

# Welcome to the Steuben County Mini 4-H Program!

## Have Fun, Make Friends, and Learn

Get together with other K, 1st, and 2nd graders to create and explore things, play games, and share stories. Youth from all across the county come together to form the Tiny Clovers Mini 4-H Club, and it is a great way for youth to begin building friendships outside their already established circle of friends at school or in the community. The Mini 4-H program offers multiple opportunities in which youth can work as a team, and these team-like activities lead to many giggles and future friendships. Members are strongly encouraged to participate in meetings and workshops. Typically, the Tiny Clovers Mini 4-H Club meets for six months, once a month, totaling six meetings. These meetings will help Mini 4-H'ers learn hands-on skills.



## To Join Mini 4-H...

Online enrollment is conveniently available at [v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com). Mini 4-H'ers may take an unlimited number of projects. Enrollment is open annually October 1-January 15. Each family will begin receiving the Clover Connection, the Steuben County 4-H monthly newsletter, after enrolling.

## 4-H Fair

All the time and effort you put into your project will pay off when you display your project at the Steuben County 4-H Fair in June. Plan on talking to our project judge about your Mini 4-H project(s) during the annual 4-H Fair.

## Fun Facts

The 4-H emblem is a four-leaf clover with an "H" in each leaf. Clover is a plant that grows in fields, yards, and along roadsides. Most clovers have three leaves. Sometimes, if you look very carefully, you may find a special clover with four leaves. A four-leaf clover is used as the emblem for 4-H to let everyone know 4-H is a special kind of group. The four H's stand for Head, Heart, Hands and Health.

The 4-H colors are green and white. The four-leaf clover is green and the "H" in each leaf is white. White symbolizes purity and high ideals. Green is nature's most abundant color and symbolizes life and growth.

The 4-H motto is "To make the best better." When something is better than all of the others, it is the best. Think about a time when you did your best. Maybe you threw a ball farther than you have ever thrown it before. Now, think about some ways you could do better. You may be able to throw farther by practicing for a while or by watching and learning from someone else. 4-H encourages you to always try to do better, even if you are doing the best you have ever done.

# 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 Exhibit Guidelines

Mini 4-H members are encouraged to complete the record sheet corresponding to each project they select. If possible, we would appreciate it if your record sheet could be turned in to the Extension Office by the last business day of May so that we can work on preparing for your exhibit to arrive in June. All projects must have name label attached at the time of exhibition so that we can identify whose project is whose.

## Mini 4-H Exhibit Options

**Animal Education Poster** Exhibit a 14"x22" poster (displayed horizontally) teaching others about the animal of your choice. Topic suggestions include: the animal's anatomy (internal or external), habitat, appropriate animal care, breeds of the selected species, etc.

## **Beef/Dairy Steer**

Exhibit one animal in a non-competitive class during the respective specie's regularly scheduled show (likely to take place at the very beginning or very end of the show; check with the superintendent). The animal must be owned by a current 4-H member in grades 3-12 and be identified on the current member's 4HOnline record. No animal is permitted to be identified in 4HOnline for the sole purpose of this Mini 4-H option, but rather it must be identified with the exclusive intent to be exhibited by a 4-H member in grades 3-12. The class will not be placed, but the judge will be encouraged to provide feedback and critique. The animal may not be auctioned or consigned by the Mini 4-H member. Per Indiana 4-H policies: 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 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.)

**Cake Decorating** (use decorating tips; no gel icing)

Decorate one small sweet treat (cookie, brownie, cupcake, etc.) and display it on a small disposable plate in a plastic bag.

**Cat/Kitten**

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**Collections**

Exhibit a few items (5-10) of your favorite collection. You may exhibit the actual items in a shoebox, or take photos of the items and display them in a binder or photo album.

**Legos/Construction Toys**

Exhibit a Lego or other construction toy creation or kit no larger than 12" x 12".

**Crafts**

A craft or art object no larger than 12" x 12" that was completed this year.

**Dairy**

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**Dog**

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### **Entomology (Insects)**

Collect, identify and display 3-7 insects of your choice, pinned to a piece of Styrofoam in a shoe box.

### **Feeder Calf**

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### **Foods**

Exhibit a homemade trail mix, rice crispy treat, or cookie displayed on a small disposable plate in a plastic bag.

### **Garden**

Exhibit 3 nearly identical vegetables you grew in your garden or pot at home (i.e. 3 green beans of the same length, 3 tomatoes of the same size, etc.)

### **Goat**

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### **Horse and Pony**

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### **Photography**

Exhibit a 14” x 22” poster (display horizontally) showcasing your photography skills with 5 photos. Aim for colorful photos of people, nature, animals, and/or unique objects.

### **Poultry**

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### **Rabbit**

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### **Scrapbooking**

Exhibit 1-2 scrapbook pages of any size in which the Mini 4-H member displays at least one photo per page.

### **Sewing**

Exhibit a simple sewing project sewn by the Mini 4-H member such as a simple pillow, tote bag, skirt, lap blanket, etc.

## Sheep

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## Swine

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**We're so glad you chose to join 4-H!**

