

CLOVER KIDS

DEPARTMENT J - CLOVER KIDS

Participation Ribbon \$2.25

The 4-H Clover Kids program is for youth who are 5, 6 or 7 by January 1, 2026. Clover Kids exhibitors must be enrolled in a 4-H club or as an individual 4-H member.

All Clover Kids exhibits to be entered into the 4-H Building must be pre-entered by June 12, 2026. Clover Kids projects (except animals) are to be entered on Wednesday, July 15 between 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Projects can also be entered on Tuesday night from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. An individual exhibitor will be limited to no more than 1 entry per class except for classes 42, 43, 45 & 46. All projects will receive a clover kid participation ribbon. Items are to be made by the 4-H member.

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Family Celebrations Around the World

CLASS 1 - A sign with your name and its meaning.

CLASS 2 - A scrapbook about your family's culture such as food or traditions.

Theater Arts I

CLASS 3 - A puppet

CLASS 4 - A picture of yourself in a costume you helped plan.

Making Foods For Me

CLASS 5 - Making Food For Me Placemat - Colored and decorated. Lamination or protection with clear contact paper advised. (Center page in Making Food For Me manual)

CLASS 6 - Food Cards - Neatly cut and color Food Cards, in self-sealing plastic bag or other secure container. (Pages 67-69 Leaders Guide)

CLASS 7 - Grain Collage - Neatly cut and paste pictures of grains cut out and displayed on collage. No larger than 11 inches x 14 inches. (Page 40 Leaders Guide)

CLASS 8 - Dairy Tasting Party - Complete Dairy Tasting Party form from Project Book (Page 17). May be copied or cut from manual.

CLASS 9 - Protein Collage - Neatly cut and paste pictures of protein sources and foods displayed on collage. No larger than 11 inches x 14 inches. (Page 53 of Leaders Guide)

CLASS 10 - Healthy Snack - Four cookies, bars, muffins, etc. on a paper plate or at least 1 cup of mix in a self-sealing bag. (Examples might include: snack mix made from a cereal base, no-bake or simple cookie or granola bar). Include recipe.

Bicycle Adventures

CLASS 11 - Picture of you on your bicycle.

CLASS 12 - Poster about bicycle safety.

A Space for Me

CLASS 13 - Sponge painted picture.

CLASS 14 - Created and/or decorated storage box.

CLASS 15 - No Sew Pillow

CLASS 16 - Treasure Board (This is a bulletin board meant to hold pictures, notes & other special small items. It can be made with cardboard or poster board. No larger than 11 inches x 14 inches).

Just Outside the Door

CLASS 17 - Model or drawing of an insect.

CLASS 18 - Scrapbook or notebook with pictures of birds.

CLASS 19 - Treasure Hunt Collage. (No larger than 11 inches x 14 inches)

CLASS 20 - Bird Feeder - Any homemade bird feeder using recycled products.

CLASS 21 - Growing Seed. A growing seed you have planted. Can be planted in any small container.

Aerospace I

CLASS 22 - Marshmallow rocket

CLASS 23 - Story about space exploration.

Beyond the Needle

CLASS 24 - Decorated T-shirt or other clothing item.

CLASS 25 - Decorated clothing accessory (examples are shoes, belt, hair accessory).

Photography

CLASS 26 - Three of your favorite pictures you have taken. Mount the 4 inch x 6 inch photos on 11 inch x 14 inch poster board.

Cake Decorating

CLASS 27 - Four cupcakes decorated with confections. Display cupcakes on a plate.

CLASS 28 - Two decorated Gingerbread people on a plate in a self-sealing bag.

CLASS 29 - A decorated 4 inch cookie or cardboard circle on a plate.

Leap into Careers

CLASS 30 - Picture of you with someone at their job. Please include one sentence stating career name and how you know the person. (Please do not include actual names. Example - My Dad farming in his tractor.)

Exploring Animals

Clover Kid livestock showmanship will happen as part of the species livestock show (e.g. calves during the beef show on Friday). Clover Kid showmanship classes will be the last class of showmanship for each species.

