us prior to the registration deadline at 317- 392- 6460. If you have any special dietary needs, please indicate on the registration form, or call us prior to the camp.

For special dietary needs contact our office by July 3, 2025.

HEALTH FORM

Attach current photo here. Photo will not be returned.

4-H Camp

County _____

Dorm and/or Room Number _____

Name _____

Birthdate _____

Street Address _____

City _____

State _____

ZIP code _____

(_____) Day Phone Number _____

Evening Phone Number _____

Youth Cell (If applicable) _____

List any activities the participant should avoid (i.e., swimming): _____

Physical Record of Participant

Yes No

Heart Condition _____

Diabetes _____

Ear Infections _____

Bedwetting _____

Allergy to any medication _____

List medicines allergic to: _____

Food allergies or dietary restrictions _____

List allergies/restrictions: _____

Other allergies (i.e., dust, pollen, animals) _____

List other allergies _____

All immunizations required for school are current _____

Date of last tetanus shot: _____

Please list any current medication being taken on reverse side of this form.

Please describe any current physical, mental, or psychological conditions requiring medication, treatment, or special restrictions or considerations while at camp: _____

PARENTAL AUTHORIZATION

Pursuant to Indiana Code Paragraph 16-36-1-6 and subject to any limitations listed below, I request and authorize Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service employees and their authorized agents to arrange for all reasonably necessary medical care, including transportation and hospitalization, for my child while in attendance at and participating in 4-H Youth Development events and activities.

I also understand that, as a result of my child's participation in this program, it will be necessary for Purdue CES employees and other authorized personnel with the program to have access to relevant medical information pertaining to my child, and I authorize the use and disclosure of my child's medical information to promote a safe and healthy experience for my child.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature _____ Date _____ Witness to Parent/Legal Guardian _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Telephone: (_____) Home _____ (_____) Work _____

Both above signatures required for acceptance to participate

In case we cannot reach you, please list the name and phone number of a second party to contact:

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone: (_____) Home _____ (_____) Work _____

Please complete the addendum on reverse side

ADDENDUM TO THE 4-H CAMP YOUTH HEALTH FORM

Complete this form for **prescription medications and over-the-counter medications** that are being taken by the student at the time of the event. These medications will be administered by an Extension staff member or other authorized personnel.

Medications must be carried in their original containers.

County: _____

4-H member's Name: _____

Name of Medication: _____

What Illness/Condition is this medication intended for: _____

Check any of the following that apply:

_____ Tylenol/Ibuprofen may be administered by 4-H Youth Development event personnel

_____ Benadryl may be administered by 4-H Youth Development event personnel

Youth's weight: _____ lbs.

Dosage: _____ Refrigeration? Yes _____ No _____

Special Instructions: _____

Other information (if applicable): _____

Date(s) to Administer: From _____ To _____

Prescribing Doctor's Name: _____ Phone: () _____

Event: _____ Date (s): _____

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian Date

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian Date

Name: _____
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