**Lincoln-Logan-McPherson County Clover Kid**

**Curriculum Guide**

Welcome to the 4‐H Clover Kid project in Lincoln, Logan, and McPherson Counties!

**Purpose:**

Clover Kids is the officially recognized 4-H program for children under the age of 8. The program is designed to provide 5 to 7 year olds a variety of educational and recreational experiences in a non-competitive environment. Clover Kids provide an excellent opportunity for youth to achieve his/her highest potential because early life experiences affect future development. The primary goal is to promote the child's stages of development - intellectually, physically, socially, and emotionally.

**Age Regulation:**

The first year of eligibility of participation in the 4‐H Clover Kid program is the calendar year the youth is 5 years old on January 1.  The last year of eligibility of participation is the calendar year the youth is 7 years old on January 1.



**What do Clover Kids do?**

·Explore science with simple science experiments

·Practice communication skills

·Strengthen motor skills through arts and crafts

·Make friends and learn to work with peers

·and much more!

Clover Kids Resources (available from the Extension Office or at the following link) <https://child.unl.edu/4-h-clover-kids-program>

Clover Kids will have the opportunity to have their projects judged at the Lincoln, Logan, or McPherson County Fair, with all exhibits receiving participation ribbons. For more information on the 4‐H Clover Kid program, contact the Nebraska Extension – Lincoln-Logan-McPherson County Office.

**Projects**

**Leap Into Careers**

These activities are designed to explore various careers and to learn the importance of good money management, understand the importance of saving and learn to make wise consumer choices.

* **Printed/Web Resources** 
  + 4H2000 LEAP Into Careers available for purchase at <https://marketplace.unl.edu/ne4h/leap-into-careers.html>
  + Additional resources available at: <https://child.unl.edu/4-h-clover-kids-program>
* **Fair Exhibits** 
  + Career Poster
  + Career Story
  + Counting Coins: After learning to count coins and understand the importance of saving, create an exhibit to help save money (ex. Piggy bank). Exhibit can be made from any recycled materials and decorated.

**Family Celebrations Around the World**

Every family has celebrations! Family Celebrations will help children learn more about those celebrations in their own country and around the world.

* **Printed/Web Resources** 
  + 4H1485 Family Celebrations From Around the World Member's Packet <https://4h.unl.edu/documents/FamilyCelebrations.pdf>
* **Fair Exhibits** 
  + Mexican Pinata: Exhibit without candy inside and hang on a clothes hanger
  + Carp Kite: (Windsock) Attach to a clothes hanger.
  + China Dolls
  + Name Art: On 8 1/2" X 11" paper, create your name using different materials. Mother’s Day/Father’s Day/Grandparents Day Mini Poster: Using a half sheet of poster board (11" X 14") design a mini poster about mom, dad, or a grandparent and you. A story, poem, or pictures may be used.

**Making Food for Me**

In this project, you will learn how to safely prepare food; use proper table setting and appropriate manners; discover common kitchen utensils and how to use them; learn the health benefits of each food group, beverages, and combination foods; create balanced meals using MyPlate.

* **Printed/Web Resources**
  + “Making Food for Me” Youth Manual
  + “Making Food for Me” Helper’s Guide CD
  + (Both are available at <https://marketplace.unl.edu/ne4h/curriculum/clover-kids>)
  + Additional resources available at: <https://child.unl.edu/4-h-clover-kids-program>
* **Fair Exhibits**
  + Protein Collage: Neatly cut and paste pictures of protein sources and foods onto a collage.
  + Healthy Snack: Be creative and come up with your own healthy snack! Exhibit in sealable plastic bag. No perishable items, snack must not be required to be refrigerated.
  + Cookies: Four cookies on a paper plate.
  + No Bake Cookies: Four cookies on a paper plate.
  + Photo Story: 3-5 pictures on a poster board showing the process of making food.
  + Making Food for Me Placemat: p.12‐13. Remove from book, draw pictures, or cut pictures from magazines as examples for each food group. Color or decorate the rest of the poster. The end project may be mounted on a larger piece of construction paper or laminated.
  + Cookie Jar: Decorated jar with 2 dozen homemade cookies inside. Cookie jar will be auctioned off.

**Theatre Arts**

Are you ready to learn about theatre arts? In this project you will have adventures with acting, putting on costumes and making puppets. You will learn how to move in fun ways, create a play and much more. But theatre arts are not all/you will be doing. You will also learn more about yourself, too. You will learn things you can use all your life, like communicating with others, expressing yourself, making decisions and solving problems.

* **Print/Web Resources**
  + Clover Kid Theatre Arts Supplement found at <https://child.unl.edu/4-h-clover-kids-program>
* **Fair Exhibits**
  + Homemade Puppet: Any puppet
  + Picture Story: Drawn on 8 ½ X 11” paper.

**Cloverkid Designs**

Youth will learn the design basics and begin exploring how to create one-of-a-kind garments to wear.

* **Print/Web Resources**
  + STEAM Clothing: Beyond the Needle Manual may be purchased at <https://shop4-h.org/collections/steam-clothing-curriculum-series/products/steam-clothing-curriculum-beyond-the-needle>
* **Fair Exhibits**
  + Cloverkid Design: Clothing Item decorated by youth using any materials
  + Tie-Dye Shirt
  + Fashion Show: Model your Cloverkid Design or Tie-Dye Shirt for the judge and in the Public Fashion Show

**Aerospace**

In this project you find out how birds and aircraft fly, learn about jobs in aviation and space, and design and make a spacecraft.

