

# **MINI 4-H HANDBOOK**

**(Grades K-2)**



**SULLIVAN COUNTY  
2023**

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Mini 4-H Meeting Dates: Wednesday, March 22, 5:30 to 7:00 pm  
Wednesday, April 19, 5:30 to 7:00 pm

Meetings will be held at the Sullivan County 4-H Building

## **Mini 4-H Schedule for Happenings at the Fair**

Collection Project Check-in: Saturday, July 15, 9-11 am  
North side of the Exhibit Building

Pet Parade: Saturday, July 15, 6:00 pm Check-in  
6:30 pm Parade Begins  
Livestock Show Arena

Horse & Pony: Monday, July 17, 5:00 pm  
Horse Show Arena

Activity Day: Wednesday, July 19, 8:30 am Registration  
9:00 am to 1:00 pm Activity Day  
4-H Building

## WHAT IS 4-H?

The 4-leaf clover is the emblem of 4-H. Each leaf stands for a word beginning with "H". The Four H's are:

Head - to think and plan

Heart - to be kind and true

Hands - to help others

Health - to enjoy life



## THE 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.

## THE 4-H CLUB MOTTO

"To make the best better."

## THE 4-H COLORS

White - a symbol of high ideals and purity.

Green - a symbol of nature, life, and youth.

## COLLECTION EXHIBIT

Do you like to collect things? Many people have interesting hobbies by collecting all kinds of things. They keep adding to their collections all their lives.

The Mini 4-H Collection Project is easy and fun. Collect and identify 6 or more items -- anything you wish. There are many collections that do not cost very much.

Some ideas you might try are:

Rocks	Leaves	Seeds
Stamps	Stickers	Buttons
Dolls	Coins	Salt Shakers
Arrowheads	Insects	Marbles
Model Cars	Feathers	Shells
Post Cards	Medals	Bottle caps
Pictures	Fossils	Baseball Cards



What other ideas do you have?

You can have fun finding some of these by yourself -- such as the insects or leaves. Other collections need help from your family or friends. Ask them to send you postcards or save stamps.

You may need to get help in identifying your items from your parents, books you have around your home or the library, friends, or booklets in hobby stores. If you collect insects, you need not know the scientific name, only the common name.

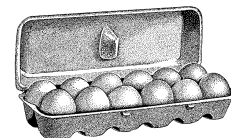
As you add to your collection, you might want to keep a record to help you remember where, when and how you got each item.

Now that you have started your collection, what are you going to do with it? One of the biggest problems with collections is finding a way to keep it neat and clean and still be able to enjoy it.

Many articles can be fastened to poster board, plywood, or a bulletin board. This is a good method for arrowheads, postcards, leaves, medals, feathers, or buttons.

An egg carton can be used to neatly display rocks, shells, or marbles.

Many small items can be kept in an album. You can buy one or make one from a 2 or 3 ring notebook. The notebook can be decorated if you like. These are good for pictures, stamps, coins, postcards, stickers, or feathers.

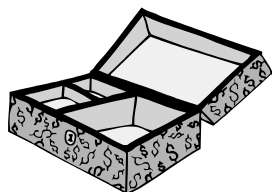


Perhaps you would like to keep your collection in a box. Shoe boxes and other small boxes are very good. Rocks, fossils, shells, and many other things could be kept in a box.

Seeds and small buttons can be stored in a plastic bag or even glued onto a piece of cardboard or board to make a picture design.

Now that you have decided what you will collect, we hope you will be able to exhibit at least six items from your collection at the Sullivan County 4-H Fair. We suggest your collection be displayed in some way to protect your items and still look nice. Please do not bring items of sentimental or monetary value. Sullivan County 4-H is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged items in your display. The Collection could be mounted horizontally on a poster board, in a shoe box, egg carton, or notebook. **BE SURE TO COVER YOUR COLLECTION WITH PLASTIC BEFORE BRINGING IT TO THE FAIR.** Your collection must not take up any more space than 22" x 28". A fair entry tag must be attached to your exhibit. The fair entry tags are available from the Extension Office.

Your exhibit will not be judged. The exhibits will be on display throughout the Fair, and you will receive a participation ribbon for your collection exhibit.



