

Warrick County Mini 4-H

Mini 4-H Non-Competitive Policy: Mini 4-H is a program designed to encourage positive development of children, Kindergarten through second grade. The goal of Mini 4-H is to help young children explore friendships outside the family; explore the way in which things work; practice both small and large muscle control; and think about the ways people work together on projects.

The NON-COMPETITIVE learning environment for Mini 4-H includes:

- 1.) Planned learning activities in which children are invited to be active and explore materials and ideas without the pressure of completing a specific product or exhibit.
- 2.) Low adult/leader to child ratio that allows time for adults/leaders to provide individual, positive encouragement and assistance.
- 3.) Simple, interesting activities that are fun.
- 4.) Encouragement of children to participate in a group activity by sharing and/or displaying their activity projects.
- 5.) Rewards that are identical and/or ribbons of the same color for everyone.
DO NOT JUDGE projects, but instead discuss them with the child.

NOTE: Purdue University and the Indiana 4-H Youth Development Program do not support, endorse, or encourage 4-H programming for children prior to kindergarten. 4-H Youth Development Extension staff members and 4-H Volunteers may not offer, or encourage others to offer, programming for children prior to kindergarten.

Each member enrolled in Mini 4-H may exhibit ONE project from the following: Woodworking, Foods, Art and Crafts, Flowers, Collections, or Farm Animals. The 4-H'er will turn in his/her project at the Warrick County 4-H Center on the Sunday before fair week and be picked up the Sunday following fair week. During project check-in, the 4-H'er will speak with a judge about how they completed their project and get compliments and suggestions on their scorecard. Mini 4-H projects will be displayed at the Warrick County 4-H Fair. Each 4-H'er will receive a ribbon at the end of fair week when projects are checked-out. You must exhibit a different project each year.

General Poster Requirements:

All exhibits in poster form must be mounted on plywood or heavy cardboard to add stiffness for exhibiting. The poster must not bend. The poster must be covered with clear plastic to protect the exhibit. The overall size must be 22" x 28" and displayed horizontally. Posters may be any color. Plastic poster sleeves are available for purchase at the Warrick County Extension Office.

MINI 4-H PROJECT OPTIONS – only exhibit ONE

Woodworking

The 4-H woodworking project provides youth with educational information about wood and how it can be used to construct items.

- Your exhibit will be one simple article you have made.
- You may exhibit your own creation using items such as: toothpicks, tongue depressors, clothespins, matchsticks, popsicle sticks, wood, etc.
- Suggested items to create are: bird feeder, birdhouse, village, fort, wishing well, house, barn, and flower pot.

Foods

- You may exhibit one of the following:
 1. Nutrition Poster – exhibit a poster showing Nutritional Foods or Food Groups. The poster must follow the general poster guidelines.
 2. No Bake Cookies – Exhibit 3 No Bake cookies on a plain paper plate in a zip-loc baggie to cover the cookies. Place a recipe card under the plate inside the baggie.
 3. Table Setting Poster – Exhibit a poster with pictures drawn or pasted to the poster board showing how to properly set the table for one. The poster must follow the general poster guidelines.

Arts and Crafts

- You may only exhibit ONE craft to be displayed at the Warrick County 4-H Fair.
- Ideas on arts and crafts are: musical instrument, small/simple game, paint a picture, draw a picture, puppets, mobile, paper craft, doll, paint by number, pot holder, etc.
- Be sure to make your craft project neat and something you enjoy.

Flowers

- You will exhibit 3 cut flowers. Recommend using marigolds or zinnias.
- The flowers should be cut right before bringing them to the fair. Cut the stems long, leaving leaves on the stems. Place 3 blooms in a tall container filled with water.

Collections

- You will exhibit 5 items or 5 pairs of items. Articles can be rocks, coins, insects, pencils, collector cards, etc.
- You can display your collection on a poster (following general poster guidelines), a scrapbook, or small box (measuring no larger than 18" x 24").
- Attach a card that tells what you are collecting and why you collected the items.

Farm Animals

- You may exhibit a poster OR a small farm toy scene.
- Your poster should have a topic such as: Pet Care, Food for Farm Animals, Different Breeds of Animal, etc. The poster must follow general poster guidelines.
- NO live animals will be exhibited at the fair for Mini 4-H.
- A small farm toy scene should not exceed 20" x 20" in size. Farm animals and/or equipment should be secured to the base. You may use small tractors, plastic farm animals, and farming equipment to complete the farm scene.