



LaGrange County 4-H

FUTURE 4-H

Future 4-H is open to any youth who is in the first or second grade. There will be a special area for Future 4-H exhibits in the Exhibit Building at the fair. Each exhibitor will receive a participation award.

Unless otherwise specified in the project guidelines (such as Dog or My Pet and Me), Future 4-H projects with poster exhibits should be displayed horizontally on 22"x 28" poster board with stiff backing and covered with clear plastic. Exhibits should be labeled with the following information: Name and grade of Future 4-H'er, club, and project. Place labels in the lower right hand corner, preferably beneath the plastic covering. All non-livestock exhibits will be judged when entered. Future 4-H'ers may exhibit any four (4) of the following projects.

- **Bugs More Bugs** - Almost anywhere you look you can find bugs. In this project activity guide you will explore some of the things that make bugs different from each other.
Exhibits
 - Make a poster of an insect or spider. Label the body parts.
 - Draw a picture of a butterfly. Be sure to make the designs on the wings symmetrical.
 - Make a poster or a book showing some of the ways bugs protect themselves.
 - Make a project activity as a group and take it to the fair to show the kinds of things your group has been doing.
 - Make a scrapbook of pictures showing your group having fun while making the activities in the project guide.
- **Collections** – You will put together a notebook, poster or scrapbook with photographs of your collection. Photo quality will not be judged, but photos should be clear, sharp, and secured properly. A collection must consist of a minimum of five (5) items. In order to exhibit the same collection a following year, you must add at least 5 new items acquired since August of the previous year. You do not need to bring any portion of your collection to judging or for exhibit at the fair. You could develop your project around a specialized portion of your total collection.
- **Crafts** – Listed below are projects found in your manual that you can exhibit at the 4-H Fair. Choose one project each year from the list and bring it to the 4-H fair judging:
 - ▶ Splatter Painting ▶ Beaded Necklace ▶ Decoupage ▶ Handprint ▶ Drawing
 - ▶ Craft Kit ▶ Dress the Clown ▶ Seed Picture ▶ Gift Bag or Your Creative Craft.
- **Dinosaurs** – Learn about fossils, different kinds of dinosaurs, where dinosaurs lived, and how they may have become extinct. You may exhibit a fossil cast, a dinosaur scrapbook, a dinosaur model, a poster showing how big dinosaurs were, etc. Choose a different project each year and bring it to 4-H fair judging.

- **Dog – First Year** – Do two of the activities in the “My Pet and Me” manual. Make a poster using the chart from Activity 4 in the manual. Put the chart on a 14” x 22” poster (1/2 of normal size) using rubber cement. Back the poster with stiff cardboard and cover with plastic.
 - Second Year** – Do two different activities from the “My Pet and Me” manual. Exhibit a scrapbook or poster from one of the activities completed this year.

- **Farm Animals/Livestock** – (See Farm Animals Manual) – For Future 4-H'ers who choose not to participate in future showmanship events, the following are recommended Fair exhibits. Choose ONE project you would like to try. You do not have to complete them in any order.
 - ▶ Write a story about your favorite farm animal.
 - ▶ Make a poster showing the different things that farm animals make for us. (Example: hamburgers, wool, eggs, etc.)
 - ▶ Make a poster showing the different kinds of farm animals. You can use the pictures in Activity 1 (page 3 in the Farm Animals manual).
 - ▶ Talk to a farmer. Ask him questions about working on a farm, the farm animals he raises, and the feed that he uses. You can ask him your own questions. Write a story about the farmer.
 - ▶ Write or rewrite your favorite fairytale using farm animals. (Example: Cinderella on the Farm)
 - ▶ Make a model of your favorite farm animal. If you want, add it to the farm scene made in a shoebox. (See Rabbit Activity page 12 and 13 in the Farm Animals manual.) • Exhibit your “My Favorite Farm Animal: poster (see Activity 11 page 25 in the Farm Animals manual).
 - ▶ Exhibit your “critter” poster (see Activity 12 in page 26 and 27 in the Farm Animals manual).

- **Foods** – Listed are projects you can exhibit at the 4-H Fair. Choose one different project each year and bring it 4-H Fair judging.
 - ▶ A peanut butter sandwich cut into two or four pieces. Use two slices of bread, peanut butter and your choice of an added ingredient.
 - ▶ Popcorn snack displayed in a small plastic sandwich bag. Start with popped corn and add other ingredients to make it your own.
 - ▶ Two no-bake cookies using the recipe in your Future 4-H foods book.
 - ▶ Display a poster you made that shows at least three kitchen safety rules.
 - ▶ Display a poster you made that shows the food pyramid.
 - ▶ Two marshmallow treat squares using the recipe in your Future 4-H foods book.

