



Antelope County 4-H Clover Kids Handbook

Antelope County 4-H Program

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4-H Emblem:

A green four-leaf clover with a white H on each leaf. The four H's stand for head, heart, hands and health.

4-H Pledge:

I Pledge:

My Head to clearer thinking,
My Heart to greater loyalty,
My Hands to larger service,
and my Health to better living,
For my club, my community, my country, and my world.



The pledge tells what 4-H is about. The 4-H goal is the four-fold development of youth: Head, Heart, Hands and Health. The pledge was adopted by the delegates of the 1927 National 4-H Club Camp in Washington, D.C. State club leaders voted for and adopted the pledge for universal use. The phrase “and my world” was added in 1973. The saying of the pledge has a prominent place in 4-H activities, at regular 4-H meetings, achievement days and other club events.

4-H Motto: “To Make the Best Better”

The motto “To Make the Best Better” is intended to inspire young people to continue to learn and grow, to make their best efforts through participating in educational experiences.

4-H Slogan: “Learning by Doing”

The phrase “Learning by Doing” sums up the educational philosophy of the 4-H program. Young people learn best when they are involved in their learning.

4-H Colors:

The 4-H colors are green and white. Green, nature’s most prominent color, symbolizes growth. The white symbolizes purity and high ideals.

What are Clover Kids:

Clover Kids are youth that are ages 5, 6, or 7 as of January 1st of current year. The purpose of the Clover Kid program is to promote the positive development of youth to become competent, caring, contributing citizens. The learning experience is the primary reason for involvement in the program. 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.

Purpose of Clover Kid:

The primary goal is to promote the child’s stages of development – intellectually, physically, socially, and emotionally.

- Develop Self-Esteem
- Decision-Making Skills (making positive choices)
- Comprehensive Skills (learning how to learn; positive attitudes toward learning)
- Mastering Physical Skills (enjoying constructive and creative play)
- Social-Interaction Skills (getting along with others)
- Diversity Skills (acceptance of others,; exploring family and community relationships)

How to Enroll in 4-H

Each Clover Kid is required to enroll or re-enroll each year online. You must complete 4-H enrollment through the online enrollment system called 4HOnline by April 1st. To enroll, go to the following website: ne.4honline.com and follow the instructions.

1. Visit ne.4honline.com
2. If new, create a Family Profile. (remember to save password, you will use it the following years)
3. If returning, login to family profile. If you have forgotten your password, use the "I forgot my password" option. DO NOT set up a new profile.
4. Add new information or update personal information. Phone numbers, address, and email address are all very important and should be updated whenever there is a change.
5. Complete the 4-H Code of Conduct and review waivers. The waivers will include photo release. Please read Code of Conduct and waivers carefully.
6. Clubs: If you are joining a club select one that is listed, if not choose Independent. If you are interested in joining a club call our office.
7. Projects will need to be added back into profiles as they were cleared out at the state level. For Static Projects click the drop down arrow and select Clover Kids: General Clover Kids Program. If showing an animal select Clover Kids: Animal Science-Animal Caretaker. Later on you will add all projects to Showworks, they can do up to 10 static projects at fair.
8. You do not need to fill out the health information, unless you plan to do an overnight camp. (need to be 8yrs)
9. Submit enrollment on the final page.

County Fair Entry Process Showworks:

All Clover Kid Static entries and animals you will be showing must be pre-entered using the Showworks online website by the specified pre-entry date listed in the fairbook. Watch our newsletter for the web address and more information.

Recommended Dress Code:

Clover Kids for safety when showing any animal projects at the fair need to wear long pants or jeans. Closed toe shoes are required. No flip flops or sandals. Tennis shoes are okay to wear. If you would like to purchase a 4-H t-shirt you can get them at 319 Graphics & T's in Neligh.

Static Exhibits:

All non-livestock exhibits are called Static exhibits.

The purpose of Clover Kids is to promote the positive development of youth in a non-competitive manner. The learning experience is the primary purpose of the program. Clover Kids will be interviewed for just 1 of their projects that they will select. The interviews will be Tuesday the first day of fair from 4:00 pm - 7:00pm at the fairgrounds exhibit building. All Clover Kids that interview will receive a participation medallion. All of their exhibits will be entered at this time and displayed together. Projects are County Fair only. Clover Kids can enter a maximum of 10 static exhibits and will abide by the same rules for release time.

The same entry procedures and deadlines apply as they do for regular 4-H members.

Entry Tags need to be attached to each project, you can pick them up at the office right before fair. (watch for information in the Newsletter). They may participate in the 4-H Fashion Show if they sewed an item or decorated a clothing item from Consumer & Family Science.



Exhibiting Animals

Animals may stay the duration of fair but not required.

Please indicate when doing the online pre-entry (Showworks) if their animal will be staying the duration of fair or not. You can also call the office to let us know, so we can arrange stall space.

Poultry, Rabbit

- Raise Chicks or Rabbits and show them at the Antelope County Fair.
- Please notify the Office the 1st week of July if your chicken or rabbit are staying at the fair, so we can arrange stall space.

