

April 6, 2021

Dear Mini 4-H Parents:

You are receiving this letter because your child selected the Mini 4-H Horse and Pony project as one of their projects for the 2021 Johnson County Fair. This project allows for 2 levels of participation:

- 1) the poster completion project (**mandatory**), and
- 2) showing in the Small Fry Lead Line classes during the County Fair Horse Show (**voluntary**).

The majority of the Mini 4-H'ers that sign up for this project only do the poster, but we wanted to let you all know of the opportunity for your child to show a horse

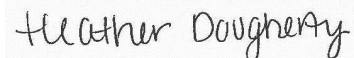
**(PLEASE NOTE: if your child does show a horse in the Small Fry classes at the County Fair, they must still complete the poster project to be considered for project completion- they are 2 separate activities).**

For those of you that choose to allow your child to participate in the County Fair Horse Show Small Fry classes, there are some basic rules and requirements:

1. Any horse used for the Small Fry Lead Line Horsemanship/Equitation), **MUST** be a horse that is already enrolled by another 4-H member by the county deadline of July 1<sup>st</sup>. **Please do NOT bring an animal that is not enrolled as a 4-H animal to the horse show.** Animals that are not enrolled as 4-H animals will not be allowed to be on the fairgrounds during the show for safety and health reasons.
2. An **adult family member, over 18 years of age**, must accompany the lead line participant at all times. A current 4-H member can be the leader, if they are over 18 years of age and are an immediate family member.
3. An approved, **ASTM F-1163 or equivalent helmet** must be worn at all times when mounted, as per Indiana 4-H Horse and Pony standards. All other 4-H rules regarding apparel, tack, and equipment also apply.
4. Only children currently **enrolled in grades 1 or 2 (as of January 1 of the current year)** may participate in the Horse and Pony Small Fry Lead Line classes. Any child old enough to be enrolled in regular 4-H is not eligible. A lead line participant **may NOT participate for more than 2 years** as a Mini 4-H member no matter what age (i.e. if a child has already participated in Small Fry classes for 2 years, but is still in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, they may not participate again).
5. Mini 4-H members wishing to show a horse at the county fair must complete the enclosed **Entry Form and turn in on Thursday, July 15<sup>th</sup>** from 6-7:30pm in Magill Hall. This form will also serve as the parent consent form for participation.
6. **It is not mandatory that a Mini 4-H member participate in the Small Fry Lead Line classes.** These are a separate opportunity from the project poster requirement.

Please contact the office at 317-736-3724 with any questions.

For the Youth,



Heather Dougherty  
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4-H Youth Development



## Mini 4-H Horse Show Registration Form

\*For children enrolled in the Mini 4-H program in Johnson County.

Mini 4-H Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Specie: Horse

Was the horse enrolled as a 4-H project animal? \_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_ NO

Who is the owner (4-H member) of the animal? \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the Horse: \_\_\_\_\_

In order to be eligible to show in the non-competitive sheep and/or swine classes you must complete a Mini 4-H Horse and Pony project and turn this form in at judging on Thursday, July 15<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30pm in Magill Hall. The Mini 4-H Small Fry Lead Line Horsemanship/Equitation class will be held on Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup>. For more information or to ask questions please contact Stephanie Dunn at 317-313-1445.

The safety and well-being of our 4-H youth is of the utmost importance. 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 Mini 4-H may still be too young to begin showing, working with, or caring for animals.

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 Johnson County Commissioners, the Johnson 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.

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Mini 4-H member's name

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Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

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Date

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Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

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Date