- **Forestry** – Here is a list of activities that can be shown at the 4-H Fair.
 - ▶ Make a project activity as a group and take it to the Fair to show the kinds of things your group has been doing.
 - ▶ Make a scrapbook of pictures showing your group having fun while making the project activities in the manual.

- ▶ Visit a lumberyard. Observe the many different types of wood. How is the wood store? What sounds do you hear? What kinds of smells do you notice? Talk to one of the workers to find out what they do. Draw a picture of what you found out.
 - ▶ Make a poster with pictures of your group planting a tree.
 - ▶ Make an art collage out of things collected on a walk in the woods. You can do this by yourself or you can do this as a group mural.
 - ▶ Go on an alphabet scavenger hunt. Look for things in the forest that begin with each letter of the alphabet. Make an alphabet book using the items you find.
 - ▶ Make a poster or book showing things people can do to help trees or showing things people use that come from trees.
 - ▶ Write a story or poem about your favorite tree.
- **Gardening** – Your exhibit will be one plant in a pot (no larger than 10 inches in diameter). You must have taken care of your plant for at least the last two months before judging.
- ▶ A chia pet you have grown can be substituted for the potted plant.
 - ▶ A plate with a maximum of three vegetables.
 - ▶ A scrapbook of pictures of different types of vegetables. Label each vegetable with its name.
- **Health** – Exhibit one of the following items:
- ▶ Draw a picture or make a collage of people doing activities to be physically fit.
 - ▶ Draw a picture or make a collage of what your family does when working or playing together.
 - ▶ Draw a picture or make a collage of what you might see on a bicycle outing with your family or friends.
 - ▶ A first aid kit you put together.
- **Horse and Pony** – Future 4-H'ers **MUST BE IN THE SECOND GRADE TO ENROLL IN THE HORSE AND PONY PROJECT**. Future 4-H'ers should participate in Horse & Pony club meetings. **There are no riding, halter or showmanship classes provided for Future 4-H'ers at the LaGrange County 4-H Fair.**
- **Models** – Here is a list of projects that can be shown at the 4-H Fair. Pick one project you would like to exhibit.
- ▶ Make one snap together plastic model. Do not glue or paint your model.
 - ▶ Make a model made out of clay or Popsicle sticks.
 - ▶ Make a model using two to four different items of your choice. Examples: clay, toothpicks, sticks, ceramics, sugar cubes, etc.
 - ▶ Visit a museum and look around at different models. Write a short report on your visit. Here are some things that you might want to put in your report: What kind of models did you see? Ask someone who works at the museum how they build their models or do they buy them already done? What was your favorite model? Why did you like this model? How big was it? How big would the real life item be?
 - ▶ Make a model using many different items of your choice.

- ▶ Make a model background to display your model. Example: Paint a shoebox so that a plastic model looks like it is driving down the road, across the field, through the water or the air.
- **My Pet and Me** – Caring for an animal is fun. In this project, you get to share your pet with pictures and stories on a poster you put together.
 - First year – Exhibit a poster, 14" high and 22" wide, covered with clear plastic, with a hard backing. Your poster is to have 1 to 3 educational pictures, and a half to full-page story about your pet along with a record of time spent. Examples might be: animal selecting, care, feeding, equipment needed, or any combination of these.
 - Second year – Exhibit a poster, 14" high and 22" wide, covered with clear plastic, with a hard backing. Your poster is to have 3 to 5 educational pictures, and a full-page story about your pet. Your story should answer the following questions: type of animal, name, what you feed it, and something that is special about your pet.
- **Plants and Flowers** – Here is a list of projects that can be shown at the 4-H Fair. Choose ONE project you would like to try.
 - ▶ Three cut flowers in a vase. The flowers can be the same kind or different kinds. Attach a small label that tells the kind of flower.
 - ▶ A flowering plant in a pot. Attach a small label that tells the kind of flower plant.
 - ▶ A house plant. Attach a small label that tells the kind of plant.
 - ▶ A cacti. Attach a small label that tells the kind of cacti.
 - ▶ Exhibit a colored flower. (see manual for directions)
 - ▶ Make a poster that shows the different parts of a plant.
 - ▶ Find at least three pictures of flowers. Write the name of the flower next to it. You can use the flowers in the manual. Put the pictures in a self-made notebook.
 - ▶ Make a plant maze. Bring the shoebox maze with the plant inside. See manual for direction.
- **Reading-** This project is a good way for families to build valuable literacy skills together. Future 4-H'ers should read book(s) of their choice as well as selection(s) from the Indiana Recommended Reading List. Here are some exhibit options:
 - ▶ Make a poster about a favorite book.
 - ▶ Make a poster that would encourage people to read.
 - ▶ Design a book jacket for a favorite book.
 - ▶ Make a scrapbook, chart or poster of interesting words or expressions found in a book.
 - ▶ Make a map that shows the locations of favorite stories from one land or from around the world.
 - ▶ Make a puppet or mask of a favorite book character using inexpensive materials like paper mache, cloth, old socks, paper bags, etc.
- **Sewing** – Here is a list of projects that can be shown at the 4-H Fair. Choose ONE project you would like to try. You do not have to complete them in any order. A sewing machine is not needed for this project.
 - ▶ Sewing Kit – You may want to include a few items in your sewing kit that you will

