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Jay County 4-H

# 2025 Mini 4-H Handbook

Jay County 4-H Fair  
June 26-July 3



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## Important Dates to Remember

**Thursday, May 15**

\* Add/Drop project deadline in 4-H Online (for Building & Livestock Projects)

**Friday, May 16**

\* Fair Entry is open. Building & Livestock Projects (**Mini's do not do Fair Entry**)

**Monday, June 10**

\* Fair Entry class selection closes (Building & Livestock Projects) **Mini 4-H members do not complete the Fair Entry process.**

## ***Jay County 4-H Fair—June 26-July 3, 2025***

**Monday, June 23**

\* **7:30 am-9:00 am** | Building Project Non-Perishable (including Communications projects) & ALL Mini Projects Check-In

\* **11:00 am-2:00 pm** | Building Project Non-Perishable (including Communications projects) & ALL Mini Projects Check-In

\* **4:00 pm-6:00 pm** | Building Project Non-Perishable (including Communications projects) & ALL Mini Projects Check-In

**Tuesday, June 24**

\* **9:00 am-11:00 am** | Building Project Non-Perishable (including Communications projects) & Mini Project Judging

**Wednesday, June 25**

\* **7:30 am-9:30 am** | Perishable Project Check-In

\* **10:00 am-12:00 pm** | Perishable Project Judging

**Perishable Projects: Foods, Gardening, Aquatic Science & Floriculture**

## **Thursday, June 26**

**\* 5:00 pm-9:00 pm** | Dairy, Rabbit & Goat Check-in

### **Bob Schmit Memorial Exhibit Hall Hours:**

**Friday, June 27 – Thursday, July 3** 10:00 am-6:00 pm

## **Friday, June 27**

**\* 7:00 am-11:00 am** | Livestock Affidavit & Auction confirmation check-in  
to receive show numbers | 4-H Gazebo

**\* 7:00 am-11:00 am** | Beef, Dairy Beef, Sheep, Swine, Poultry & Dog  
Check-in

**\* 11:45 am** | Opening Ceremony

**\* 12:00 pm** | Dog Show | Main Show Arena

**\* 12:00 pm** | Rabbit Show | East Show Arena

## **Saturday, June 28**

**\* 8:30 am** | Dairy Goat Show | Main Show Arena

**\* 11:30 am** | Pygmy/Meat Goat Show | Main Show Arena

**\* 2:00 pm** | Fashion Revue Judging-Consumer Clothing Judging to follow | Bob  
Schmit Memorial Exhibit Hall

## **Sunday, June 29**

**\* 11:00 am** | Beef Show | Main Show Arena

**\* 12:30 pm-1:30 pm** | Cat Check-in | Bob Schmit Memorial Exhibit Hall

**\* 1:30 pm** | Poultry Show | East Show Arena

**\* 2:00 pm** | Cat Show | Bob Schmit Memorial Exhibit Hall

## **Monday, June 30**

**\* 8:00 am** | Swine Show | Main Show Arena

**\* 3:00 pm** | Dairy Beef Feeder & Steer Show | Main Show Arena

## **Tuesday, July 1**

**\* 9:00 am** | Dairy Show | Main Show Arena

**\* 2:00 pm** | Small Animal Supreme Showmanship | Main Show Arena

**\* 4:00 pm** | Sheep Show | Main Show Arena

## **Wednesday, July 2**

\* **6:00 am-8:00 am** | Horse & Pony Check-in | Horse & Pony Show Arena

\* **9:00 am** | Horse & Pony Show | Horse & Pony Show Arena

\* **5:00 pm** | Large Animal Supreme Showmanship | Main Show Arena

\* **8:00 pm Wednesday, July 2-8:00 am Thursday, July 3** | Release of non-Auction Livestock

## **Thursday, July 3**

\* **8:30 am-9:30 am** | Back a 4-H'er Networking & Investment Drive | Bob Schmit  
Memorial Exhibit Hall

\* **9:00 am** | 4-H Livestock Auction Meet & Greet

\* **10:00 am** | 4-H Awards Ceremony

Livestock Auction

Barn clean-up following the Auction (all 4-H Livestock  
members are expected to help)

**Exhibit Hall Project pick up following auction until 4:00 pm**

\* **5:00 pm** | 2025 Jay County 4-H Fair Concludes

***Indiana State Fair—August 1-August 17, 2025***



## **Membership:**

Youth may become Mini 4-H members when they enter Kindergarten and may continue their membership through 2nd grade. Then, they may enroll in traditional 4-H in 3rd grade –12th grade. Mini 4-H membership is FREE!

## **How to Become a Mini 4-H Member:**

4-H enrollment is an annual process achieved by completing enrollment at [v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com).

4-H members requiring special accommodations must contact the Purdue Extension Office 30 days prior to project exhibition. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate the needs with the top consideration being the safety and well-being of all participants.

