



PROJECTS AVAILABLE IN MADISON COUNTY MINI 4-H



The following is a brief description on each of the projects offered in our Mini 4-H (grades K- 2) program. It is to give you an idea of what is available in 4-H. Take a moment to look over what is available. Please consult your project manual and the county handbook for detailed instructions on what you may choose to exhibit.

Note: Please refer to the Safety Policy in the front of the handbook concerning Mini 4-H members in animal projects.

Mini Arts & Crafts

Let's be creative and make a neat craft. Use your imagination as you design your craft. Crafts can be used for decorations and they make great gifts too. Exhibit ONE of the following: spatter painting, drawing, craft kits, handmade paper, decoupage, hand print, sculpting with modeling dough, sponge fun, gift bag, design your own craft, and more.

Mini Beef

Exhibit one calf, which can be a steer, heifer or bull calf. Calves must be born between March 1 - July 1 of the current year. Calves may be of any breed or crossbred. No Dairy Allowed! No mini 4-H beef will stay overnight. You must enroll mini 4-H calves on county 4-H beef form. Advance fair entries are required for mini 4-H beef show. The mini 4-H member will show all calves on a halter only.

Mini Collections

Everyone loves to collect things. Collecting is as easy as finding a group of your favorite rocks to putting together a group of pencils. Learn more about collecting and why people collect things. Exhibit ONE of the following: a sample of your collection, a report on a collection you saw at a museum or library, or a survey of friends and family to find out what they collect.

Mini Dairy

Exhibit one animal. Animals must be born between March 1 - July 1 of the current year. Calves must be dairy, any sex. Mini animals may stay overnight with dairy department head approval.

Mini Dinosaurs

They may no longer walk the earth, but they are still very popular. Learn about fossils, different kinds of dinosaurs, where dinosaurs lived, and how they may have become extinct. Exhibit ONE of the following: a fossil cast, a dinosaur scrapbook, a dinosaur model, a poster showing how big dinosaurs were.

Mini Foods

Everyone can have fun in the kitchen. Learn about measuring, nutrition, making easy recipes and kitchen safety. Exhibit ONE of the following: popcorn snack, no-bake cookies, kitchen safety poster, food MyPlate poster, marshmallow treats or a poster showing how to properly measure, or 4-H cooking kit.

Mini Gardening

Plant seeds or small plants in a garden or pot, inside or outside, and watch them grow into vegetables or flowers. Learn how plants grow. Exhibit ONE of the following: a plate of three vegetables, a plant in a pot, a vegetable scrapbook, or a Chia Pet

Mini Dairy Goat, Mini Miniature Goat, and Mini Boer Goat

Exhibit a wether or doe. Goats will be shown with chain or other neck apparel. A goat may be shown that will be shown in regular 4-H by another 4-H member. No mini 4-H goat will stay overnight unless it will also be shown in regular 4-H.

Mini Horse and Pony

Exhibit one animal. Mini 4-Her must be assisted by a parent, legal guardian, or another adult designated in writing by parent or legal guardian, or another adult designated in writing by parent or legal guardian. (Assisted means "with the child at all times.") Mini 4-Her must wear ASTM or SEI standard F1163 (or above) certified helmets whenever mounted. The mini 4-H member is responsible to see that this specified headgear is properly fitted with the approved harness in place and fastened whenever a rider is mounted.

Mini Lama

Exhibit a lama (llama or alpaca) in a showmanship-type class (no obstacles). You do not need to own the lama. Lamas and 4-H mentors will be assigned at the Mini Clinic held in May. To be eligible to show, a mini 4-Her must attend both the May Mini Clinic and the June Mini Clinic, and work with their lama and mentor at least twice before the show.

Mini Model Building

Do you like to build things? Learn about models and the different ways to make them. Exhibit ONE of the following: a snap together model, a model made from clay or Popsicle sticks, a model made from different things, a model with a background, or a report on models you saw in a museum.

Mini My Pet and Me

Would you like to share with others about the animals that live in your home? Learn the responsibilities of caring for different pets. Exhibit: A scrapbook or poster (14 inches x 22 inches) about your special pet! Be creative!