Bucket Calf, Goat, Sheep and Swine

- Clover Kids raise and show their animals at the Antelope County Fair.
- State 4-H rules prohibit Clover Kids from showing animals more than six months of age and no more than 350 lbs. Safety concerns are sighted for not showing animals beyond these guidelines. (Most feeder calves, all breeding heifers, market beef and horses will not fit in these ranges). Exhibitors are encouraged to show animals that they can control without endangering themselves, other exhibitors and spectators.
- Livestock must have proper ID papers handed into the Extension Office by June 15 and must have an official 4-H ear tag. ID paper can be found on our webpage under 4-H Members Resources.
- Bucket Calf males must be steered. Clover Kids showing a Bucket Calf do not need to complete a record book. However, if the Clover Kid is 4-H age 7 of this current year and wants to show their bucket calf as a second year for the next fair year, then they must complete a record book.
- Please notify the Office the 1st week of July if you will be stalling your calf, goat, sheep and swine, so we can arrange stall space.

Dog and Cat or Small Animals (guinea pigs, hamsters, fish, etc.)

- Clover Kids showing a dog or cat must follow the same vaccination requirements as 4-H members. (see current fairbook)

These small animals will be released immediately following their shows.

Premium – Clover Kids

(Premium checks will be mailed out in October)

All Clover Kid Static Exhibits/Activities

\$1.00 per exhibit maximum \$10

All Clover Kid Exhibiting Animals

\$1.00 coupon to 4-H Food Stand

Have fun learning and be creative!

Clover Kids Resources:

Resources are available from the Extension Office or at the following

<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/antelope/4h/>

<https://child.unl.edu/cloverkid>



This portion is from the 4-H Fairbook. These are some examples on what they can make for fair.

DEPARTMENT J - CLOVER KIDS

Clover Kids Projects

ANIMAL SCIENCE: examples, not limited to

Critter Drawing – On 8 ½" x 11" paper/cardstock, draw an animal and identify the body parts

Animal Story – Handwritten and/or photo story telling how you take care of an animal. (Display in a notebook, binder, or poster)

Animal Sculpture – Make a sculpture of your favorite animal using any type of modeling medium (i.e. clay, play dough, bread dough, etc.)

COMMUNICATION & EXPRESSIVE ART: examples, not limited to

Homemade Puppet

Computer Designed Greeting Cards

Picture Display

4-H Promotional Flyer

Picture Story



CONSUMER & FAMILY SCIENCE: examples, not limited to

Decorated Accessory

Mobile

Collage

Banner

Pencil Holder

Decorated T-Shirt

Decorative Storage Box or Container

Sewing Item: Pillow, Pillow Case, Etc.

Item Constructed From Fleece

Framed Picture

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION & EARTH SCIENCE

Bird Feeders – Any homemade bird feeder using recycled products

Water Pictures – On 8 ½" x 11" paper show what you have learned about water (any medium)

Insect Life Mobile – Create a mobile showing an insect life

Insect Model – Create your very own insect using any kind of non-edible medium & include all parts of the insect: 6 legs, one pair of antenna & 3 body sections

Seed Medallion – Use a 4" circle of cardboard and any kind of seeds to make a medallion – use string, yarn or other material to make a loop to wear.

Treasure Hunt Collage – On an 11" x 14" poster board, make a collage of items you collected outdoors

Seed Mosaic - On 8 ½" x 11" make an art piece using any type of seeds or beans

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES: examples, not limited to

Making Food for Me Placemat – Colored and decorated. Lamination or protection with clear contact paper advised. (Center page in "Save a Place For Me" project book)

Food Cards – Neatly cut and color Food Cards, place in self-sealing plastic bag or other secure container. (Pg. 67, Leaders Guide)

Grain Collage – Neatly cut and paste pictures of grains and display in a collage (Pg. 40, Leaders Guide)

Dairy Tasting Party – Completed Dairy Tasty Party form from project book (Pg. 17) May be copied or cut from manual.

Protein Collage – Neatly cut and paste pictures of protein sources and food displayed on in a collage (Pg. 53, Leaders Guide)

Healthy Snack – Four bars, muffins, etc., or at least 1 cup of snack mix on a paper plate covered by a plastic self-sealing bag. Examples might include: snack mix made from a cereal base, granola bar.

Cookies – 4 baked or no bake cookies on a plate, covered by a plastic self-sealing bag.
Table Setting Poster – On a poster no larger than 22” x 28” demonstrate table setting
Kitchen Safety Poster – On a poster no larger than 22” x 28” demonstrate kitchen safety

PLANT SCIENCE: examples, not limited to

Flowers – 3 stems of a single variety/cultivar. Use plain jars or bottles for containers. **Max entries 3**

Vegetables – Display on a paper plate. Any vegetable that you help grow in your garden.