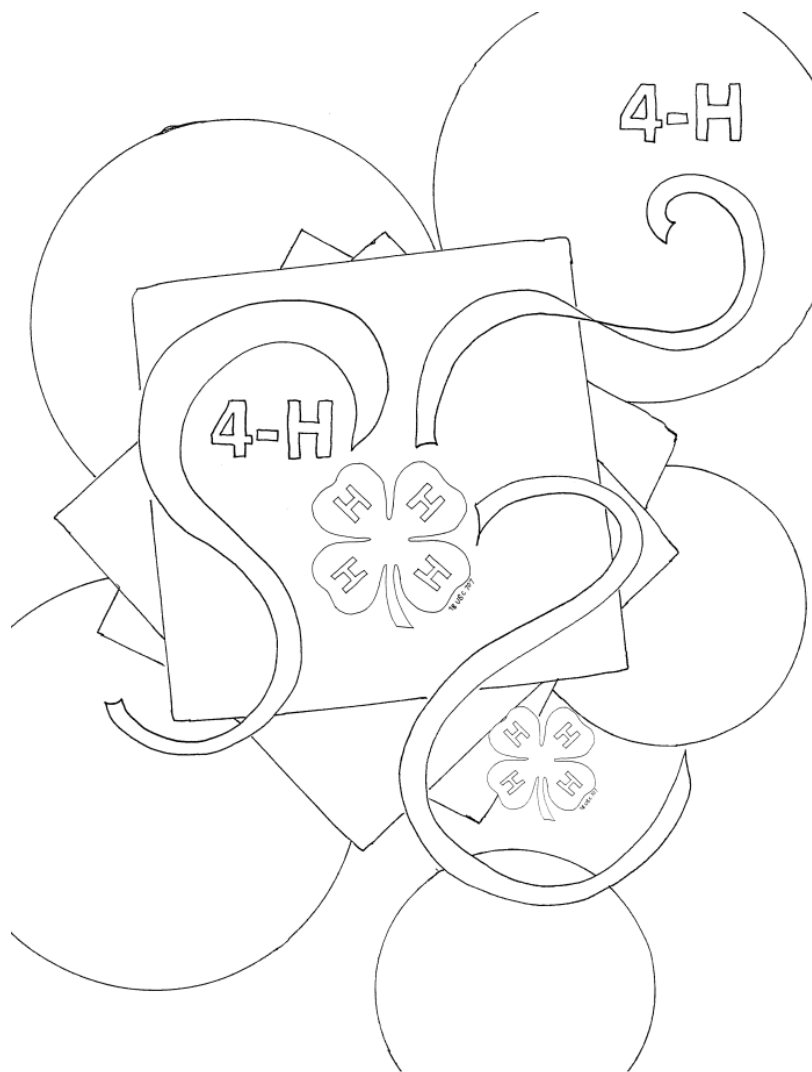
## MINI 4-H ACTIVITY DAY

- Mini 4-H Activity Day will be in the 4-H Building beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 19. Participants will take part in a variety of activities and classes.
- Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. The Mini 4-Hers will be dismissed at 1:00 p.m.
- Current health forms must be on file in 4-H Online to participate in Mini 4-H Activity Day.

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If you require auxiliary aids and services due to a disability or special dietary needs, please contact Cheryl Casselman prior to the event at 812-268-4332.

"TO MAKE THE BEST BETTER"



## PET PARADE

***ALL LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS IN INDIANA MUST HAVE A PREMISE IDENTIFICATION FOR THEIR ANIMAL. This includes cattle/bison, swine, sheep, goats, and captive cervids (horses and poultry are optional). For more information on premise identification, contact the Indiana State Board of Animal Health at 317-227-0300 or go to their website at [www.in.gov/boah](http://www.in.gov/boah)***

The Pet Parade is another Introduction to Mini 4-H Activity for you. If you have a favorite pet at home, and would like to bring it to the fair, be sure to join us!

There are several ways you must prepare for the Pet Parade. Be sure to read all of this section to make sure you are ready for this activity.

