

LAWRENCE COUNTY CLOVERBUD 4-H PROGRAM

Boys and girls in Kindergarten and at least 5 years of age up to 2nd grade (as of January 1 current year), may enroll in 4-H and are considered 4-H members. These boys and girls are called "Cloverbuds". The goal of the Ohio 4-H Cloverbuds Program is the development of youth in grades K-2 to become capable, competent, caring and contributing citizens.

Specific Program Objectives:

Cloverbuds participating in the Ohio 4-H program will:

1. Develop self understanding and confidence through positive and cooperation based learning environments.
2. Experience achievement through an age appropriate and success oriented activity based curriculum.
3. Develop positive attitudes to self, family and community through cooperative learning, positive social interaction, and immediate feedback reinforcement in a wide variety of short term experiences.

The following guidelines must be followed for Cloverbuds to enroll in 4-H in Lawrence County.

1. An existing 4-H club can have Cloverbuds in their club. It is optional to the existing 4-H club advisors whether or not they include Cloverbuds in their club.
 - a. There must be a separate volunteer(s)/advisor (s) to work with the Cloverbuds.
 - b. As the traditional 4-H club meets, this advisor (s) will meet with the Cloverbuds.
 - c. Cloverbuds are not to be involved in the regular 4-H club meeting, they should work on their Cloverbud activities during the normal meeting.
 - d. Cloverbuds will not hold a 4-H club office.
2. Organizational advisors must indicate on their enrollment sheet which volunteer(s) is working with the Cloverbuds. They must comply with requirements of the volunteer application and screening process.
3. Cloverbuds must use the Ohio K-2 curriculum materials, available in the Extension Office; or materials meeting the state cloverbud curriculum guidelines.
4. All activities and projects will be done in a non competitive manner. Research indicates strongly that learning experiences for 5 to 8 year old youth should be cooperative, not competitive.
5. Cloverbud advisors are encouraged to involve parents in all programs and activities. Parental involvement is critical for the successful learning experience of the 4-H'ers.
6. Cloverbuds cannot participate in any overnight 4-H activity including 4-H Camp.

7. Cloverbuds can participate in non-competitive speeches, demonstrations, illustrated talks and poster displays at the club level. Advisors are expected to utilize age-appropriate, cooperation based methods to feedback and recognition, while minimizing failure.

CLOVERBUDS AT THE COUNTY FAIR

1. May exhibit their project or a poster (representing their project) in the club booth.
2. Bring their project to an interview of a "show and tell" nature. Participation awards will be awarded equally to all Cloverbuds. There will be no competition among Cloverbuds or Cloverbuds and older 4-H'ers.
3. Bring completed information sheet to be placed in Cloverbud Booth.
4. Cloverbuds cannot participate in any fair activities (other than booth and parade) that older traditional 4-H'ers participate in.
5. Cloverbuds cannot participate in any livestock or market projects.
6. Cloverbuds will not receive any type of premiums from the Fair Board.

CLOVERBUD BARNYARD & PET PARADE

1. Registration sheets for the pet parade along with proof of shots for dogs & cats must be turned in from June 2 to July 1. Forms can be turned in at the Cloverbud Day Camp, June 2 or at Skillathons July 1, or anytime before July 1 to the County Extension Office.
2. Exhibit animals must be restrained (carried, caged, on a leash, etc.) animals cannot be loose in the show ring.
3. One animal per exhibitor will be permitted.
4. Animal exhibited cannot be a currently registered 4-H/FFA project animal.
5. Costumes for cloverbud exhibitors are encouraged. Hard shoes are required for safety purposes.
6. Animals exhibited cannot weigh more than the cloverbud exhibitor
7. Entries may be rejected or modified due to safety or other concerns at the discretion of show officials. If you are uncertain about your cloverbud's planned exhibit, you should ask the Extension Office Staff before turning in the registration sheet.
8. Animals will not be housed in the 4-H Barn. Bring animals for the show only.

ALL DOGS BROUGHT ON THE FAIR GROUNDS MUST HAVE CURRENT, UP-TO-DATE SHOTS AND A DOG LICENSE. A SHOT RECORD MUST BE OBTAINED AT THE LAWRENCE COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE AND SIGNED BY A VETERINARIAN FOR DOGS AND CATS.