Clover Kids are allowed to exhibit ONE animal of each species. Species include: calf (dairy or beef), sheep, swine, goat, poultry, rabbit, cat and small pet. Clover Kid animal exhibits are to be no more than 350 pounds at time of show. (No dogs can be exhibited.)

Clover Kid animal entries MUST abide by the "Care of Exhibits" and "Livestock/Animal Health Requirements" found in the General and Animal Rules and Regulations and by the "Dress Code" for the species exhibited. Entries must follow rules and requirements of each species division (e.g. cats must be 4 months of age or older.)

Exhibition will consist of judge's discussions with youth based on their knowledge of the care and raising of the animal.

The 4-H Clover Kid Class will be noncompetitive. All exhibitors will receive the same premium (\$2.25) and a participation ribbon.

Animals are not required to be housed on the fairgrounds during the fair, they may just be brought in and taken home on the day of the show. Exhibitors may house their animals at the fairgrounds, but they must notify Extension Staff prior to pre-entry deadline (for stalling purposes). If exhibitors choose to keep their animals at the fairgrounds, they must follow all livestock rules listed under the General Rules of the Colfax County fair book (e.g. animals must stay for the duration of the fair and cannot leave the fairgrounds until 6:00 p.m. on Sunday of the fair.)

Clover Kids showing livestock (classes 31-39) must inform the Superintendent of that species of your intentions to show your animal by 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 15, 2026. Your animals will go home after the show unless other arrangements have been made with the show Superintendent.

Age, size, and temperament of animal projects must be appropriate for the exhibitor's age and size.

There **MUST** be one adult/teen volunteer (preferable family) present for every Clover Kid member that is handling or exhibiting animals. This applies to **ALL** animal projects.

Clover Kids must ID and pre-enter all livestock exhibits with the Extension Office. Animal ID sheets and pre-entry sheets can be obtained from Extension Staff.

Clover Kid mentoring program - Clover Kids may purchase their own animals to show at the Colfax County Fair. However, the Clover Kid Mentoring Program is an option for Clover Kids to show an animal without purchasing that animal.

A current Colfax County 4-H Member may share an animal with one Clover Kid throughout the year. In order to show that animal, the Clover Kid must complete the identification process and turn in their own identification sheets by proper due dates.

The goal of this program is for Clover Kids to have an opportunity to learn how to care for their animal before, during and after fair. The Clover Kid should be involved in the animal care process throughout the year and not just the day of the show.

CLASS 31 - Beef Calf Showmanship

CLASS 32 - Dairy Calf Showmanship

CLASS 33 - Sheep Showmanship

CLASS 34 - Swine Showmanship

CLASS 35 - Goat Showmanship

CLASS 36 - Rabbit Showmanship

CLASS 37 - Poultry Showmanship

CLASS 38 - Cat Showmanship

CLASS 39 - Small Pet Showmanship

CLASS 40 - Create a Critter. Make out of recycled materials. (Displayed in 4-H Building)

CLASS 41 - Animal Story. Handwritten, no more than three photos or three paragraphs. Ex: Animal Care (Displayed in 4-H Building)

Horticulture

Proper identification is the responsibility of the exhibitor. Identify the cultivar or variety before you bring your exhibit to fair.

CLASS 42 - Vegetables - May enter up to three plates of vegetables. Exhibit the number of each vegetable as specified in Vegetables Department G, Division 773, Classes 201-252.

CLASS 43 - Flowers - May enter up to three vases of flowers. See specifications on cut flower exhibits in Floriculture Department G, Division 770, Classes 1-44.

CLASS 44 - Houseplant - May enter up to one container grown plant. See specifications on container grown plants in Floriculture Department G, Division 770, Classes 60-68.

County Workshop Exhibit

CLASS 45 - County Workshop Exhibit

Club Project Exhibit

CLASS 46 - Club Project Exhibit

Contests

Clover Kids are also eligible to participate in the following contests:

Fashion Revue
Favorite Foods Revue
Horticulture Contest
Livestock Judging Contest
Presentation Contest
Tree ID Contest
Weed ID Contest
Insect ID Contest

See corresponding pages for the contests for more information and class numbers.