

MINI 4-H

PLEASE NOTE: Any changes/updates from the previous year will be BOLDDED and ITALICIZED! Pay special attention to any projects with BOLD, ITALICIZED WORDS because they have changed from last year.

The Mini 4-H Program is designed for youth in first or second grade of the current 4-H year.

Mini 4-H is designed to supplement and introduce both first and second graders to the Hendricks County 4-H program.

Additionally, the Mini 4-H program is set up to allow youth to exhibit a project at the 4-H Fair. The 4-H Fair is an exciting time for 4-H members and families. It is a week that allows community youth to showcase their talents, interests and enthusiasm for learning. Mini 4-H is fun! Youth will certainly enjoy it. Parents can have fun too, by guiding and helping as their child participates in the program. Encourage and praise children as they have fun learning and sharing.

Mini 4-H members are welcome to take a maximum of two (2) of the following projects. Should a 4-H'er do two years of Mini 4-H (first and second grade) projects can be repeated OR members can take two (2) different projects. Be sure to enroll in the projects on 4-HOnline and enter exhibit information into FairEntry by designated date.

Mini Arts & Crafts

- First Grade: Product from the decoupage, splatter painting, beaded key chain, collage or plaster figurine
- Second Grade: Seed drawing, painting, tissue paper, decoupage, beaded necklace, or clay free form

Mini Bugs Project

- First Grade: Product from "My Butterfly" or "Bug Lab"
- Second Grade: Product from "Thumbprint Bugs" or "Backyard Bugs"

Mini Collections

- First Grade: What I Collect or Poster: What You Collect
- Second Grade: What I collect or Notebook: What Museums Collect

Mini Cookie Decorating

- First Grade: Three (3) iced cookies decorated with candies, sprinkles, and/or baking chips
- Second Grade: Three (3) iced cookies with a border around the edge of each cookie. This may be by using decorations or icing and decorating tips. Be sure to decorate the inside of the cookie too! Be creative!

Mini Dinosaur

- First Grade: Product from "Build a Dinosaur" or "Clay Fossils"
- Second Grade: Product from "Dinosaur Diorama" or "Fossil Prints"

Mini Farm Animals

- First Grade: Product from "Barn 'yarn' Animals" or "Animal Tracks"
- Second Grade: Product from "Farm Diorama" or "What do Farm Animals Give us?"

Mini Foods Project

- First Grade: Display six (6) no-bake cookies on a 9" disposable plate
- Second Grade: Display three (3) breadsticks, cinnamon twists, or fruit turn-overs on a 9" disposable plate

Mini Gardening

- First Grade: Product from "Seeds in a Bag" Poster or "Container Gardens"
- Second Grade: Product of "Grow a Green Bean Plant" or "Grow a Potato Vine"

Mini Models

- First Grade: Product of "My Own Model" or a model from a plastic snap together model kit purchased from the store (be sure to keep it appropriate for your age)
- Second Grade: Shoebox Room Model or a model from a plastic snap together model kit purchased from the store (be sure to keep it appropriate for your age)

Mini Nature, Plants, & Trees

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

Mini Oceans Project

- First Grade: An ocean pendant or an ocean life poster
- Second Grade: Ocean oil spill poster or ocean diorama

Mini Pets Project

- First Grade: What pet is best? Or Poster: My favorite pet
- Second Grade: Pet observation or Poster: Pet research

Mini Sewing

- First Grade: Product from "My Sewing Kit" with a list of tools you will put in the kit or "Pin Cushion"
- Second Grade: Product from "Buttons and Hand Stitching" or "Fabric Coasters"

Mini Showing Animals

- First/Second Grade: Work with mentor to learn about their livestock animal and "show" mentor's animal in specialty Mini 4-H class during livestock show.
- Current Livestock Options: Alpaca, Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, Swine
- Mini 4-H members may only "show" in the mini class for species listed.

Mini Sun, Stars, & Space

- First Grade: Sun Clock, Poster: Night Skies or Poster: Outer Space Art
- Second Grade: Notebook: Shadow Science, Poster: If I were an Astronaut...or Planet Mobile

Mini Wildlife

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