

MINI 4-H*

Enrollment Deadline, January 15

This project is State Fair eligible for the following project categories: Bugs, Collections, Forestry, Space

The Mini 4-H project is designed to encourage positive development of children in Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd grades. The goal of Mini 4-H is to help young children explore friendships outside the family; explore the way in which things work; practice both small and large muscle control; and think about the ways people work together on projects. (Mini members may choose up to 2 projects, this does not include a project completed in 4-H in the Classroom)

The Mini 4-H experience is meant to be NON-COMPETITIVE at all times. Project requirements include:

1. Members must have completed Kindergarten, 1st or 2nd grade during the current calendar year.
2. Members may take as many exhibit building projects as they would like but are limited to 2 animal projects.
3. Members should attend at least 2 local Mini or Regular 4-H meetings.
4. Members must exhibit their project at the Marshall County 4-H Fair.
5. Members must turn in a completed record sheet with each exhibit.

What to exhibit: Most Mini project areas may exhibit a poster with a topic related to that project.

Collections should be exhibited in small boxes or depending on what the collection consists of, may be put into a notebook or displayed on a poster. Projects such as My Pet and Me can be pictures of care, etc. displayed in a notebook or on a poster.

NOTE: For those mini members choosing the poster option for any given project, please adhere to the 14" x 22" size requirement. Larger posters do not fit the Mini 4-H poster racks and are thus difficult to display at the county fair.

Mini 4-H Projects:

Beef- Learn about basic care and showmanship techniques for beef. Mini 4-Her's must borrow an animal owned by another regular 4-H member. The animal must be registered and enrolled by a currently enrolled 4-H member in this year's fair. Please contact the Beef Committee if you need help finding an animal to borrow. All Mini 4-Her's will log hours spent with a beef calf. All other guidelines through Purdue University regarding mini 4-H will be follows.

- A. Mini 4-Her's in Kindergarten will be allowed to walk with a mentor (regular 4-H member enrolled in year 5 and above) and carry show stick and assist with placing of feet.
- B. Mini 4-Her's in first grade will be allowed to assist with halter, show stick and placing of feet.
- C. Mini 4-Her's in second grade will be allowed to handle the calf with assistance of mentor.

Bicycle – Learn to choose and care for a bike, learn about traffic rules, and recognize the importance of safety equipment. Refer to manual for exhibit requirements.

Bugs – Learn about butterflies, life cycles, various other insects and what plants they are attracted to. Refer to the manual for exhibit requirements.

Collections – A collection can be made from things you find, things you buy or things people give you. Examples: Stamps, baseball cards, bottle caps, rocks, etc. Refer to manual for exhibit requirements.

Crafts – Learn to make one or more of the crafts listed in the manual. Refer to the manual for exhibit requirements.

Dairy Goat – Learn about basic care and showmanship techniques for pygmy goats. Mini 4-H'ers must borrow an animal owned by another 4-H member. The animal must be registered and entered by a currently enrolled 4-H member in this year's fair. Please contact the Pygmy Goat Committee if you need help finding an animal to borrow. Parents of Mini pygmy goat members must sign a waiver of liability before the member may take part in any event involving live animals. In addition, parents or screened adult volunteers must be present at all times the Mini member is with the animal for safety purposes. All other Purdue guidelines regarding Mini animal project participation will be followed. Members must complete a project record sheet (available at the Extension Office) prior to animal exhibition.

Dinosaurs – Learn about the different types of dinosaurs and their characteristics. Refer to manual for exhibit requirements.

Farm Animals – Learn about the different kinds of farm animals that we have and how they are important to us. Refer to manual for exhibit requirements.

Foods – Learn fun and important food facts as well as kitchen safety tips. Refer to manual for exhibit requirements.

Forestry – Learn about trees, leaves, and seeds and how they are important to us. Refer to manual for exhibit requirements.

Gardening – Learn to plant and care for seeds and watch how they grow. Refer to manual for exhibit requirements.

Gift Wrapping – Learn to wrap and decorate different shapes and sizes of packages. Exhibit one package similar in size to an empty shoe box, wrapped with purchased materials ... paper, bow, ribbon, or decorations.

Horse & Pony – Learn about horsemanship and basic riding techniques. This project is for members with access to horses or ponies. Classes will be offered at the county fair. Parents of Mini horse & pony members must sign a waiver of liability before the member may take part in any horse & pony event involving live horses and/or ponies. In addition, parents or screened adult volunteers must be physically in control of the horse/pony at all times while the Mini member is mounted. Mini members must wear the appropriate ASTM safety headgear while mounted. All other Purdue guidelines regarding Mini animal project participation will be followed. Members must complete a project record sheet (available at the Extension Office) prior to animal exhibition.

Meat Goat – Learn about basic care and showmanship techniques for meat goats. Mini 4-H'ers must borrow an animal owned by another 4-H member. The animal must be registered and entered by a currently enrolled 4-H member in this year's fair. Please contact the Meat Goat Committee if you need help finding an animal to borrow. Parents of Mini meat goat members must sign a waiver of liability before the member may take part in any event involving live animals. In addition, parents or screened adult volunteers must be present at all times the Mini member is with the animal for safety purposes.

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My Pet & Me – Learn to choose and care for a pet. Refer to manual for exhibit requirements.

Plants & Flowers – Learn about growing plants and flowers in the house as well as outside, and what they need to grow. Refer to manual for exhibit requirements.

Pygmy Goat – Learn about basic care and showmanship techniques for pygmy goats. Mini 4-H'ers must borrow an animal owned by another 4-H member. The animal must be registered and entered by a currently enrolled 4-H member in this year's fair. Please contact the Pygmy Goat Committee if you need help finding an animal to borrow. Parents of Mini pygmy goat members must sign a waiver of liability before the member may take part in any event involving live animals. In addition, parents or screened adult volunteers must be present at all times the Mini member is with the animal for safety purposes. All other Purdue guidelines regarding Mini animal project participation will be followed. Members must complete a project record sheet (available at the Extension Office) prior to animal exhibition.

Sheep – Learn about basic care and showmanship techniques for pygmy goats. Mini 4-H'ers must borrow an animal owned by another 4-H member. The animal must be registered and entered by a currently enrolled 4-H member in this year's fair. Please contact the Pygmy Goat Committee if you need help finding an animal to borrow. Parents of Mini pygmy goat members must sign a waiver of liability before the member may take part in any event involving live animals. In addition, parents or screened adult volunteers must be present at all times the Mini member is with the animal for safety purposes. All other Purdue guidelines regarding Mini animal project participation will be followed. Members must complete a project record sheet (available at the Extension Office) prior to animal exhibition.

Sun, Stars & Space - Learn about our solar system and the planets and moons that are included in it. Refer to manual for exhibit requirements.

Swine – Learn about basic care and showmanship techniques for swine. Mini 4-H'ers must borrow an animal owned by another 4-H member. The animal must be registered and entered by a currently enrolled 4-H member in this year's fair. Please contact the Swine Committee if you need help finding an animal to borrow. Parents of Mini swine members must sign a waiver of liability before the member may take part in any event involving live animals. In addition, parents or screened adult volunteers must be present at all times the Mini member is with the animal for safety purposes. All other Purdue guidelines regarding Mini animal project participation will be followed. Members must complete a project record sheet (available at the Extension Office) prior to animal exhibition.

Whales & Dolphins – Learn about whales and dolphins and what they need to live and grow. Refer to manual for exhibit requirements.