**Have questions or need guidance?** Call Purdue Extension-Jay at (260)-726-4707! We are here to help!

## **Club Participation:**

Attendance and participation at 4-H meetings and activities is highly encouraged as a part of the overall educational experience. 4-H volunteers and members of local clubs may establish goals for attendance, exhibits, completion, etc. to meet the criteria established for awards and recognition.

## **Behavioral Expectations**

Behavioral Criteria: 4-H members, leaders, parents, and the public; when attending, participating, or acting on behalf of the 4-H program, are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with accepted standards of social behavior, to respect the rights of others, and to refrain from any conduct which may be injurious to the 4-H

program. The following actions constitute misconduct for which persons may be subject to disciplinary actions:

1. Dishonesty in connection with any 4-H activity by cheating or knowingly furnishing false information.
2. Alteration or unauthorized use of 4-H records.
3. Obstruction or disruption of any 4-H activity or aiding and encouraging other persons to engage in such conduct.
4. Failure to comply or aiding or encouraging other persons not to comply with specific rules of a given project, contest or activity.
5. Failure to comply with directions of 4-H officials acting in the proper performance of their duties.
6. Inhumane treatment of 4-H animal projects.

**\*\*** There are many opportunities for 4-H members, leaders, parents and the public to participate in out-of-county 4-H events and activities. When involved in such experiences, members, leaders, parents and the public are expected to follow all rules and regulations as outlined by those responsible for the specific program or activity. In all such 4-H activities, the following constitute a violation of behavior expectations:

1. Possession or use of firecrackers, gun powder, firearms, chemicals, or other materials that can be used to create an explosive mixture.
2. Misuse of fire equipment or sounding a false fire alarm.
3. Having a guest of the opposite sex in your sleeping quarters.
4. Physical abuse of any person or conduct which threatens or endangers the health or safety of any person.
5. Theft of or malicious damage to property.

6. Possession, use, or distribution of alcohol, drugs, tobacco, or tobacco-like products.
  7. Lewd, indecent, or obscene conduct.
  8. Unauthorized entry, use, or occupancy of any facility
  9. Any conduct which threatens or interferes with maintenance of appropriate order and discipline or invades the rights of others.
- When violations occur at county, out-of-county, state and or national 4-H events, the following procedures will be followed:
- A. The parents/guardians will be contacted to arrange transportation home for the violator(s), and
  - B. The local Youth Extension Educator will be notified, and
  - C. The 4-H Council and/or Executive Council will be notified.

## **At the Fair...**

### **Exhibition:**

Exhibition of 4-H projects in the county fair is voluntary on the part of the exhibitor. The exhibition of 4-H projects provides 4-H members an opportunity to display their 4-H projects, enter into competition and participate in an educational/social environment with peers. With exhibition also comes the responsibility of abiding by all the terms and conditions pertaining to the respective 4-H project. Free manuals are available at the Purdue Extension Office.

### **Judging:**

Mini 4-H is NOT competitive. Judging will be done for comments only. Mini 4-H'ers are encouraged to talk to the judge just like traditional 4-H members are.

### **Exhibit Check-In:**

Mini projects will be checked in during the same time as traditional 4-H projects. Be sure to be on the lookout for check-in dates as the fair draws closer! *The 4-H Council and Extension Office will not be responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged projects.*

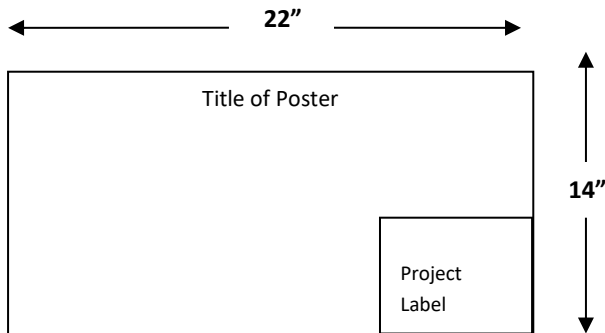
### **Project Pick-Up:**

Be on the lookout for project pick-up dates as the fair draws closer! It is the 4-H member's responsibility to make arrangements with the Extension Office if he/she is unable to pick up their project by the deadline published at the fair.

# Mini 4-H Projects

## **Mini 4-H General Poster Guidelines**

1. Mini 4-H posters should be 14" by 22" and displayed horizontally.
2. The project label should be placed in the lower right-hand corner of the poster.
3. Be sure your poster has a title! Use stiff backing on the poster.
4. All posters must be covered with clear plastic or another transparent material (not Saran Wrap) to protect the exhibit. Posters and clear plastic sleeves can be purchased from the Extension Office.



