

April 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians of Mini 4-H Members,

In addition to the educational Mini 4-H Exhibit Hall projects that your child may choose from, they also have the option to participate in Mini 4-H Animal Lead (Showmanship) Classes at the fair.

Now that your child is enrolled in Mini 4-H (4HOnline), we would like to bring your attention to information and updates regarding the Mini 4-H Animal Lead Classes.

- **FAIRENTRY** – By the July 1<sup>st</sup> deadline, enter your child into each individual Animal Lead Class that they would like to participate in. (<https://www.fairentry.com/>). Entering these classes by the deadline will allow each barn committee time to prepare for the class prior to the fair.
- **Mini 4-H Liability Release Form** – A parent or guardian MUST sign this form and submit it to the Extension Office by the July 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. \*A form must be signed and submitted to the Extension Office PRIOR to any member participating in any Animal Lead Workshop or event that is scheduled prior to the fair.
- **Mini 4-H Lead Animals** – Members will not bring their own animals to the fair. Mini members will use animals of current 4-H members. You will be responsible for finding a member/family who will allow you to borrow their animal for the class. If you need assistance in connecting with a family, please reach out to barn committees or contact the Extension Office prior to the fair.
- **Animal Weights** – Any animal weighing more than 300 pounds will require the member to be assisted by an adult. Mini members may work independently with animals weighing under 300 pounds. \*Refer to the Mini 4-H Animal Lead class descriptions and handbook form complete descriptions.
- **Mini 4-H Animal Lead Classes Brochure** – Enclosed is the brochure with information for each individual Mini 4-H Animal Lead Class. \*Take note of any clothing/shoe requirements and which species may have additional requirements.

- **Mini Lead Class Schedule** – Dates and times for Mini Lead Classes will be listed in the 4-H Fair Schedule that will be released in June.
- **Mini Animal Lead Workshop** - There will be a Mini Animal Lead Workshop held on **Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**, 10:00 a.m. at the fairgrounds. Families and Mini 4-H'ers can come learn more about Mini Lead through hands-on experiences and question sessions with livestock committee members.  
To participate in the event:
  - All participants must be enrolled in White County Mini 4-H.
  - A signed Liability Release Form must be signed prior to participating.
  - Members must pre-register for the event at **<https://minilead.4honline.com>**
  - A parent or guardian must stay with the child during the entire workshop

**This letter is being sent to all Mini 4-H members who are currently enrolled. Please assist us in sharing this information with anyone in kindergarten – second grade who may not be enrolled yet. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office at (219) 984-5115.**

Sincerely,



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**Enc: Mini 4-H Animal Lead Class Brochure**  
**Mini Beef Visit Log**  
**Mini Liability Release Form**