

# Purdue Extension Hendricks County

## Mini 4-H Handbook



Watch us learn and grow!

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## 4-H Pledge

4-H PLEDGE

I pledge my **HEAD** to clearer thinking,

I promise to use my head to make good choices.

my **HEART** to greater loyalty,

I promise to use my heart to be a good friend.

my **HANDS** to larger service,

I promise to use my hands to do helpful things for others.

and my **HEALTH** to better living,

I promise to take care of my body and to show others to live in a healthy way.

for my club, my community,

I promise to help my group, my community,

my country, and my world.

my country, and my world be happy and safe for everyone.





## Important 2020 Dates: Mini 4-H Meetings and Programs

Date	Event	Time	Location
October 1, 2019	Mini 4-H Online Enrollment Opens		Contact Extension Office after January 15th
January 30, 2020	Mini 4-H Orientation Night for Parents & Regular 4-H Family Orientation (Mini 4-H Families are welcome to stay)	6:00—6:45 p.m. Mini 4-H Orientation  7:00—8:30 p.m. Regular 4-H Orientation	Fairgrounds  North Hall  Classrooms  A, B, & C
February 24, 2020	Mini 4-H Program for Mini 4-H'ers	6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Fairgrounds
March 16, 2020	Mini 4-H Program for Mini 4-H'ers	6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	TBD Field Trip Pending
April 7, 2020	Mini 4-H Program for Mini 4-H'ers	6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Fairgrounds
May 21, 2020	Mini 4-H Program for Mini 4-H'ers	6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Fairgrounds
June 3, 2020	Mini 4-H Day Camp	9:00 a.m.—12 noon	Fairgrounds
July 17, 2020	Mini 4-H Project Check In	5:00—7:00 p.m.	Fairgrounds
July 19, 2020	Mini 4-H Day at the Fair	TBD	Fairgrounds
July 25, 2020	Mini 4-H Project Pick Up	9:00—10:00 a.m.	Fairgrounds

Parents are encouraged to attend at least the first program/orientation, as we will explain the opportunities available to Mini 4-H'ers and their project requirements. Mini 4-H'ers will participate in fun learning opportunities and project activities on the dates listed above. These meetings are not required, but are a great opportunity for them to explore 4-H. In addition, each program will include project activities, recreation, and a snack. Parents can drop their Mini 4-H'er off or they are welcome to stay. A few weeks prior to these programs, you will receive correspondence on the additional details of the program.

# Welcome to Mini 4-H

Mini 4-H is a fun and educational program designed to help build self-esteem by providing youth the opportunity to learn and be recognized through non-competitive experimental learning. It also helps develop an interest in continuing into the 4-H program.

Mini 4-H is open to any child currently in 1st and 2nd grade as of January 1, 2019.

## How do I Enroll and How much does it cost?

Mini 4-H Enrollment is done online between October 1st and January 15th. Enroll in Mini 4-H Online at <https://in.4honline.com>. After January 15th, families should contact the Hendricks County Purdue Extension Office for a paper enrollment form. If you do not have access to the internet, also contact the Hendricks County Purdue Extension Office. Mini 4-Hers will pick the Hendricks County Mini 4-H Club, and there will be **no fee**.

Once you enroll and obtain your Mini 4-H project manuals, you can begin working on your projects. The manuals will explain how to make your exhibit(s) for the fair. There are 15 different projects to choose from. You can choose up to **TWO** projects each year. A description of exhibit options for each project is located in this handbook and in each project manual.

There is no fee to enroll in Mini 4-H, and the manuals are free!! However, depending on what you decide to make for your exhibit, you may incur some cost for supplies, such as glue, poster board, construction paper, etc.

## What do I do with my exhibits?

You will bring your project exhibits to Mini 4-H Project Check-in on Friday, July 12th from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. in Conference Room 1 and 2 at the Fairgrounds. Each exhibit will be judged and provided with positive comments. Each project will be given a ribbon and placed in the auditorium for display during the fair. Project Check-in does not require you to stay until your projects are judged; you simply just need to drop your project off. You can come to the fair to see how you did on your project!

Mini 4-H project exhibits will be released on Saturday, July 20th from 9:00a.m.-10:00 a.m. from the Fairgrounds Auditorium. Please make arrangements for someone to pick up your project. Projects not picked up on that date will be disposed of within a few weeks following the fair. Unfortunately, we do not have the storage space to keep them.



