



Cloverbud 4-H

What is Cloverbuds?

- § a non-competitive membership opportunity for younger members
- § an exploratory program where members participate in activities in many different subject areas
- § opportunity to learn life skills, increase self esteem and have fun
- § intended to foster parent/child relationships through educational programming

Who are Cloverbuds?

- § Youngsters who are five, six or seven by December 31, 2011 regardless of race, color, creed, gender, national origin or handicapping condition

What can Cloverbuds do?

- § participate in 4-H clubs that have a trained Cloverbud leader
- § participate with involved parents/guardians
- § participate in the following County 4-H Activities (described in 4-H newsletters)
 1. 4-H Carnival
 2. Cloverbud Camp
 3. Creative Cooks Contest
 4. 4-H Fashion Revue
 5. Cake Decorating Contest
 6. Larimer County Fair
 7. County Demonstration Contest
 8. County Performing Arts Contest
 9. County Horse Bowl
 10. Cat Show (stuffed animals only)

What resources are available for Cloverbuds?

- § Cloverbud curriculum materials, (Cloverbud Leader=s Manual - LL1000)
- § 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 Cooperative Extension Office, to parents and leaders.

What does it cost?

- § An enrollment fee each year which includes registration for Cloverbud Camp and curriculum materials

What are the policies for Cloverbud participation?

- § Colorado State University 4-H Youth Development programs do not allow, support or recommend the following for youth under the age of eight:
 - § large animal activities and projects, including but not limited to cattle, sheep, swine, and horses (including horseback riding;
 - § small animal projects and activities
 - § shooting sports and model rocketry sports activities and projects

Exploratory activities where the youth under eight does not have contact with animals or firearms are acceptable. These might include reading about, studying and observing animal behavior and events or reading shooting information and observing events

What is the rationale for this policy?

- § child is not mature enough to separate failure from personal feelings about self
- § inadequate development of judgment ability
- § inadequate firearm safety and capabilities
- § lack of insurance coverage
- § lack of maturity to handle emergency situations
- § less developed physical abilities, like eye-hand coordination, muscle strength, balance
- § limited understanding of animal behavior
- § short attention span, but can complete very simple projects

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

- § not every 4-H club will have a trained Cloverbud leader
- § parents/guardians are expected to be involved with Cloverbud members. You have access to Cloverbud kits that you can use with your children.

How do I access Cloverbud kits or have my questions about Cloverbuds answered?

Contact Larimer County Extension Office
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