## **AEROSPACE**

Does it sound like fun to travel to places that few people have ever been before? If so, have you ever thought about going into space? In this project you will find out some things about exploring space. Exhibit options include a poster, rocket, book, scrapbook or poem about space! Refer to the Mini 4-H Archery manual for more guidelines.

## **ARCHERY**

Learn about the different types and parts of a bow and arrow and be reading to join 4-H Shooting Sports in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade! Refer to the Mini 4-H Archery manual for poster exhibit guidelines.

## **BEEF CATTLE**

Explore the world of Beef Cattle. You will learn all about those really cool big cows on the farm.

## **BICYCLE**

Do you like to ride your bike? In this project you will learn about choosing a bike, caring for your bike, traffic rules, and hazards of the road, safety, and bike helmets. Exhibit a poster or story on bicycling! Refer to your Mini 4-H Bicycle manual for more information!

## **BUGS**

Bugs are everywhere! They crawl, fly, squirm, and can be fun to study. If you want to learn more about bugs, this is the project for you! Exhibit a poster, book, scrapbook or display! Refer to your Bugs manual for more information.

## **CATS**

Did you know the heaviest cat weighed over 46 pounds? Learn all about the wonderful world of cats.

## **CAKE DECORATING**

Have you ever wanted to learn how to decorate your very own cake? Learn about all things cake decorating in this project!

## **COLLECTIONS**

Learn more about collecting and why people like to collect things. Collecting things is as easy as finding a group of your favorite rocks, to putting together a group of pencils. Showcase your own collection, report on a museum collection or chart someone else's collection to display at the fair!

## **CONSTRUCTION TOYS**

A fun building project that allows you to use your imagination to create a scene, building, animal, etc. with construction toys such as Lego, K'nex, Lincoln Logs, etc. Exhibit your own construction toy creation at the fair! Refer to your Construction Toys manual for more exhibit guidelines!

## **CRAFTS**

Be creative and use your imagination as you design your craft. Crafts can be used for decoration and they make great gifts, too! Refer to your Mini 4-H Crafts manual on what to exhibit at the fair!

## **COOKIE DECORATING**

If you like to help in the kitchen, then this is the project for you! In this project you can use techniques to add a special touch to cookies. Exhibit three of your beautifully decorated cookies at the fair!

## **DAIRY CATTLE**

Where does your milk come from? Many different breeds of dairy cattle bring you your milk. Learn more about these breeds in this project!

## **DOG**

Do you have a dog at home? You can learn so much more about your dog by taking this project. Can your dog listen to commands?

## **DINOSAURS**

Dinosaurs no longer roam on Earth, but they are still fascinating. Learn about fossils, different kinds of dinosaurs, where they lived, and why they may have become extinct. Exhibit your very own fossil cast, notebook, model or diorama!

## **ELECTRIC**

It's fun to learn about energy, especially renewable energy. In your electric project, you will learn about solar power as one source of renewable energy. Refer to your Electric project manual for ideas on what to exhibit at the fair!

## **FARM ANIMALS**

Explore the world of farm animals, from little ones like rabbits and poultry, to the big ones like cows and sheep. Exhibit your own poster, story or model at the fair! Find out more about what to exhibit by picking up your Farm Animal manual from the Extension Office!

## **FASHION REVUE**

This project is a great way to have fun and build confidence while modeling on stage in front of an audience. Purchase and model your own outfit at our annual Fashion Revue show (held during the fair)! Check out some of the outfit ideas outlined in your Fashion Revue project manual!

## **FLOWERS**

Learn about plants and their special needs. Do great experiments with plants. You will also learn about different kinds of flowers.

## **FOODS**

Everyone can have fun in the kitchen. Learn about measuring, nutrition, making easy recipes and kitchen safety. Exhibit an edible item, cooking kit or poster made by you! Check out the exhibit guidelines in your Foods manual!

## **FORESTRY**

Trees are all around us! Learn about trees, the wood that comes from trees, and animals that live in trees. Refer to your Mini 4-H Forestry project manual for information on what to exhibit!

## **GARDENING**

Learn how plants grow. Plant seeds or small plants in a garden or in a pot, inside or outside, and watch them grow! They will make vegetables or flowers! Exhibit a potted plant, plate of vegetables or scrapbook!

## **GENEALOGY**

Ever wondered about your ancestors? Where did they live? What did they do for fun? In this project you can begin to find the answers! Exhibit a poster based on one of the fun activities included in your Mini 4-H Genealogy project manual!

## **GEOLOGY**

Rocks and Minerals, OH MY!! Learn all about our planets building blocks.

## **GIFT WRAPPING**

Want to wrap pretty presents for friends and family, for birthdays and Christmas. Take this project to learn how! Exhibit your beautifully wrapped package, topped with a curly ribbon bow!

## **GOATS**

Goats are so cute and playful. Did you know a baby goat is called a kid?

## **HEALTH**

Learn about everything from First Aid to My Plate to keep you and your family safe and healthy! Exhibit your very own poster or first aid kit!

