



Summary of 2025-2026 4-H Project Updates

This list is an overview and does not include every change to project guidelines. Please be sure to read the exhibit guidelines for each project before starting. Complete State Fair guidelines are available on the [State 4-H Projects website](#). For questions, call the Purdue Extension Elkhart County Office at 574-533-0554.

2025-26 State Exhibit Guidelines Revisions

- The following statement was added to Exhibit Guidelines in the poster paragraph for the following projects: Aerospace; Animal Education; ATV Safety and Operator Skills; Beekeeping; Child Development; Electric; Entomology; Floriculture; Foods: Baked; Foods: Preserved; Forestry; Garden; Geology; Health; Home Environment; Lawn and Garden Tractor Safety and Operator Skills; Photography; Shooting Sports; Small Engine; Soil and Water Science; Sportfishing; Tractor Safety and Operator Skills; Veterinary Science; Weather and Climate Science; Wildlife; Woodworking; and Zero-Turn Mower Safety and Operator Skills. ***“The poster must be mounted on a firm backing to add stiffness to the exhibit, for example: a foam core board.”***
- Computer – Added Graphic Design, Computer Art and 3-D Printing & Videography - See Exhibit Guidelines for Changes

Elkhart County Exhibit Guidelines Revisions (December 2025)

- Poster requirements to say leave a space in the lower right-hand corner (when facing poster) that is 2” wide by 5” high for exhibit tag.
- Fashion Revue will offer modeling opportunities for 4-Hers completing Consumer Clothing and knitting/crocheting/wearable arts projects. Participation ribbons will be awarded.
- Auto Mechanics - Change layout of Skill-a-thon papers
- RC Club should read-
 - Kids bring their own cars. RC club has club cars members can use to experience different kinds of RC cars or if their car has a maintenance issue.
 - Take out video of your remote-control car in action on your designed track.
 - Maintenance poster regarding...(no video)
- Mini 4-H
 - Change arts and crafts book by getting rid of bean art/textured seeds to things like Perler beads that are updated crafts.

- Change mini models to two different projects like regular 4-H one being Models and one Construction and Architectural Replica.
- Cake Decorating – Changed to 3 options for exhibit
 - Option A: Display one decorated 9-inch Styrofoam circle 3-inch thick
 - Option B: Mini 4-H Cake Decorating Poster (learning journey)
 - Option C: Skills Sheet Display

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