- Animals in the Pet Parade must meet the same requirements as the other 4-H animals. The health requirements are below.
- Participants and their pets must be pre-enrolled in the Pet Parade. This may be done by completing the form on page 9 and 10 in this handbook and returning it to the County Extension office by July 7.
- Participants and their pets should arrive at the Show Arena 30 minutes prior to the Pet Parade. Report to the specified area near the Show Arena for last minute instructions.
- All pets must be properly restrained. Space in the barns will not be provided for Pet Parade animals.
- Pet Parade animals will not be permitted in the livestock barns and must leave the Fairgrounds immediately following the Pet Parade.
- Each participant and pet will be introduced and will receive a participation ribbon.
- 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.) The Liability Release Form is on page 10 of this Handbook.

## LIVESTOCK RULES

**\*\*The section below has been paraphrased with the most relevant information for you. However, all of BOAH requirements will be followed at the Sullivan County 4-H Fair for all events with animals. Refer to the 2023 4-H Handbook for the complete information.**

For more information on horse health requirements, call the Indiana State Board of Animal Health at 317-544-2400 or visit BOAH's website at: [www.in.gov/boah/2383.htm](http://www.in.gov/boah/2383.htm).

This section describes the Indiana State Board of Animal Health's (BOAH) requirements for all animal exhibitions in the state.

1. Failure to meet all animal health requirements will result in removal of animals from the exhibition premises.
2. The following animals are not eligible for exhibition in Indiana:
  - a. Animals that originate from a herd that is under quarantine.
  - b. An animal prohibited from exhibition under any law or order.
  - c. Any animal classified as a brucellosis "suspect".
  - d. Animals showing signs of any infectious or communicable disease or that are a health hazard to people or other animals.
  - e. Any animal that does not meet state animal health requirements.

3. Any animal that develops or shows signs of any infectious or communicable disease during exhibition must be removed from the premises, including the surrounding exhibition grounds. An owner who is disputing the exclusion of his/her animal(s) from exhibition may not exhibit the animal in question pending any appeal.

## Species Specific Requirements

### Cattle

Identification (ONE of the following)

- a. 840 tags
- b. NUES (brite) tags
- c. Official USDA Program tags

### Swine

Identification (**ONE** of the following)

- a. 840 tags
- b. NUES (brite) tags
- c. Official Premises ID Number ("PIN") tag
- d. Ear notch: Ear notch must be recorded in the book of a purebred registry association.
- e. Tattoo: Tattoo must be registered with a swine registry association.

### Sheep and Goats

Identification (**ONE** of the following)

- a. Official Scrapie identification tag, with US shield
- b. Official Scrapie tattoo
- c. Registration tattoo: Tattoo must be noted on the registration paper and accompany the animal
- d. Registration microchip: Electronic implant must be noted on the registration paper and accompany the animal

*NOTE: Wethers younger than 18 months of age must bear a unique and permanent form of identification*

### Horses

**We recommend only using horses less than 300 pounds for mini 4-H day due to the size of the livestock arena the event takes place in. Additionally, any animals weighing more than 300 pounds need to be controlled by a parent/guardian.**

**Testing** a. **Horses that originate within Indiana** do not need an equine infectious anemia (EIA, Coggins) test for exhibition in Indiana.

b. **Horses that originate outside of Indiana** must meet the following requirements prior to entering Indiana:

- Each horse must test negative for EIA within 12 months of the date of exhibition. Each horse must be accompanied by an official certificate of veterinary inspection that indicates the date and results of the EIA test.

*NOTE: Suckling foals that are accompanied by their dam, when the dam has tested negative for EIA within the last twelve months, are exempt from the EIA testing requirement*

## **Poultry**

Indiana defines poultry as: chickens, turkeys, ostriches, emus, rheas, cassowaries, waterfowl (domesticated fowl that normally swim, such as ducks, geese and swans), and game birds (domesticated fowl such as pheasants, pea fowl, partridge, quail, grouse, and guineas) but **NOT** doves and pigeons.

**Testing** All poultry presented for exhibition, except waterfowl, must meet ONE of the following requirements:

- a. Test negative for pullorum-typhoid within 90 days prior to the date of the exhibition.
- b. Hatched from eggs that originate from a certified NPIP pullorum-typhoid clean parent flock.
- c. Originate from a flock that is certified NPIP pullorum-typhoid clean.

