

What do Cloverbuds do?

- Participate in a 4-H club with a trained Cloverbud leader
- Participate in some county 4-H activities (described online in 4-H newsletters)
 1. Cloverbud Camp
 2. 4-H Carnival
 3. Creative Cooks
 4. Cake Decorating Contest
 5. 4-H Fashion Revue
 6. Larimer County Fair
 7. Demonstration Contest
 8. Performing Arts Contest
 9. Cat Show (stuffed animals only)

4-H is a **community** of **young people** across **America** who are learning **leadership, citizenship** and **life skills.**



What does it cost?

- There is an annual 4-H enrollment fee which includes registration for Cloverbud Camp and curriculum materials.

Rationale for Cloverbud Policy:

A “developmentally appropriate” program is one that is based on the general characteristics of an age group and adapts to meet the individual needs of each child. Sometimes a 4-H Cloverbuds member will be physically capable of doing something but will not be able to understand the reason for the process or the result. Participation in that activity would be just as inappropriate as participation in an activity that is unsafe because of physical limitations.

Information on the National 4-H policy regarding Cloverbuds:

<http://www.national4-hheadquarters.gov/library/fs-cloverbuds-02-08.pdf>

For Questions regarding Cloverbuds or Cloverbud Kits Please Contact
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Who are Cloverbuds?

- **4-H members who are five , six or seven by December 31, 2012**

Purpose:

- Foster the development of life skills essential for cognitive, social, emotional and physical development
- Focus on cooperative leaning rather than competition
- Provide activity focused, developmentally appropriate experiences
- Priorities include participation, safety, personal development, learning and fun

Policies for Cloverbud Participation:

- 4-H Cloverbuds members are recognized as 4-H members for the purposes of enrollment, they are considered to be in a special membership category with regard to program and policy. As a result, the 4-H Cloverbuds program is fundamentally different than general membership in 4-H.
- Cloverbuds members do not participate in the ongoing, planned series of activities, whether it is a 4-H Shooting Sports program (e.g. archery, air gun, hunting, etc.), science project, an animal project (e.g. raising of cows, sheep) or any of the project areas of 4-H.
- In general, the handling of animals (large or small) requires discipline and motor skills that have yet to be fully developed in most children in the K-3 age range and when coupled with the unpredictable behavior of animals, does not provide the optimal safe educational environment.

Educational Cloverbud Kits:

- Curriculum materials available for Cloverbud leaders (LL100)
- 60 Cloverbud kits with a children's book, small and gross motor skill activities and the supplies needed to do those activities. These kits are available at the Larimer County Extension Office, to parents and leaders.

What if my 4-H club doesn't have a Cloverbud leader?

- Not every 4-H club will have a Cloverbud leader
- Parent/guardians are expected to be involved with Cloverbud members. You have access to Clover bud kits that you can use