

4-H Cloverbuds



About the Cloverbud Program

The 4-H Cloverbud program exists as a distinctive component within the total 4-H youth development program. It is designed as a non-formal approach to developing the confidence, social skills, decision making abilities, subject matter knowledge and physical skills of 5-8 year old youth. As youth begin their 4-H Cloverbud experience, they take part in a unique blend of activities and opportunities specially designed for their age level.

Who Can Be a Cloverbud?

Any Ohio youth, age five as of January 1, and in kindergarten through second grade, may enroll in the Ohio 4-H Cloverbud program.

What Is the Difference Between Cloverbuds and Older 4-H Members?

Type of Learning

- Cloverbud learning is activity centered.
- Older member learning is project based.



Type of Instruction

- Cloverbud Instruction is leader directed.
- Older members receive instruction from a leader and through self-study.

Learning Resources

- Cloverbud activities come from an approved statewide curriculum, or may use materials following the Cloverbud program parameters guidelines.
- Older members utilize project manuals or other materials designed for their age group.

Who Teaches Cloverbuds?

Much of the Cloverbud program is guided by adult volunteers. Adult and teen volunteers guiding the Cloverbud program receive specific educational instruction on how to work with this particular age group.

What Is Expected of a Cloverbud Volunteer?

Specific responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- being committed to young people;
 - following the guidelines and policies of the Ohio 4-H Cloverbud program;
 - assisting members in all 4-H learning experiences;
 - maintaining open communication with other volunteers and the Extension Office;
 - helping the members select appropriate activities;
 - encouraging parents and other guardians to support their child's involvement and activities while in the program; and,
 - participating in appropriate volunteer development opportunities.
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Resources

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