

Frequently Asked Questions

Who Can Be a Mini 4-H Member?

Youth in grades K-2 are eligible for Mini 4-H. A Mini 4-H'er must be in Kindergarten, grade 1 or grade 2 for the enrollment period of October 1–May 15 of the current year.

What is Mini 4-H?

The Mini 4-H program is geared towards activity based learning. Curriculum is based on the age appropriate research and involves cooperative, experiential, and noncompetitive activities. Mini 4-H'ers have the opportunity to attend club meetings with other youth their age.

Can Mini 4-H'ers Exhibit at the County Fair?

Yes, Mini 4-H'ers are encouraged to exhibit something from their project manual at the county fair. However, Mini 4-H'ers projects are for an exhibition only. They can exhibit two projects.

May Mini 4-H'ers Go to Camp?

Exploring 4-H Day Camp is a fun-filled educational program designed especially for youth in Mini 4-H. The camp takes place June 16-17, 2020. It is two days in length, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 3:00 p.m.

During camp, youth have the opportunity to learn about many different topics all related to 4-H. Camp classes and activities from past camps include model rocket launch, outdoor cooking, cookie decorating, character education, wildlife, magic of nature, care of small and large animals, group recreation, scavenger hunts and much more!



What is the Difference Between Mini 4-H and Older 4-H Members?

Type of Learning:

- Mini 4-H learning is activity centered.
- Older 4-H member learning is project based.

Type of Instruction:

- Mini 4-H instruction is leader directed.
- Older 4-H members receive instruction from a leader and through self-study.

Recognition:

- Mini 4-H'ers are recognized for their participation only.
- Older 4-H members are recognized for participation, goal achievement, achievement of standards, and being the best in their area via competition.

For More Information

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Mini 4-H



- Child-centered
- Noncompetitive
- Provides “hands-on” learning
- Involves family and community
- Fun!



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Mini 4-H Meetings

All Meetings

6:30—7:30 p.m. at the Hamilton County
4-H Fairgrounds

2020 Meeting Dates:

TBA

What is a Club Meeting?

Members participate in a mini lesson on various topics, play games and learn 4-H songs.



How do I Join?

Youth can enroll in Mini 4-H online at <https://in.4honline.com>. The enrollment period for Mini 4-H is October 1 - May 15 of the current year. There is no registration fee for Mini 4-H.

Additional information

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HAMILTON COUNTY MINI 4-H PROJECT INFORMATION

(Details located in each project manual.)

ARTS & CRAFTS

Learn how to do one of the different crafts.
Exhibit is one simple craft you made.

BUGS

Learn about what makes a bug a bug. Choose one of the following exhibits:
Exhibit a poster, picture, scrapbook, mobile or diorama.
Details located in the bugs project manual.

CLOGGING – (meets separately)

Learn how to clog by joining in 4-H Clogging Club.
Exhibit will be to clog at the 4-H Fair.

COLLECTIONS

Learn about collecting like items and how to display them. Choose one of the following exhibits:
Collect and exhibit 5 items or 5 pairs of items.
Draw a picture of a collection in a museum.
Talk to family and friends about what they like to collect and why. Make a chart to show your information.

FOODS

Learn basic kitchen rules and how to prepare simple foods you and your family will enjoy. Choose one of the following exhibits:
Exhibit three (3) no-bake cookies OR three (3) breakfast treats such as cereal bars or muffins.
Exhibit a snack bag of party/trail mix.
Make an exhibit (poster, scrapbook of pictures, etc.) about the Foods project, such as MyPlate.

HORSE & PONY – (meets separately)

Learn about horses and ponies.
Make an exhibit (poster, etc.) on something you learned in Horse & Pony.

LLAMA & ALPACA - (meets separately)

Learn about llamas and alpacas.
Make an exhibit (poster, etc.) on something you learned in Llama & Alpaca.

SEWING (Before You Sew)

Learn about sewing concepts and practice important sewing skills. Choose one of the following exhibits:
Make a scrapbook, group quilt, or project activity from the sewing guide book.

SPACE

Learn what it would be like to be an astronaut in space!
Make a poster, scrapbook, homemade rocket, star constellation, poem or project activity.
Details located in the space project manual.

TREES

Learn about the parts of trees and what they do. Choose one of the following exhibits:
Make a scrapbook of pictures about trees.
Draw a picture of the ways your favorite tree looks in each of the four seasons.
Make a tree shaped poster and glue all tree related things you found in a local park.
Make a leaf rubbings book using 5 leaves you find that you think are interesting.