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# Cloverbuds

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## Who are Cloverbuds?

4-H members who are five, six or seven by December 31 of the previous year.

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## What do Cloverbuds do?

4-H Cloverbuds programs are:

- activity-focused and not project-focused
- built on cooperative learning, rather than competitive activities
- varied to develop specific skills or concepts

4-H Cloverbuds members participate in occasional, non-competitive, sampler-type, age-appropriate, properly supervised events or activities sponsored or conducted by 4-H groups.

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## Why Cloverbuds?

The overall purpose of the 4-H Cloverbuds program is to foster the development of life skills that are essential for the cognitive, social, emotional and physical maturation of Kindergarten through 3rd graders by providing a unique educational opportunity.

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## Program Components:

Cloverbuds may exhibit or showcase in a noncompetitive event or can feature items from their group activities. They do not participate in activities involving handling of animals. They are not eligible to receive premium funds as a result of exhibition. They may receive ribbons for participation, but not regular 4-H ribbons.



## Additional Info:

Cloverbud age youth and younger are not allowed to participate in any 4-H Shooting Sports activity which include rifle, pistol, shotgun, archery, muzzleloader, western heritage, or hunting disciplines.

Cloverbuds do not conduct formal business meetings or elect officers. They do have structured routines.



For more information about 4-H Cloverbuds in your community, contact your local CSU Extension Office.



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## Resources:

- [Cloverbuds Program Manual](#)
- [Cloverbuds Activity Packet](#)