

# Mini 4-H

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## **MINI 4-H NON-COMPETITIVE POLICY**

Mini 4-H is a program designed to encourage positive development of children, Kindergarten through second grade. 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 motor skills; and think about the ways people work together on projects. In Clinton County, the Mini 4-H Program is open for second grade students.

The NON-COMPETITIVE learning environment for Mini 4-H includes:

1. Planned learning activities in which children are invited to be active and explore materials and ideas without the pressure of completing a specific product or exhibit.
2. Low adult and leader to child ratio that allows time for adults and leaders to provide individual, positive encouragement, and assistance.
3. Simple, interesting activities that are fun.
4. Encouragement of children to participate in a group activity by sharing and/or displaying their activity projects.
5. Rewards and/or ribbons of the same color are identical for all projects and exhibits.
6. Mini 4-H projects are not competitively judged **and participation ribbons will be given**, but comments on the project will be shared with the child at project check-out after the fair.

NOTE: Purdue University and the Indiana 4-H Youth Development Program do not support, endorse, or encourage programming for children prior to Kindergarten. Clinton County 4-H Programming begins with Kindergarten.

## **MINI 4-H**

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

In Clinton County, these projects are for second graders. Mini 4-H is designed to be an introduction to the 4-H educational system. Young people can explore some of the project areas that will be available to them in 4-H, enjoy the club atmosphere, and learn new skills without the pressure of competition.

Mini 4-H members need to enroll by January 15<sup>th</sup> and pay a \$10.00 enrollment fee.

NOTE: Please read the Safety Policy for Mini 4-H members.

There will be Mini 4-H Workshops at the 4-H Fairgrounds. Mini 4-H members are encouraged to participate in the workshops, as there will be fun filled activities where youth will have the opportunities to complete projects for exhibit.

Mini 4-H members are also encouraged to attend their local 4-H club meetings.

Please turn in any record sheets or booklets at the pre-fair project check-in.

### **MINI AEROSPACE**

Attend Aerospace Workshop. Prior to the workshop, Mini 4-H members will purchase a model rocket kit from the Extension Office (usually costs \$15) and build the rocket at this workshop. If you are unable to attend the workshop, rocket kits may be purchased at the Extension Office and made on your own.

### **MINI COLLECTIONS**

Exhibit six items from your collection. Display in an attractive manner, and in a way that will protect your articles. The collection could be mounted on heavy cardboard or wood, in a box, notebook, etc.

(EXHIBIT AT OWN RISK OR DISPLAY PHOTO OF COLLECTION)

### **MINI CRAFT**

Exhibit one article you made, following the instructions in your booklet, or from ideas you have discussed with your leader.

### **MINI ELECTRIC**

Exhibit the electric kit you made and complete the activities in your booklet.

**MINI FLOWERS**

Exhibit one single bloom of a dwarf variety flower you have grown (such as a Zinnia or Marigold). Display in a small disposable bottle (such as pop bottle).

**MINI FOODS**

Learn to make no-bake cookies. Learn about My Plate nutrition information, and some basic “how to’s” in the kitchen. Exhibit 6 no-bake cookies on a paper plate (covered with clear wrap).

**MINI FORESTRY**

Learn how to collect, press, and identify two leaf specimens. Also, cut a picture of a tree out of a magazine and write a sentence on what that tree is used for. Glue the picture and the leaves to a 14” x 22” poster board, and exhibit it at the county fair. Poster board is available for purchase at the Extension Office.

**MINI GARDENING**

Exhibit one single plate (paper plate) of a vegetable you have grown.

**MINI LIVESTOCK**

Exhibit a binder about one of the topics in your project booklet.

**MINI MODELS**

Exhibit one of the models suggested in the project book: car, boat, plane, etc.

**MINI PHOTOGRAPHY**

Exhibit six pictures you have taken. Follow the directions in your project booklet regarding display.

**MINI ROBOTICS**

Exhibit the robot you made from the kit and complete the activities in your booklet.

**MINI SEWING**

You do not have to have a sewing machine to take this project. Make and exhibit one of the articles in your project booklet (Kool Cat Pillow, Honey Bear Pillow, or Helping Hand Puppet).

**MINI WEATHER**

Exhibit the weather kit you made and complete the activities in your booklet.

**MINI WILDLIFE**

Color the pictures as described in your project booklet. Mount the pictures on a 14” x 22” poster board and label them with the name, type of animal, and what it likes to eat (according to directions in your booklet). Poster board is available for purchase at the Extension Office.

**MINI WOODCRAFT**

Exhibit a birdhouse or bird feeder that you have built from a kit by following the instructions in your project booklet.