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Warren County Mini 4-H News



The Indiana 4-H Youth Development mission is to provide real-life educational opportunities that develop young people who will have a positive impact in their communities and the world.

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Dear Mini 4-Hers,

Welcome to 4-H! We are so excited that you have decided to participate. Mini 4-H is a great opportunity for youth who are too young to join 4-H to see what the 4-H Program is all about.

Our Mini 4-H Program has adopted many new opportunities recently, one being a new special Mini 4-H Club! You all have been added to this club already, so don't worry if you previously selected another club. Listed below are the club meeting dates, including a Call-out on February 27th! Be sure to attend as this is when you will select projects if you haven't already, receive your Mini 4-H Manuals and meet with your Club Leaders and Mini 4-H Superintendents.

During enrollment, you may have selected at least one Mini 4-H project to explore. However, a few of you haven't selected any projects yet. Please refer to page 3 for a list of Mini 4-H static projects and to learn more about the livestock projects. If you have any questions about 4-H clubs or projects (or anything else!), please feel free to ask. The Extension Office Staff and the Mini 4-H project superintendents will be happy to assist you!

Best,
Emily Ade

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and/or our Facebook page,
Purdue Extension Warren County



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Monday, February 27
Mini 4-H Call-out
6:30 pm @ the Purdue Extension
Warren Co. Office

Tuesday, March 28
Mini 4-H Club Meeting
6:30 pm @ the Purdue Extension
Warren Co. Office

Monday, April 24
Mini 4-H Club Meeting
6:30 pm @ the Purdue Extension
Warren Co. Office

Thursday, May 18
Mini 4-H Club Meeting
6:30 pm @ the Purdue
Extension Warren Co.
Office

Tuesday, June 6
Mini 4-H Day
9 am to 3 pm @ the Fairgrounds

Saturday, June 17
Mini 4-H Project Check-in
8 to 9 am @ the Fairgrounds Senior
Center



WHO'S WHO

Club Leader: Adult volunteers who are in charge of a Warren County 4-H Club. They organize club meetings and work with club officers to lead meetings and make sure that the club achieves its goals. The Mini 4-H Club Leaders are Barbara Richardson, 765-585-0899 and Kristie McFatridge, 765-491-0258.

Club Officers: Elected 4-H members who run the business and recreation portions of club meetings with the guidance of club leaders.

Project Superintendent: An adult volunteer in charge of a particular project who can answer specific topical questions (ex: the Cake Decorating superintendent can tell you what tip to use to make a leaf design). The Mini 4-H Superintendents are Barbara Richardson, 765-585-0899 and Kristie McFatridge, 765-491-0258.

Extension Office Staff: A list of the Warren County office staff can be found on the first page of this newsletter. Emily Ade is the Educator dedicated to working with 4-H. Other educators work with Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR) and Health and Human Sciences (HHS). We also have a great support staff. When you call the office, you may reach Mary Wildman or Emily Grundy, who will be happy to assist you!

WHAT'S WHAT

4-H Club: A group of youth in grades 2-12 who meet regularly to learn important life skills such as teamwork, community service, public speaking, and running a business meeting. 4-Hers may be involved in more than one 4-H club. Mini 4-H has their own Mini 4-H Club!

4-H SPARK Club: A short-term program that focuses on a specific interest and offers youth a taste of 4-H. Usually focused on a certain 4-H project. Do not have to be in 4-H to participate.

4-H Meeting: 4-H clubs generally meet about 4-6 times per year. Attendance is not mandatory, but participation in your club will enrich your 4-H experience and is strongly encouraged. Meetings typically begin by covering club business, then there may be demonstrations by a few members (a type of show-and-tell), a fun and educational activity, refreshments and recreation.

4HOnline: this is our on-line database. You enrolled in 4-H through this website. You can continue to use this site to update your information, add or drop projects (through May 15), and enroll in future events.

4-H Handbook: a great reference tool that you will want to keep and use throughout the year. It contains exhibit requirements and all the information you will need to complete your projects. Each 4-H family may pick up one 4-H Handbook from their club leader or from the Extension Office. The handbook is also available on our website @ extension.purdue.edu/warren

Newsletter: Our main source of communication with 4-H families. Please read this monthly publication so you will be aware of all the opportunities available to you. The 4-H Newsletter is mailed to your home as well as emailed to the email on file in 4HOnline. Please check your junk or spam folder if you do not see these emails in your inbox.

Project Manuals: Most projects have a resource book to help you learn about your project. Many of them contain fun, educational activities and require a certain number to be completed each year. Check the 4-H Handbook for manual activity requirements per project.

Project Record Sheets: Most projects require the completion of a record sheet. This allows you to share what you have done and what you have learn. The 4-H handbook will tell you if a record sheet is required for your project or not.

FairEntry: In May, we will send information on FairEntry. This is where you will register your 4-H Projects for the fair, basically letting us know what you plan to bring, helping us expedite the project check-in process. We will also use this information to print project tags for you, which you will attach to your projects at project check-in.

Project Check-in: This is a designated time during pre-fair for 4-Hers and/or their parents to drop off your projects for project judging and to be displayed throughout fair week. Mini 4-H is Saturday, June 17th, 8-9 am.

