Purdue Extension Hendricks County

Mini 4-H Handbook

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Important 2014 Dates

Date	Event	Time	Location
May1, 2014	Recommended Mini-4-H Enrollment Deadline		Extension Office
June 12, 2014	Mini 4-H Orientation Night for Parents & Mini 4-H Program for Mini 4-H'ers	6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Fairgrounds Exposition Hall
June 26, 2014	Mini 4-H Program for Mini 4-H'ers	1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	Fairgrounds Exposition Hall
July 2, 2014	Mini 4-H Program for Mini 4-H'ers	1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	Fairgrounds Exposition Hall
July 12, 2014	Mini 4-H Project Check-in	3:00 p.m. -5:00 p.m.	Fairgrounds-Conference Room 1 and 2
July 13-19 2014	Hendricks County 4-H Fair	All Week	Fairgrounds
July 19, 2014	Mini 4-H Projects Released from the Fair	9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.	Fairgrounds-Auditorium

Mini 4-H Meetings and Programs

The Mini 4-H Program entails three program meetings as listed above. Parents are encouraged to attend the first program on June 12th 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 June 12, June 26, and July 2nd. 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. We will have a parent waiting area available. 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, 2014.

How do I Enroll and How much does it cost?

Fill out a Mini 4-H Enrollment Form. The enrollment form is where you indicate which projects you want to take. Bring your enrollment form to the Hendricks County Extension Office located at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds Complex by May 1st.

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 project 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 July 12th from 3:00 p.m.-5:00 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 19th 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 **or**
2) The Hendricks County Extension Office

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

Arts & Crafts

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

Exhibit Options:

First Grade		Second Grade	
Decoupage	Splatter Painting	Seed Drawing	Painting
Collage	Beaded Key Chain	Beaded Necklace	Clay Free Form
Plaster Figurine		Tissue Decoupage	

Bugs

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

Exhibit Options:

First Grade	Second Grade
My Butterfly	Thumbprint Bugs
Bug Lab	Backyard Bugs

Collections

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

First Grade	Second Grade
What I Collect	What I Collect
What You Collect	What Museums Collect

Cookie Decorating

Let's learn how to decorate cookies.

Exhibit Options:

First Grade	Second Grade
3 Iced Cookies with sprinkles/candy/baking chips.	3 Iced Cookies with smooth top. Cookie must have a border and design made of frosting and/or candy.

Dinosaurs

Let's learn about dinosaurs and fossils.

Exhibit Options:

First Grade	Second Grade
Build a Dinosaur	Dinosaur Diorama
Clay Fossils	Fossil Prints

Farm Animals

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

Exhibit Options:

First Grade	Second Grade
Barn "Yarn" Animals	Farm Animal Diorama
Animal Tracks	Poster: What Do Farm Animals Give Us?

Foods

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

Exhibit Options:

First Grade	Second Grade
No-Bake Cookies	Using Refrigerated Biscuit Dough, make one of the following: -Breadsticks -Cinnamon Twist - Fruit Turnovers

Gardening

Let's learn more about growing plants.

Exhibit Options:

First Grade	Second Grade
Seeds in a Bag	Grow a Green Bean Plant
Container Gardens	Grow a Potato Vine

Models

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

Exhibit Options:

First Grade	Second Grade
My Own Model	Shoebox Room Model
Snap Together Model Kit	Snap Together Model Kit

Nature, Plants and Trees

Let's learn and discover nature around us.

Exhibit Options:

First Grade	Second Grade
Leaf Poster	Tree Poster
Bird Feeder	Poster: Tree Treasures

Oceans

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

Exhibit Options:

First Grade	Second Grade
Ocean Pendants	Poster: Ocean Oil Spill
Poster: Ocean Life	Ocean Diorama

Pets

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

Exhibit Options:

First Grade	Second Grade
Poster: What Pet is Best?	Poster: Pet Observation
Poster: My Favorite Pet	Poster: Pet Research

Sewing

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

Exhibit Options:

First Grade	Second Grade
My Sewing Kit	Poster: Buttons and Hand Stitching
Pin Cushion	Six Fabric Coasters

Sun, Stars & Space

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

Exhibit Options:

First Grade	Second Grade
Poster: Sun Clock	Notebook: Shadow Science
Poster: Night Skies	Poster: If I Were An Astronaut . . .
Poster: Outer Space Art	Planet Mobile

Wildlife

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

Exhibit Options:

First Grade	Second Grade
Twig Bird House	Bird Bath
Poster: Camouflage Observation	Poster: Animal Tracks