# Mini 4-H Projects and Exhibit Options

Listed below is a brief description of the exhibit options for each project. **Each child can choose a maximum of 2 projects.** You only exhibit one of the options listed for each project you choose. More detail and directions will be included in the project manuals, which you can pick up at the Extension Office after enrolling in Mini 4-H. All poster exhibits should be 22" x 14" in size. This is equivalent to cutting a standard poster board in half.

**ATTENTION:** Please obtain your Mini 4-H Project Manuals **before** starting your projects from:

- 1) [www.ag.purdue.edu/counties/hendricks](http://www.ag.purdue.edu/counties/hendricks) **or**
- 2) The Hendricks County Extension Office

Each project has specific guidelines and requirements to complete the project.

## Arts & Crafts

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Let's get creative and make a neat craft. Use your imagination as you design your craft.

Exhibit Options:

First Grade

Decoupage    Splatter Painting

Collage      Beaded Key Chain

Plaster Figurine

Second Grade

Seed Drawing    Painting

Beaded Necklace    Clay Free Form

Tissue Decoupage

## Bugs

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Let's learn about bugs and what makes them different from each other.

Exhibit Options:

First Grade

My Butterfly

Bug Lab

Second Grade

Thumbprint Bugs

Backyard Bugs

## Collections

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Let's learn to collect and attractively exhibit items such as leaves, cars, stamps, etc.

First Grade

What I Collect

What You Collect

Second Grade

What I Collect

What Museums Collect

## Cookie Decorating

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Let's learn how to decorate cookies.

Exhibit Options:

### First Grade

3 Iced Cookies with  
sprinkles/candy/baking chips.

### Second Grade

3 Iced Cookies with smooth top.  
Cookie must have a border and  
design made of frosting and/or candy.

## Dinosaurs

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Let's learn about dinosaurs and fossils.

Exhibit Options:

### First Grade

Build a Dinosaur  
Clay Fossils

### Second Grade

Dinosaur Diorama  
Fossil Prints

## Farm Animals

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Let's learn about farm animals and how they are important to us.

Exhibit Options:

### First Grade

Barn "Yarn" Animals  
Animal Tracks

### Second Grade

Farm Animal Diorama  
Poster: What Do Farm Animals Give Us?

## Foods

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Let's learn basic kitchen rules and how to prepare simple foods you can enjoy.

Exhibit Options:

### First Grade

No-Bake Cookies

### Second Grade

Using Refrigerated Biscuit Dough, make  
one of the following:  
-Breadsticks  
-Cinnamon Twist  
- Fruit Turnovers



## Gardening

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Let's learn more about growing plants.

Exhibit Options:

### First Grade

Seeds in a Bag

Container Gardens

### Second Grade

Grow a Green Bean Plant

Grow a Potato Vine

## Models

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Let's learn about models and the different ways to make them.

Exhibit Options:

### First Grade

My Own Model

Snap Together Model Kit

### Second Grade

Shoebox Room Model

Snap Together Model Kit

## Nature, Plants and Trees

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Let's learn and discover nature around us.

Exhibit Options:

### First Grade

Leaf Poster

Bird Feeder

### Second Grade

Tree Poster

Poster: Tree Treasures

## Oceans

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Let's learn about plant and animals that live in the ocean.

Exhibit Options:

### First Grade

Ocean Pendants

Poster: Ocean Life

### Second Grade

Poster: Ocean Oil Spill

Ocean Diorama

## Pets

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Let's learn more about what animals make good pets, and how you take care of a pet.

Exhibit Options:

### First Grade

Poster: What Pet is Best?

Poster: My Favorite Pet

### Second Grade

Poster: Pet Observation

Poster: Pet Research

## Sewing

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Let's learn about basic sewing tools and hand stitches. A SEWING MACHINE IS NOT NEEDED.

Exhibit Options:

### First Grade

My Sewing Kit

Pin Cushion

### Second Grade

Poster: Buttons and Hand Stitching

Six Fabric Coasters

## Sun, Stars & Space

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Let's learn about our solar system, the sun, and exploring the space.

Exhibit Options:

### First Grade

Poster: Sun Clock

Poster: Night Skies

Poster: Outer Space Art

### Second Grade

Notebook: Shadow Science

Poster: If I Were An Astronaut . . .

Planet Mobile

## Wildlife

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Let's learn about the animals that live in the woods and open areas around your house.

Exhibit Options:

### First Grade

Twig Bird House

Poster: Camouflage Observation

### Second Grade

Bird Bath

Poster: Animal Tracks