Mini Outdoor Skills

See Shooting Sports leader for exhibit requirements.

Mini Poultry

Exhibit one poultry, duck or turkey bird, any age or sex. You may show a poultry bird that is being shown in regular 4-H by another 4-H member, or exhibit one of your own. All birds must be blood tested prior to the show and have proof of blood test at show entry. Birds entering the barn for the first time will be examined during check-in for parasites and disease before entering the barn.

Mini Rabbit

Read the booklet carefully with your parents. Care for a rabbit at your home. Complete the pre-entry form on or before May 15. Complete the advanced entry form on or before July 1. These forms are due in the Extension Office on or before the dates mentioned. Complete the record sheet at the back of the manual and take it to judging. Exhibit one rabbit at the 4-H Fair. Mini 4-H rabbit exhibits can be any age, sex, and any breed. Crossbred rabbits will not be allowed. Determination of a crossbred rabbit may be done by contacting a local rabbit breeder or by contacting Rick & Emily Rogers at 765-778-7654.

Mini Model Rocketry

You must become a member of a model rocketry club to participate. Attend the rocket club meetings and build your own rocket that will be fired off! Enjoy this July afternoon judging event by watching everyone's rocket shoot to the sky! Exhibit at the fair: Display your rocket without engine and/or igniter.

Mini Sewing

Learn basic skills for sewing. Begin putting together the equipment needed for doing easy home sewing and repair work. A sewing machine is not required. Exhibit ONE of the following: Sewing Kit, Pin Cushion, Tissue Cover, Placemat, BBQ Apron.

Mini Sheep

You can show one lamb; this can be a wether or a ewe. Enroll mini 4-H sheep on county 4-H sheep form. Advance fair entries are required for mini 4-H sheep show. All lambs will be shown on halters. Any lamb that will be shown only in the mini 4-H show will only be at the fairgrounds the afternoon of the show (no overnight stay for mini 4-H sheep). A mini 4-Her can show a lamb that will be shown in regular 4-H by another family member.

Mini Sport Fishing

See Shooting Sports leader for exhibit requirements.

Mini Swine

IMPORTANT: Ownership of hogs is not required to complete this project.

All divisions are to complete the following requirements:

1. Complete the appropriate division of the Mini Swine Manual. Bring it with you to the Mini Swine Show. Your leader, prior to coming to Mini Livestock Show, must sign the manual. 2. Mini Swine will be exhibited on Mini Livestock Show day. Minis must exhibit an animal that will be shown in the regular 4-H show. No "mini only" animals will be allowed in the barns due to pen space and health concerns. Minis must find an older member who will let them exhibit their pig. Parents are encouraged to attend the Madison County 4-H Mini Livestock Show.

Mini Sun, Stars, and Space

Are you interested in the stars above us? Learn about planets, asteroids, comets, stars, constellations, and the space shuttle. Exhibit ONE of the following: solar system mobile, self-made asteroid or comet, a shuttle poster or model, a constellation poster, a planet poster or a poster about your own "make believe" planet.

Mini Trees

What about trees? Can you name the tree a leaf came from just from the shape of the leaf? Do you know how to tell how old a tree is? Have you ever wondered how trees get food and water? If you would like to learn the answers to these questions and many more, Mini 4-H Trees is for you! Exhibit ONE of the following: scrapbook, draw a picture, collage, collection, or leaf rubbing as listed in project manual.

Mini Wildlife

Do you ever wonder about the animals that live in the woods and open areas around your home? Learn about the not-so-wild wildlife that live around you. Exhibit ONE of the following: Birds of Indiana poster or mobile, a bird feeder, bird watching chart poster, animal characteristics poster, collection of insects, and more!

Mini Woodcraft

Do you like to build things? Do you want to make something useful for your parents or yourself? Try your hand at woodworking. Learn how to use different tools and make something fun at the same time. Exhibit ONE of the following: a cheeseboard, napkin rings, tic-tac-toe game board, a pair of candlestick holders, or a 12" flower box.