* **Print/Web Resources**
  + NATL4H06842 Aerospace 1: Pre-Flight available for purchase at: <https://shop4-h.org/collections/science-technology-engineering-math-curriculum>
  + NATL4H06846 Aerospace Helper's Guide available for purchase at: <https://shop4-h.org/collections/science-technology-engineering-math-curriculum>
  + 4H503 Rockets Away available for purchase at: <https://extensionpubs.osu.edu/rockets-away-a-fun-approach-to-exploring-the-science-of-rocketry-solid-fuel-model-rockets/>
  + Aerospace Pre-Flight Supplement, Astronaut Adventures, and Aerospace Activity available at: <https://child.unl.edu/4-h-clover-kids-program>
* **Fair Exhibits**
  + Poster pertaining to flight
  + Collage
  + Space Craft
  + Marshmallow rocket: Placed in a self-sealing bag or covered with plastic wrap
  + Airplane Drawing

**A Space for Me**

This is a project all about you and the special places in your home – your corner! You will learn how to take care of “your corner” and ways to have an attractive space. You will learn about color, texture, shape and how to use them in “your corner” and your home. You will also learn to express your creativity in the things you make for you in your home!

* **Printed/Web Resources** 
  + “*A Space for Me*” can be purchased on‐line at <https://marketplace.unl.edu/ne4h/curriculum/clover-kids>
  + Additional resources available at: <https://child.unl.edu/4-h-clover-kids-program>
* **Fair Exhibits**
  + Treasure Board
  + Storage Box/Holder/Container
  + No Sew Pillow
  + Coat Hook or Hanger
  + Laundry Basket or Hamper
  + Draft Stopper
  + Painted Picture
  + Color Wheel
  + Scratch Art: Youth will create a reverse picture and experiment with black and color crayons.
  + Wall Hanging

**First Aid**

In this project, youth will learn about basic first aid and gather items that would be needed in a first aid kit.

* **Fair Exhibits**
  + First Aid Kit
  + First Aid Poster

**Fire Safety**

In this project, children will learn about and develop a fire safety plan with their families and learn what to do in the event of a fire.

* **Fair Exhibits**
  + Fire Safety Drawing
  + Fire Escape Plan Poster

**Bicycle Adventures**

In this project, you can find out the importance of wearing a helmet; learn how to control the bike; practice hand signals and safe riding practices; and learn how to report an emergency.

* **Printed/Web Resources**
  + Bicycle Adventures Supplement available at <https://child.unl.edu/4-h-clover-kids-program>
* **Fair Exhibits**
  + Hand Signal Poster

**Horticulture**

The horticulture project will give Clover Kids the opportunity to plant, grow and care for vegetables, flowers and gardens.

* **Printed/Web Resources**
  + 4H417 The World of Flowers available for purchase at: <https://marketplace.unl.edu/ne4h/the-world-of-flowers.html>
  + 4H334 Everyone a Gardener available for purchase at: <https://marketplace.unl.edu/ne4h/curriculum/plantscience/4h334.html>
  + Additional resources available at: <https://child.unl.edu/4-h-clover-kids-program>
* **Fair Exhibits**
  + Seed Mosaic
  + Watch It Grow Flower/ Vegetables/ Fruit: Exhibit the number of chosen vegetables, flowers, or fruit as specified in the horticulture division of the fairbook.

**Outdoor Discovery**

Just Outside Your Door will help children explore the environment

outside their door. They will explore weather, insects, fruits, seeds, water and birds.

* **Printed/Web Resources**
  + Resources available at <https://child.unl.edu/4-h-clover-kids-program>
* **Fair Exhibits**
  + Weather and Safety Poster/Project
  + Birdhouse/Feeder
  + Water Safety Poster/Project
  + Exploring Nature: ex. Go on a hike and make a collage of what youth learned on the hike.
  + An Insects Life: Ex. Collage of what goes on with an insect/about one, or bring in a bug house showcasing insects.
  + Let’s Get Outdoors Scavenger Hunt: Scavenger Hunt available at the Extension Office. Youth will create a picture collage of these outdoor objects.

**Animal Science**

The Animal Project will give Clover Kids the opportunity to care for, show and/or exhibit bucket calves, lambs, goats, rabbits, poultry, dogs, and other small pet exhibits. They can find out about farm animals and pets, provide short-term care for an animal and learn about animal feeds. They learn what pets need to be happy and healthy.

* **Printed/Web Resources**
  + Resources available at <https://child.unl.edu/4-h-clover-kids-program>
* **Fair Static Exhibits**
  + Animal Poster - Critter Drawing. On an 8½” x 11” paper, draw an animal and identify animal parts
  + Animal Story - Handwritten and/or picture story telling how you care for an animal.
  + Animal Sculpture – Make a sculpture of your favorite animal using any type of modeling medium (i.e., clay, play dough, bread dough)
  + Article for Animal – Ex. Dog toy, scratch post, leash, collar, etc
* **Fair Live Animal Exhibits**
  + Each cloverkid may bring one entry per species in the classes listed below.
  + Cloverkids may share an animal owned and properly identified by an older sibling in Lincoln, Logan, and McPherson counties. All animals must meet health requirements. All animals need County Only Tag or Registration Tattoo and animal ID sheet.
  + Dogs and cats must be properly vaccinated and the 4-H vaccination sheet must be completed.
  + Dog Showmanship
  + Dog Obedience
  + Dog Agility
  + Dog Rally
  + Dog Costume
  + Companion Animal Showmanship
  + Poultry Showmanship (not eligible for market broilers)
  + Chicken Agility
  + Rabbit Showmanship (not eligible for meat pen)
  + Bucket Calf (will not be stalled at Fair)
  + Sheep Showmanship
  + Goat Showmanship