## **HELPING MOM & DAD**

There are many ways to be mom and dad's best helper! Learn many ways you can help around your house. Check out the poster and notebook exhibit options in the Helping Mom and Dad project manual!

## **HORSE & PONY**

Do you love horses? Learn more about horses, different breeds, tack used for horseback riding, and parts of the horse's body. Exhibit your very own horse puppet, poster, model or diorama! Find out more about what to exhibit in your Horse and Pony project manual!

## **I'M A HOOSIER**

Learn all about the state of Indiana. Its geography, history, natural resources, and its special plants and animals. Refer to your I'm a Hoosier project manual to find out more on what to exhibit!

## **LLAMA OR ALPACA**

Learn the difference between an Alpaca and a Llama. Learn why they spit sometimes.

## **MY PET & ME**

Do you love animals? If an animal has four legs, crawls, flies, swims, or hops, you can bet someone has one for a pet. Caring for animals can be fun. In this project, you get to share your pet through pictures, drawings, and stories in a notebook, poster or other display.

## **MODELS**

Like to build things? Learn about models and different ways of making models. Exhibit your very own model or report on a museum model at the fair!

## **OCEANS**

Oceans cover around 70% of the Earth's surface. Learn about your favorite plants and animals living in them. Refer to your

Mini 4-H Oceans manual for information on what to exhibit at the fair!

## **PHOTOGRAPHY**

Learn to take pictures and care for your camera and have fun capturing memories! Exhibit your photographs on a poster! Find out more about what to exhibit in your Photography project manual!

## **PLANTS AND FLOWERS**

Learn to care for and grow plants both indoors and outdoors, and experiment with growing conditions! Find out more about what to exhibit in your Plants and Flowers project manual!

## **POULTRY**

There are many different breeds of chickens. Also, chickens can lay different color eggs.

## **RABBIT**

Rabbits are a great animal to have when you do not have the facilities for large farm animals. There are 51 breeds recognized currently.

## **READING**

Do you like to read? In this project you will read and keep track of the books you read. Exhibit options may be found on the last page of your Reading project manual!

## **RECYCLING**

Explore ways to take worn out items around your home and transform them into something else. Check out the last page in your project manual for exhibit options!

## **SCRAPBOOKING**

Create a beautiful way to display your favorite pictures! Refer to your project manual on what to exhibit at the fair!

## **SEWING**

Learn the basic skills needed for sewing. Begin putting together the equipment needed for doing easy home sewing and repair work. A SEWING MACHINE IS NOT NEEDED FOR THIS PROJECT. Choose an item made from one of the activities in your Sewing project manual to exhibit at the fair!

## **SHEEP**

Do you love little lambs? You will enjoy learning all about sheep. Did you know they love to flock together?

## **SOIL & WATER**

Worms are very important for our soil! Learn about the soil in your yard and how to keep it healthy. Create your own poster, Agri-Buddy or story to exhibit at the fair! Find out more about what to exhibit by picking up your Soil and Water project manual from the Extension Office!

## **SPORT FISHING**

Fishing is FUN! It is simple and easy to learn. You can discover new things about fish and how to catch them. Refer to the Sport Fishing manual for exhibit options!

## **SUN, STARS & SPACE**

Learn more about the planets in our solar system, the sun, constellations, and exploring space. Refer to your Sun, Stars

and Space project manual for ideas on what to exhibit!

## **SWINE**

BACON!! Many of us love bacon. Learn how to raise a pig for food. Learn the many breeds and how to care for them!

## **TRACTOR**

Learn about tractors, both on the farm and in the lawn or garden. Know the safety rules! Exhibit a tractor poster at the fair! Exhibit guidelines can be found in your Tractor project manual!

## **TREES**

Learn about the shapes and sizes of trees, parts of a tree; identify a tree by its leaves, and many other interesting facts about trees. Find out more about trees and what to exhibit at the fair by picking up your Trees project manual from the Extension Office!

## **WEATHER**

Discover the way the air around us constantly changes, and the ingredients that make it work! Exhibit a poster or item related to one the activities completed in your project manual!

## **WHALES & DOLPHINS**

Let's explore whales & dolphins! You will learn common types of whales and dolphins, the parts of a whale, whale songs, and the learning dolphin. Refer to your Whales and Dolphins project manual for ideas on what to exhibit at the fair!

## **WILDLIFE ADVENTURE**

Do you ever wonder about animals that live in the woods and open areas around your home or city? The world of wildlife beckons you! Learn about wild animals and birds that live around you! Choose to exhibit an item based on one of the activities from your project manual!

## **WOODWORKING**

If you like to build things, then this is the perfect project for you! Explore lots of things that can be made out of wood. Refer to your Mini 4-H Woodworking project manual for ideas on what to exhibit



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