




**WELCOME NEW  
MINI 4-H FAMILIES!**

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### Pledges

**Pledge of Allegiance**  
I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

**4-H Pledge**  
I PLEDGE MY...  
My **HEAD** to clearer thinking  
My **HEART** to greater loyalty  
My **HANDS** to larger service  
My **HEALTH** to better living for my club, my community, my country, and my **WORLD**

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### Welcome!



**Who am I?**

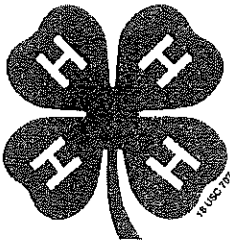
- Kati Sweet
- 4-H Youth Development Extension Educator
- Master's from NC State University
- Bachelor's from Ball State
- 4-H Nerd

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### 4-H Facts




- **Motto:** "To Make the Best Better"
- **Colors:** Green and White
- **Mission Areas:** STEM, Healthy Living, Citizenship
- **Indiana 4-H Mission:** The Indiana 4-H Youth Development mission is to provide real-life educational opportunities that develop young people who will have a positive impact in their communities and the world.

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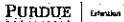
### What is Mini 4-H?

- Noncompetitive version of 4-H
- 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> graders welcome
- Educational program for youth
- FUN!!



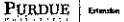
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## Mini 4-Her Break Out Session

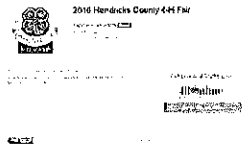


### Mini 4-H Terminology

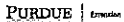
- **4Honline** - A website designed as an enrollment and data management system for 4-H throughout Indiana.
- **Handbook** - this book describes all projects, project rules, 4-H activities, and awards
- **FairEntry** - used for 4-Hers to specify exactly what projects/livestock they are bringing to fair. (connects to 4HOnline)
- **Project** – subject specific activities completed through 4-H with option to exhibit at Hendricks County 4-H Fair



### Timeline for Mini 4-H





- Sign up for projects (2 max)
- Work on those projects over the next few months
- Follow instructions in your Mini 4-H Handbook and Workbooks!
- Attend Mini 4-H Meetings if possible
- Enter your project information on FairEntry (after June 1)
- Bring your project to Fair to be judged on Friday, July 12 from 5-7 p.m. (open judging)
- Showcase your hard work during fair
- Tell your friends how awesome 4-H is!




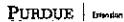
### Mini 4-H Projects

- View list in Handbook and Mini Handbook
- Select up to two
- Get Manuals and complete activities (FREE!)


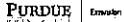
### Upcoming Mini 4-H Events

- **Theme for the year: Projects**
  - February 24 – Arts & Crafts, Models
  - March 16 – "Field Trip" – Location TBD
  - April 7 – Bugs & Nature – Pecar Park Trip
  - May 21 – Foods & Food Science
  - June 3 – Mini Day Camp
  - Day at the Fair

### What to Expect

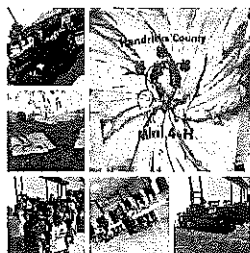
- Start with the Pledges
- Review of the evening
- Game/Icebreaker
- Activity based on the theme (Missions of 4-H this year)
- Healthy snack
- Q & A
- Community Service Project @ Each Meeting
- Mini 4-H books available during February-April meetings – also available online or in the Extension Office
- Jr. Leaders help with all Mini 4-H Days
- Program is conducted by myself and co-leader Amy Sarkar. Volunteers always welcome!

### Other Mini 4-H Activities

#### Day Camp

- June 3
- 9 a.m. – 12 noon
- Fairgrounds exploration
- Fun Activities
- Healthy Snack
- Tie-dye shirts!
- Explanation of how fair will work
- Much more!



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### Other Mini 4-H Activities



#### Day at the Fair

- Join us for the opening parade
- Check out the projects in the auditorium
- Followed by a tour of the fairgrounds
- Games and activities
- Family friendly
- Afterwards, spend the day at the fair!

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### New for 2020: Mini 4-H Showing Livestock

- Part of Farm Animal Project
- Available for Goats, Rabbits, Sheep, or Swine (can only choose one)
- Minis paired with a Mentor (older 4-H member)
- Additional activities to educate and prepare Mini 4-H Member
- Member will "show" Mentor's animal in a class during the fair
- Additional information will be available in February
- Still non-competitive
- Finalizing "Mini Livestock Day camp" as well

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### Mini 4-H T-Shirts

- Mini 4-H members can purchase a Mini 4-H Shirt this year!
- \$10/shirt
- These will be great to tie-dye during Mini 4-H Day Camp, but not mandatory to purchase
- Money from shirts will go toward supplies for Mini 4-H Meetings
- Order forms available tonight and will also be sent to all Mini 4-H members.
- Orders due April 7! Shirts will be available at May meeting!



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### What's Next?



- **Flower Sales**
  - Each 4-H member is encouraged to sell flowers – Not required, especially for Minis!
  - Papers will be coming in the mail
  - Geraniums (red & hot pink), Petunias (purple & white)
  - Orders due: March 30 to Club Leaders
  - Pick Up date: May
  - Money goes to 4-H Youth Council for scholarships, programming, and more.
  - Clubs get 10% of Club Sales

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### How do I become a volunteer?

#### Screening Process

- Application
- Background Check
- Adult Behavioral Expectations
- 4HOnline Profile
- Safety Training
- Meet with 4-H Educator
- Volunteer Placement

#### Volunteer Opportunities

- Club Leaders/Assistant Leaders
- Project Advisors/Leaders
- SPARK Programs
- Chaperones
- Boards/Committees
- Fair Volunteers

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### FAQ

- **What does a Mini 4-H Project look like?**
  - Check out some sample projects on along the wall and talk with Jr. Leaders about what else Mini 4-H members can do with their projects.
- **Why can my Mini 4-H member only take 2 projects?**
  - We want Mini 4-H members to get a taste of 4-H and not become overwhelmed. Two projects are a good place to start and they can always take more in regular 4-H!
- **Do I have to stay at Mini 4-H Meetings with my child?**
  - While it is strongly encouraged to have parents there, it is not mandatory. Our meetings are overseen by screened volunteers with the help of Jr. Leaders.

### Group Together

### Your New 4-H Family Guide

### Exciting News for Minis

- Theme for our Meetings: Projects
- Awesome Day Camp Planned!
- New location for one meeting this year
- New Mini Opportunity: Showing an animal at the fair
- Special programs for Mini Day at the Fair



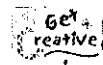
### What's Next?

- Sign up for your projects!
- Join us at our meetings!
- Ask questions!
- Get excited about being part of our organization!



### Next Meeting

- **February 24**
- 6:30-8 p.m.
- Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds
- **Project Focus: Arts & Crafts**
- May want to wear shirt you won't mind getting a little messy as we will be dealing with paint.
- Volunteers interested in helping, please arrive 15-20 minutes early!



### Upcoming Events

- **Hendricks County 4-H Five Year Plan**
  - Looking for ways to grow the 4-H Program!
  - Programs around the county
  - New programs/events
  - Looking for new volunteers and new youth!
  - Have ideas? Let us know!



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### Contact Info

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### Questions?

You are welcome to stay for Regular 4-H Orientation or you may leave at this time.

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