Small vegetables – exhibit no more than 5; Large Vegetables – exhibit just 1; **Max entries 3**

Growing Seed – A growing seed you planted – can be planted in any small container

Fairy Garden – A miniature garden with an imaginative theme can only be 12” in diameter (inside open measurement)

SCIENCE, ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY: examples, not limited to

Rocket Drawing Simple Rocket

Plane Drawing Spacesuit

Marshmallow Rocket – Exhibit rocket with parts labeled

Legos – Include your name and description with the legos. **Max entries: 1 large** (large: 7 inches+), **2 small** (small is 6 inches or less) if multiple pieces in one exhibit place in a box, container or a self-sealing bag. Label the legos with your name if entry tag can’t be secured.

SAFETY: examples, not limited to

Fire Exit Plan

First Aid Kit

Bicycle Safety Poster

Bike Hand Signals Poster

Parts of a Bike



MISCELLANEOUS & OTHER ITEMS:

Choose up to 3 items completed during the current 4-H year

CLOVER KID ACTIVITIES – these activities are not part of their 10 static exhibit limit

*** if 4-H member is planning to participate in any of these activities please notify Extension Office***

- Favorite Food Revue – see current year fairbook guidelines
- Fashion Show – public Fashion Show takes place on Sunday last day of county fair
- County Challenge – see current year fairbook
- Exhibiting Animals

CLOVER KIDS SHOWMANSHIP

Livestock Showmanship

Clover Kids can exhibit one animal in each species. Clover Kids may exhibit their own animal or an animal which is also being exhibited by an older 4-H'er (sibling, fellow club member, etc.) as long as the animal meets all criteria. Clover Kids must wear proper attire, including proper footwear (boots or shoes, no sandals) and a 4-H T-shirt. The animal will be brought in the day of the show and will then go home, unless they are staying and received a stall assignment.

Animal Identification: Clover Kids must follow the Animal Identification Guidelines. It is the responsibility of the Clover Kid to request ear tags for bucket calf, goat, lamb, and swine and ID forms then return to the Extension Office by the deadline of June 15th. The Animal Identification Guidelines and ID forms may be found on our webpage. Clover Kids do not need to take Quality Assurance Training and are not eligible for Rate-of-Gain Contests.

Bucket Calf Show - Bucket calves must be no more than six (6) months of age and weigh no more than 350 pounds. A halter must be used. The calf will be shown during the 4-H Bucket Calf Show.

A Clover Kid may bring one calf to the show or use a 4-H Member's bucket calf. The child will introduce themselves and then give their calf's name and breed. The Clover Kid will be asked two or three questions about their calf following the introduction, plus will be asked to lead the calf around the ring.

The calf will be shown Thursday afternoon see fair schedule.

Male bucket calves must be steered. Clover Kids showing a Bucket Calf do not need to complete a record book. However, if the Clover Kid is 4-H age 7 of this current year and wants to show their bucket calf as a second year calf for next year's fair, then they must complete a record book. Please call the Extension Office with any questions.

Companion Animal Showmanship

Each member may bring one "companion animal" to the show, which is during the 4-H Companion Animal Show. Animals must be caged or on a leash. The child will introduce themselves and then give their small animal's name and appropriate species/breed. The Clover Kid will be asked two or three questions about their companion animal by the judge. Dogs and cats must have received proper vaccinations in order to show.

Dog Showmanship - The dog will be shown during the showmanship portion of the 4-H Dog Show. The child will introduce themselves and then give their dog's name and breed. The Clover Kid will be asked two or three questions about their dog following the introduction, plus will be asked to lead the dog around the ring.

Swine Showmanship - The swine will be shown during the showmanship portion of the 4-H Swine Show. The animal should be a market swine, the same as those exhibited by older 4-H'ers. The child will introduce themselves and then give their swine's name and breed. The Clover Kid will be asked two or three questions about their swine following the introduction. A Clover Kid may bring one swine to the show or use a 4-H Member's.

Goat Showmanship - The goat will be shown during the showmanship portion of the Goat Show. A Clover Kid may bring one goat to the show or use a 4-H Member's goat. The child will introduce themselves and then give their goat's name and breed. The Clover Kid will be asked two or three questions about their goat following the introduction, plus will be asked to lead the goat around the ring.

Poultry Showmanship - The poultry will be shown during the showmanship portion of the 4-H Poultry Show. A Clover Kid member may bring one bird to the show or use a 4-H Member's bird. The child will introduce themselves and then give their bird's name and breed. The Clover Kids will be asked to bring the bird to the judge's table. They will be asked two or three questions about their bird following the introduction.

Rabbit Showmanship - The rabbit will be shown during the showmanship portion of the 4-H Rabbit Show. A Clover Kid may bring one rabbit to the show or use a 4-H Member's rabbit. The child will introduce themselves and then give their rabbit's name and breed. The Clover Kid will be asked to bring the rabbit to the judge's table. They will be asked two or three questions about their rabbit following the introduction.

Sheep Showmanship - The sheep will be shown during the showmanship portion of the 4-H Sheep Show. The animal should be a market lamb, not an adult sheep. A member may bring one lamb to the show or show a 4-H Member's. A halter must be used. The child will introduce themselves and then give their lamb's name and breed. The Clover Kid will be asked two or three questions about their lamb following the introduction, plus will be asked to lead the lamb around the ring.

