

LAWRENCE COUNTY CLOVERBUD 4-H PROGRAM

Boys and girls in Kindergarten and at least 5 years of age AND in Kindergarten 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 a project or a poster (representing their project) in the club booth.
2. Can participate in any Cloverbud approved activities: 4-H Parade on Monday, Cloverbud Fun Skillathon on Tuesday, Cloverbud Rodeo on Wednesday, Cloverbud Veggie Show and Tale on Thursday and Cloverbud Cornhole Tournament on Friday.
3. Cloverbuds cannot participate in any fair activities (other than booth and parade) that older traditional 4-H'ers participate in.
4. Cloverbuds cannot participate in any livestock or market projects.
5. They do not need to bring anything for the activities except a vegetable to decorate on Thursday.
6. Cloverbuds will not receive any type of premiums from the Fair Board.