

Bicycle

The 4-H bicycle program provides youth with educational information about bicycles and biking that develops project skills (i. e., bicycle maintenance, operation, safety, and bicycle touring) and life skills (i. e. Decision making, using science, and technology, developing communication skills). These fun filled, hands on learning experiences are provided under the direction of caring adults. Members complete the project by completing requirements in the project manual. They may also participate in local bicycle rodeos when available. If you are interested in participating in the bicycle rodeo at the state fair, please contact the Marion County Extension office at 275-9305 for more information.

4-H members may also prepare a bicycle exhibit for the Marion County Fair. The exhibit should be a written report in a 3 ring binder or poster that shows what they have learned in the bicycle project this year.

Poster projects must be 22" x 28" mounted HORIZONTALLY (only) with a firm backing, and must be covered with clear plastic or other transparent material (not cellophane wrap) to protect the exhibit. The title should be placed according to project exhibit requirements or use your creativity when requirements are not specified. Be creative in your color selections unless the project description requires white poster board. (Read project requirements completely.)

Backing: A stiff backing is required; any material that will support the poster so it will not bend. Examples: Very stiff cardboard, foam core, plywood, or Masonite 1/8" thick. **CAUTION!** Pre-cut commercial foam core that is not 22" x 28" is not acceptable for fair displays. The Extension Office offers poster board and coverings for sale. **Mounting Adhesive:** Rubber cement is the best form of adhesive; it does not leave marks and will not wrinkle paper. White glue should be used only in cases where wrinkling or damage will not occur. Double stick tape is best for mounting leaves. **Exhibit Tag:** The exhibit tag is affixed in the lower right-hand corner of the poster and displayed where applicable. It is approximately 2"x 4".

It is required that all posters, notebooks, and display boards include a reference list indicating where information was obtained, giving credit to the original author, to complete the 4-H members exhibit. This reference list should/might include website links, people and professionals interviewed, books, magazines, etc. It is recommended this reference list be attached to the back of a poster or display board, be the last page of a notebook, or included as part of the display visible to the public. A judge is not to discredit an exhibit for the manner in which references are listed.

It is suggested that you attach your project manual to that back of your poster or include it in your binder.

Cloverbud (Mini 4-H grades K-2) No project manual. There are no specific requirements for cloverbuds. Suggested poster or notebook topics (but are not limited to): hand signals, safety equipment, riding log, or identifying places to ride (bike trails, parks) in your community. Cloverbud posters are 22" X 14".

Level 1 (grades 3-5)

Create a report or poster on a bicycle activity you completed.

Read the manual and complete suggested activities.

Report results in the space after each activity. Complete record sheet at the back of the manual. Be sure to have your 4-H leader sign it to show you have completed the bicycle project.

Level 2 (grades 6-8)

Create a report or poster on a bicycle activity you completed.

Read the manual and complete suggested activities.

Report results in the space after each activity. Complete record sheet at the back of the manual. Be sure to have your 4-H leader sign it to show you have completed the bicycle project.

Level 3 (grades 9-12)

Create a report or poster on a bicycle activity you completed. This could be an advanced topic you research, an activity of your choice, or a mentoring activity.

References:

BU-8334	Manual	Bicycle Level 1
BU-8335	Manual	Bicycle Level 2
DV-8399	Manual	Bicycle- Don't Get Stuck: Fix It DVD
4-H-733	Publication	Suggestions for Conducting an Indiana 4-H Bicycle Rodeo
4-H-760	Publication	Bike Safety Rules

Indiana 4-H Bicycle website

<http://www.four-h.purdue.edu/bicycle/>

Indiana Cooperative Extension State Bicycle Requirements

<https://extension.purdue.edu/4h/Pages/project.aspx?proj=33>

(This webpage has links for purchasing manuals online or manuals may be obtained at the Marion County Extension Office.)