## **Dogs - Vaccination Requirements:**

a. All dogs 3 months of age and older must be vaccinated for rabies by a licensed and accredited veterinarian in accordance with the state rabies vaccination law.

b. A certificate of vaccination or other statement, signed by a licensed and accredited veterinarian, that indicates the vaccinations each animal has been given must accompany the animal to the exhibition.

c. A certificate of veterinary inspection may be used to document vaccinations.

## **Cats - Vaccination Requirements:**

a. All cats 3 months of age and older must be vaccinated for rabies by a licensed and accredited veterinarian in accordance with the state rabies vaccination law.

b. A certificate of vaccination or other statement, signed by a licensed and accredited veterinarian, that indicates the vaccinations each animal has been given must accompany the animal to the exhibition.

c. A certificate of veterinary inspection may be used to document vaccinations



## MINI 4-H HORSE & PONY

1. All horses show in Mini 4-H Horse and Pony must be vaccinated to the same standards as regular Horse and Pony horses. Vaccination forms are available in the Extension office, and proof of vaccination will be required to attend all clinics and shows.
2. Youth must be in kindergarten, first or second grades (as of January 1 of the current year), and properly enrolled through [v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com). There is not an enrollment fee for Mini 4-H members.
3. Mini 4-H Liability Release form **must** be signed and on file in the Extension Office before participants may ride at any official 4-H event or activity for the current year. This is also the form to designate another adult (who must be an active, approved 4-H volunteer, even if they are a fellow 4-H parent), if the parent/legal guardian will not be the one assisting the mini 4-H member.
4. Mini 4-H Horse & Pony participants will turn in a folder of the completed Mini 4-H Horse & Pony worksheets during exhibit check-in (9-11 a.m.) on opening day of the 4-H Fair (July 15, 2023).
5. **NO** riding without supervision of approved adult volunteer.
  - a. Ride only in designated area
  - b. Absolutely no cowboying
  - c. Must wear boots
  - d. Must wear approved safety helmet
  - e. Horses must be under control of the parent or volunteer at all times.
6. The child must demonstrate ability to participate without undue injury to themselves or other members.
7. Final decision of eligibility (of both horse and rider) will be determined by the leader and official fair volunteers overseeing the Mini 4-H Horse & Pony show.
8. Parent or legal guardian, or another active, approved 4-H adult volunteer, designated in writing by parent or legal guardian, will be responsible for their child and horse. When the children bring their horses or work with a horse, parent or legal guardian, or another active, approved 4-H volunteer (designated in writing by parent or legal guardian) are expected to stay at the clinics and fair activities.
9. Parent or legal guardian, or another active, approved 4-H volunteer, designated in writing by parent or legal guardian, are welcome to help if the appropriate volunteer screening has been completed.
10. All members must show showmanship class. Showmanship will be stressed.
11. Clinics will be offered for practice and instruction.
12. Horses and ponies for Mini 4-H will be brought in the same day of the show and taken home the same day. Mini 4-H participants will have **NO** barn facilities.

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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: "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 active, approved 4-H Volunteer 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 non-expired 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. On behalf of my child, I accept those risks. I hereby release and discharge Purdue University, The Trustees of Purdue University, the Sullivan County Commissioners, the Sullivan 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, including death, arising out of my child's participation in a Mini 4-H animal activity(ies), even if such injury or harm is caused by 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



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# MINI 4-H PET PARADE OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

MINI 4-HER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE \_\_\_\_\_  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

PARENT OR GUARDIAN NAME (for introduction purposes): \_\_\_\_\_

PET'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF ANIMAL (calf, hamster, goat, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

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**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE BY JULY 7th**

Office hours are: Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

The secure drop box is available under the mailbox, in the brick structure across the road from the office.

Email your form to: [sullivances@purdue.edu](mailto:sullivances@purdue.edu)



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**Please return this form to the extension office by, MAY 19, so that we may have an accurate participation count.**

Office hours are: Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm  
The secure drop box is available under the mailbox, in the brick structure across the road from the office.  
Email your form to: [sullivances@purdue.edu](mailto:sullivances@purdue.edu)

My child \_\_\_\_\_ (name) will be participating in the following

Mini – 4H activities:

Collections: \_\_\_\_\_

Mini- Horse & Pony: \_\_\_\_\_ Horses shown are required to be vaccinated. See rules in this packet.

Pet Parade: \_\_\_\_\_

Activity Day: \_\_\_\_\_