

Mini 4-H LaPorte County

Kindergarten through 2nd Grade



Welcome to Mini 4-H!

Thank you for enrolling in Mini 4-H and supporting your youth in the exploration of interests, friendships, and experience working alongside other youth in a non-competitive experiential learning environment. Do not hesitate to contact the Extension Office with any questions.

Mini 4-H and 4-H office is located at:

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Office Hours: Monday—Friday 8a.m.-4:00p.m. * Website: extension.purdue.edu/laporte
Facebook: La Porte County 4-H

How do I get started? Each project has its own manual with information pertaining to a project, exhibit descriptions and information to complete the exhibit. Once enrollment and Mini 4-H registration fee has been paid, families can pick up project manuals at the Extension Office free of charge. Page 2 of this newsletter lists projects with a brief description of exhibits.

Workshops are offered to provide Minis the opportunity to learn new skills and seek a new interest. Page 3 of this newsletter lists workshop and Fair dates.. 4-H Jr. Leaders and Volunteers support the delivery of workshops.

Do Mini 4-H members attend meetings?

Meetings are not required; however, please contact the office (219) 324-9407 if you are interested in having your Mini 4-Her experience meetings.

How many projects can Mini 4-H members enter at the LaPorte Co. Fair?

- Kindergarten and 1st Grade Minis up to 2 projects
- 2nd Grade Minis up to 3 projects

Where do I take my fair exhibits? Mini 4-H project check-in is **Monday, July 1st** 3-6p.m. at the LaPorte Co. Fairgrounds Community Building. Exhibits are checked in and judged by 4-H Jr. Leaders All exhibits receive ribbons at judging and projects are displayed in the Community Building during the week of fair July 7-13, 2019. If you are not able to attend judging and check-in please contact the Extension Office to make arrangements for your project to be dropped off.

What happens to projects at the end of fair? Exhibit pick up is Sunday, July 14, 11a.m.—2p.m. at the Fairgrounds Community Building. Please make arrangements with another family or friend if you cannot pick up your project(s). Projects left after July 31, 2019 will be gently recycled.

Animal Safety Policy for Mini 4-H Members: The safety and well being of 4-H youth is of the utmost importance. Parents/guardians are encouraged to take into consideration their child's physical and mental development before agreeing to let the child show, work with, or care for animals.

The State 4-H Youth Program at Purdue University has agreed to allow Mini 4-H members to participate in some animal projects subject to certain conditions. These conditions are specified below. Each county may determine its own programs, classes, and participation requirements subject to the following safety guidelines:

“Mini 4-H members, **in grades Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd**, will be allowed to show, work with, or care for animal projects after their parent or legal guardian has signed a liability release. Mini 4-H members may independently show, work with, or care for animals that weigh 300 pounds or less. Mini 4-H members may only show, work with, or care for animals over 300 pounds when they are assisted by a parent, legal guardian, or another adult designated in writing by parent or legal guardian.” *(The word assisted means the adult has control of the animal at all times.)*

If the guidelines stated in this policy are not followed for a particular event or activity, then such event or activity shall not be considered to be a 4-H event or activity and shall not be under the auspices of Extension 4-H educa-

MINI 4-H PROJECT EXHIBIT OPTIONS
(Project manuals list activities and details for exhibits)

AEROSPACE

- Kindergarten Exhibit: Construct a candy rocket
- 1st Grade Exhibit: Draw and color a picture of your favorite bird and airplane.
- 2nd Grade Exhibit: Construct a space helmet

ARTS & CRAFTS (All Mini 4-H age groups can exhibit any of the following)

- Option 1: Exhibit Print Art
- Option 2: Exhibit Collage
- Option 3: Exhibit Shape Art

BICYCLING

- Complete Mini 4-H Bicycling Project Manual then participate in Bicycle Rodeo on Saturday, July 6, 2019 1:00p.m. at the Fairgrounds Grand Stand. You must provide your own bike and helmet to participate.

COLLECTIONS

- Exhibit a collection on a 11" x 14" surface

DINOSAURS

- Option 1: Exhibit Fossil Cast
- Option 2: Exhibit Dinosaur Notebook
- Option 3: Exhibit Dinosaur Comparison Poster
- Option 4: Exhibit Dinosaur Model
- Option 5: Exhibit Dinorama
- Option 6: Exhibit Dinosaur Plant Notebook

FLOWERS & GARDENING

- Option 1: Exhibit your garden vegetable with picture of you in the garden.
- Option 2: Exhibit 1-5 pictures of flowers on 11" x 14" horizontal poster board and describe each picture.
- Option 3: Exhibit your sweet potato plant or take 1-5 pictures of your plant.