Project Judging: Warren County has open judging, therefore 4-Hers are allowed to sit with the judge while their project is being judged. This is a great learning experience for all involved!

Project Pick-up: This year's project pick-up is on Saturday, June 24th from 5-7 pm. During this time, you are allowed to go to where your project was displayed and take your project, ribbons and judge's comment card home with you. If you cannot pick up your project during this time slot, please call the office to let us know ahead of time. Projects will NOT be released early.

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MINI 4-H STATIC PROJECTS

Mini 4-Hers are allowed to choose up to TWO of the static projects listed below to participate in. Each of the Mini 4-H project manuals contains different activities. To fulfill the project, the Mini 4-Her needs to complete any TWO activities per project manual. Also, for each project the 4-Her may choose one of three exhibit options to bring for display at the Fair. Refer to the project manual for further instructions on the exhibit options below.

Mini Bugs

Exhibit ONE of the following at the Fair:

1. Bug Scrapbook
2. Camouflage Critters
3. Bug Net



Mini Food

Exhibit ONE of the following at the Fair:

1. Trail Mix
2. Rice Crispy Treats
3. Granola

Mini Forestry

Exhibit ONE of the following at the Fair:

1. Art Collage of your walk through the woods
2. Alphabet Scavenger Book
3. Write a story or a poem of your favorite tree

Mini Garden

Exhibit ONE of the following at the Fair:

1. A 2-liter Terrarium
2. A Fantastical Plant
3. Grow a Vegetable



Mini Puppy

Exhibit ONE of the following at the Fair:

1. A Puppy Care Kit
2. Puppy Biscuits
3. A Poster



Mini Sewing

Exhibit ONE of the following at the Fair:

1. Make a fringe scarf
2. Quilt square initials
3. Follow a pattern

Mini Space

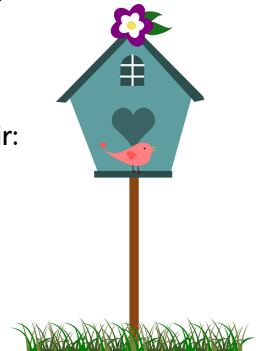
Exhibit ONE of the following at the Fair:

1. Spacey Suits
2. Rocket made of Recycled Materials
3. Poster of Bird & Plane Similarities

Mini Wildlife

Exhibit ONE of the following at the Fair:

1. An Animal Word Book/Model
2. A Poster
3. A Birdhouse



NEW!

MINI 4-H LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

The Mini 4-H livestock and animal project is a special opportunity for Mini 4-Hers to learn about animal husbandry in preparation for traditional 4-H.

Members will shadow an experienced 4-H member and their animal to learn about what project participation requires, including specific animal care. Throughout the summer the member needs to work with the animal to become confident in their ability to handle and show the animal during the Mini 4-H class at the Warren County Fair.

Each specie will have a Mini 4-H class before showmanship. Members will also need to fill out a record sheet and turn it in before or during the species' show. Mini 4-Hers may show any species of animal offered in the following Warren County projects which include; **Beef, Goats, Horse & Pony, Llama & Alpaca, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, and Swine.**

Mini 4-Hers may participate in as many Mini 4-H Livestock projects as they wish.

Mini 4-Hers *do not* bring their own animal to the fair.



Can you answer these 4-H questions?

(Answers listed below)

The colors of 4-H are:

- A. Green and Blue
- B. Black and Gold
- C. Green and White

The Motto of 4-H is to Make the Best _____

- A. Awesome
- B. Better
- C. Worse

The logo of 4-H includes a:

- A. Clover
- B. Heart
- C. Star

The four H's of 4-H are Head, Heart, _____, and Health.

- A. Hearing
- B. Hands
- C. Hard work

Answers: 1. C 2. B 3. A 4. B

4-H WORD SEARCH

J Y H A N D S K S C I E N C E
 A V M U Q K A W H X R W K J Q
 O C L O V E R H P L E R R C V
 G K T M H Y R I B U O S N X L
 A V G H E U H T N D H F L A G
 M T C A A I M E M B E R S C D
 E U R F R F U N P Z A H O Q P
 S F A M T M D U D F L N N S S
 F G F X N L W M L E T N G N F
 A C T I V I T I E S H P S A R
 R Y S P T G F C A V E L R C I
 A Z P I W R L Q D R A E E K E
 I C C Y K E Y F E T D D L S N
 N A T U R E S Y R X J G V D D
 U D V N D N Q Y S E G E U H S

ACTIVITIES
 CLOVER
 CRAFTS
 FLAG
 FRIENDS

FUN
 GAMES
 GREEN
 HANDS
 HEAD

HEART
 LEADERS
 MEMBERS
 NATURE
 HEALTH

PLEDGE
 SCIENCE
 SNACKS
 SONGS
 WHITE



With more than 6 million young people enrolled, 4-H is the nation's largest youth development organization. We are happy that you have chosen to be a part of our program and look forward to working with you this year.

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.



2023 Warren County 4-H Fair
June 19—June 24
 (Pre-Fair June 17)

2023 Indiana State Fair
July 28—August 20
 (closed Mondays and Tuesdays)

The 4-H Pledge is recited at the start of every 4-H club meeting.