- ▶ be using with your future sewing project.
 - ▶ Pin Cushion. Kool Cat and Honey Bear.
 - ▶ Matching Practice Pages. Attach your practice pages to a poster.
 - ▶ Throw Pillow – Exhibit one pillow that you have made.
- **Sun, Stars, & Space** – Here is a list of projects that can be shown at the 4-H Fair. Pick one project you would like to exhibit.
- ▶ Make a solar system mobile. You may use any materials that you want. Make sure that you label each planet.
 - ▶ Exhibit the asteroid you made in activity 3 of your manual.
 - ▶ Exhibit the comet that you made in activity 4 of your manual.
 - ▶ Make a model or poster of the shuttle. Label the main parts of the shuttle.
 - ▶ Make a poster showing one or two different constellations. You can use the ones in the manual or can find new ones.
 - ▶ Make a poster about one or two different planets. Label the planets and tell something about them. You can use the information in this manual or find your own.
 - ▶ Make a poster about Planet X. Be creative. If you were going to visit this planet, what would you find?
- **Wildlife** – Listed here are the projects you can exhibit at the fair. Choose one project each year and bring it to the fair for judging.
- ▶ Bird Poster
 - ▶ Birds Mobile
 - ▶ Bird Feeder
 - ▶ Paper Airplane
 - ▶ Three Insects
 - ▶ Bird Watching Chart Poster
 - ▶ Animal Characteristics Poster
- **Livestock & Future Showmanship**
- Future 4-H Club members should attend club meetings if the project is organized as a county club. All livestock members need to complete a record sheet and submit it to their project superintendent 24 hours prior to their show or they will not be permitted to exhibit at the show. (Refer to Fair Book or barn superintendent for schedule of showmanship event.) Future 4-H members will NOT bring their animals to the fair but will be responsible for making arrangements with a 4-H member to borrow his or her livestock project to show during the fair. The Future 4-H members should have spent some time working with that animal prior to the fair under the guidance of a 4-H member/family. **Each Future 4-H livestock member will be expected to have a parent/guardian present during their livestock showmanship. Members may be prevented from showing if they have not completed their record sheet, made arrangements for an animal to show and have a parent/guardian present during the show. Parents should familiarize**

themselves with the State 4-H policy regarding Future Showmanship and that they are aware of the potential risks associated with showmanship.

Showmanship Safety Policy for Future 4-H

The safety and well being of our 4-H youth is of the utmost importance. Although Future 4-H is specified as the time when a child may begin participation in some 4-H events and activities, parents are encouraged to take into consideration their child's physical and mental development before agreeing to let the child begin to show, work with, or care for animals. Each child matures at a different rate, and children in grades 1-2 may still be too young to begin showing, working with, or caring for animals. The State 4-H Youth Department at Purdue University has agreed to allow Future 4-H members to participate in some animal projects subject to certain conditions.

Each county may determine its own programs, classes, and participation requirements subject to the following safety guidelines: "Future 4-H members will be allowed to show, work with, or care for animal projects after their parent or legal guardian has signed a liability release. Future 4-H members may independently show, work with, or care for animals that weigh 300 pounds or less. Future 4-H members may only show, work with, or care for animals over 300 pounds when they are assisted by a parent, legal guardian, or another adult designated in writing by parent or legal guardian." (*The word assisted means that the adult has control of the animal at all times.*)

Future 4-H members exhibiting Draft Horses must wear ASTM or SEI standard F1163 (or above) certified helmets whenever driving. The 4-H member is responsible to see that this specified headgear is properly fitted with the approved harness in place and fastened whenever a youth is driving.

If the guidelines as stated in this policy are not followed for a particular event or activity, then such an event or activity shall not be considered a 4-H event or activity and shall not be under the auspices of or sanctioned by the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service or the LaGrange County 4-H Club Association.