### Mini 4-H Projects

Beef

Cats

Dogs

Goats

Horse & Pony

**Poultry** 

**Rabbits** 

Sheep

Shooting Sports &

**Outdoor Skills** 

**Swine** 

Display Projects (includes):

Arts & Crafts,

Ag Education/Toy Farm

Display, Animal Posters,

Collections, Family History,

Flowers, Foods, Forestry,

Garden, Lego-Type Models,

Model Building,

Photography, Sewing

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# Tipton County Mini 4-H

An introduction to Tipton County
Mini 4-H, a youth development
program available to all youth
currently enrolled in
Kindergarten- 2nd grade



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#### What is Mini 4-H?

Mini 4-H is an introductory organization for youth in Kindergarten- 2nd grade. Mini 4-H is focused on youth developing motor skills, forming a positive relationship with an older mentor who is there to help them learn and develop, and exploring their world through unique experiences and learning about different topics. Mini 4-H projects can be displayed at the 4-H Fair but are not judged, nor is one required to be completed to participate in Mini 4-H. Youth are not required to have been in Mini 4-H before enrolling in the 4-H program, nor are they required to be in 4-H once they reach 3rd grade (but hopefully they will join!)

#### Who can be in Mini 4-H?

Mini 4-H is for any youth currently enrolled in Kindergarten- 2nd grade! Youth may enroll starting October 1 and through the spring. Once they are in the 3rd grade they will enroll in traditional 4-H, which concludes their senior year of high school. A child may start Mini 4-H or 4-H at any age. Mini 4-H is for urban as well as rural youth- there is something for everyone! No animals or farming required.





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#### What does Mini 4-H offer?

Projects- youth create projects to display what they have learned on a topic they have explored. Mini 4-H projects are displayed at the 4-H Fair, but are not judged.

Day Camp- Mini 4-H members can attend Day Camp, June 5-7, 2024. Teen counselors will lead youth in fun activities as they play games, explore their world, make new friends, sing silly songs, and have three days of FUN!

Meetings and Workshops- Club leaders Alexis Bell and Shelbie Sottong will have fun and active meetings March 5, April 9, and May 4. Plan to attend these fun experiences! Sherilyn Kindig has planned Mini Cat meetings the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm beginning in the spring.

#### How do I enroll?

Create a profile at **v2.4honline.com**. Target enrollment period is Oct. 1- Jan. 15 but there is no deadline. Make sure to select "Mini 4-H" when picking a club.

There is no fee to join Mini 4-H.

Be sure to use an e-mail address that is active and checked frequently. Also check your junk folder to make sure 4-H e-mails aren't going there- they are sometimes flagged as SPAM. Once you are enrolled you will receive newsletters and information about different opportunities for Mini 4-Hers!

#### How do I do a project?

Mini 4-Hers don't have to exhibit a project to be a member. The goal is to learn and have fun while doing so! But if you choose to work on a project, project guides can be picked up in the Purdue Extension- Tipton County office during regular hours. They will also be available on our county website later this fall. Use these as guides- Mini 4-H does not have specific requirements, but activities should be age and developmentally appropriate. Many projects are categorized under "Display Projects" when enrolling in 4-H Online.

Mini 4-H projects are not judged, but they will be displayed during the 4-H Fair! To have your project displayed, please bring it to the 4-H Fairgrounds during project checkin. Projects can be picked up during project check-out and taken home after the 4-H Fair has concluded.

#### What about Livestock?

Mini 4-Hers can make a poster over what they have learned about their favorite animals. They can also show an animal during the livestock shows. To show an animal, a Mini 4-Her needs to find a 4-H mentor that will let them 'borrow' one of their animals. Hopefully the Mini 4-Her will have a chance to work with the animal prior to showing it in the ring. Mini 4-H has a special class at the beginning of each livestock show.

\*Mini 4-Hers must have completed 2nd grade to show beef. An adult is required to be in control of Mini 4-H Beef and Horse and Pony animals during exhibition.