FOODS

- Kindergarten Exhibit: A snack
- 1st Grade Exhibit: No-bake cookie or other treat
- 2nd Grade Exhibit: Cook using a microwave

MODELS

- Option 1: Exhibit one snap-together model
- Option 2: Exhibit a model out of clay or popsicle sticks
- Option 3: Exhibit a model created using 2-4 different items of your choice

NATURE

- Option 1: Exhibit "Animals That Live in Nature" poster
- Option 2: Exhibit a book of leaf and/or bark rubbings
- Option 3: Exhibit a bug/animal that you created from items found in nature
- Option 4: Exhibit your own Agri-Buddy creation
- Option 5: Exhibit a collage in the shape of an acorn

RECYCLING

- Option 1: Exhibit a craft from the Mini 4-H Recycling projects manual
- Option 2: Exhibit a new creation from items that have been used
- Option 3: Exhibit a poster on recycling

SEWING

- Kindergarten Exhibit: Felt hand puppet
- 1st Grade Exhibit: Place mat
- 2nd Grade Exhibit: Pillow

SMALL ANIMALS

- Exhibit: Poster about your pet and participate in the Pet Parade on Sat. July 6th @2:30 p.m. registration and 3:00 p.m. start at the Fairgrounds Livestock Show Arena.

WEARABLE ART

- Kindergarten Exhibit: One finished article of clothing decorated on one side (front or back)
- 1st Grade Exhibit: One finished article of clothing with 2-3 separate decorated areas (front, back, sleeves or legs)
- 2nd Grade Exhibit: One finished article of clothing and one accessory or two finished articles of clothing

Mini 4-H Workshop Schedule

Please register your Mini 4-H member if they are attending a workshop by calling Purdue Extension LaPorte Co. (219) 324-9407. Parents are welcome to stay at workshops.

- Sat., May 25 @ 1-3p.m.** **Mini 4-H Takes a Hike at Pinhook Bog:** Join 4-H Outdoor Pursuits members and volunteers on a ranger-led hike. It is important you are at the trailhead early and ready to go at 1:00p.m. This is a popular hike and there is a possibility the group could be split up for a second hike. Contact Jeremy Smith, Outdoor Pursuits Leader (219) 878-7777 with questions.
- Wed., May 29 @ 6:30-8:00p.m.** **Mini 4-H Makers:** An opportunity to explore interests using technology and various materials to encourage creativity. Workshop takes place in Purdue Extension Conference Room.
- Mon., June 10 @ 6-7:30p.m.** **Mini 4-H Discovers the Outdoors:** Outdoor Pursuits' members will share their passion for the outdoors by hosting hands-on stations on topics from fire safety, campfire cooking, how to recover from being lost and habitats. The workshop takes place at Red Mill Park. Contact Jeremy Smith, Outdoor Pursuits Leader (219) 878-7777 with questions.
- Tues., June 11 @ 6-7:30p.m.** **Chef Mini 4-H:** This workshop will offer members the opportunity to cook with recipes that apply to Mini 4-H Foods Project (snack, no-bake cookie, cooking with a microwave). Workshop takes place in Purdue Extension Conference Room.
- Tues., June 25 @ 6-7:30p.m.** **Mini 4-H Fair Project Workshop:** Bring your creative mind and project supplies and volunteers will guide and support you with your Mini 4-H project. Workshop takes place in Purdue Extension Conference Room.

Mini 4-H Fair Schedule

- Mon., July 1st 3-6p.m.** **Exhibit Judging & Drop Off (LaPorte Co. Fairgrounds Community Building)**
- Sat., July 6 @ 1-1:30p.m. Register for Mini 4-H Bicycle Rodeo (Grandstand) 1:30p.m. start
- Sat., July 6 @ 2:30-3p.m. Registration for Mini 4-H Pet Parade (Livestock Show Arena) 3:00p.m. start
- 3-6 p.m. **Mini 4-H Little Peeps due in Poultry Building**
- Mon., July 8 @ 2:00p.m. Mini 4-H Pee Wee Sheep Show to follow sheep show
- Tues., July 9 @ 9-Noon Little Peeps Poultry Judging – Poultry/Pigeon Building
- 5:30p.m. 4-H Mini Pedal Pull Weigh-In (Livestock Show Arena) 6:00 p.m. start
- 7:00p.m. Mini 4-H Pee Wee Goat Show
- Wed., July 10 @ 4p.m.** **Mini 4-H Swine Show**
- 4p.m. **Mini 4-H Miniature Equine Show**
- Thurs., July 11 @ 2:00p.m. Mini 4-H Pee Wee Dairy Show (or after 4-H Dairy Show)
- Sat., July 13 9:30a.m. Registration Pee Wee Rabbit Judging 10:00 a.m. start
- Sun., July 14, 11a.m.—2p.m. **Exhibit Pick up** (Fairgrounds Community Building)