

The 4-H Motto

To make the best better

The 4-H Pledge

I pledge:

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

The 4-H Colors

Green and white

4-H Emblem

A green four-leaf clover with a white H on each leaf.



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Welcome to the Otoe County Clover Kids Program!

This handbook is designed to give you an overview of the Clover Kids program in Otoe County.

We invite you to stop by, email us, or call us with any questions or suggestions you may have. We are located directly east of the Otoe County Fairgrounds in Syracuse at 620 1st Street. You can reach us by phone at 402-269-2301 or via email at otoe-county@unl.edu. You can also become a friend of “Nebraska Extension in Otoe County” on Facebook.

We look forward to working with you!

Sincerely,

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CLOVER KIDS PROGRAM IN OTOE COUNTY

NEBRASKA EXTENSION

Extension is the informal educational outreach program of the University of Nebraska–Lincoln, Otoe County, and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The youth component of Extension is 4-H and Clover Kids.

NEBRASKA 4-H MISSION STATEMENT

Nebraska 4-H, developing all youth to reach their fullest potential through:

- Utilizing the knowledge base of the land-grant university system,
- Learning by doing, and
- Developing life skills.

PHILOSOPHY OF CLOVER KIDS

The philosophy of the Clover Kids program:

- Is activity based,
- Emphasizes immediate, positive feedback to the child,
- Values cooperative, non-competitive learning as an effective strategy,
- Is flexible, open, and accessible to all youth,
- Views youth in the context of family and community,
- Depends upon parent involvement,
- Is based on research in the areas of youth development, educational theory, and subject matter, and
- Provides training in child development, educational methods, and subject matter content for people who work with Clover Kid youth.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Clover Kids program is to promote the positive development of youth to become competent, caring, and contributing citizens. The learning experience is the primary reason for involvement in the program.

MEMBERSHIP

Any child ages 5, 6, or 7 by December 31, 2020 may enroll as a Clover Kid. A child may join an already existing 4-H club or a new club of Clover Kids may be formed. To enroll, go to <https://ne.4honline.com> and follow the instructions or contact the Extension Office at 402-269-2301. You are strongly encouraged to re-enroll by May 1 or you may miss out on communications such as Clover Kid letters, the monthly TIPS newsletter, Wednesday What-Nots (weekly email), Clover Kid emails, etc. New Clover Kid members and fair projects may be updated through June 15.

4-H PROJECT ENROLLMENT

The Clover Kid member may enroll in any of the 4-H projects listed in this handbook. All projects have 4-H manuals to go with them. The manuals have educational lessons presented in a fun manner.

COUNTY FAIR EXHIBITS/ENTRIES

The Clover Kid member may take exhibits/entries to the Otoe County Fair and participate in Clover Kid activities during the Otoe County Fair. The Otoe County Fair takes place in late July. **The Clover Kids can exhibit *only* in the projects for which they are enrolled during the current year.** These entries are listed in this handbook for your convenience. You can find them also in the Otoe County Fair Book, which will be distributed in the spring through the Penny Press and on our website at: <http://otoe.unl.edu>.

Please read the Tips on Tap 4-H Newsletter, Wednesday What-Nots (weekly email) and/or the Otoe County Fair Book to find when entries are due to the Otoe County Fair. Non-livestock entries are usually due the Tuesday evening the week of the fair from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. They are entered in the Kimmel Event Center. The schedule and entry place may change due to COVID-19 precautions. The entry tags need to be completed for the items to be entered in the Otoe County Fair. The non-livestock entries need to be picked up from the Exhibition Building on the Sunday of the fair after 4:00 p.m.

Each entry/exhibit will receive a Clover Kids participation ribbon and a \$1.50 premium. The premium money will be sent via the U.S. Mail sometime in October.

METHODS OF INVOLVING “CLOVER KIDS”

The Clover Kids program can be incorporated into 4-H in a variety of ways:

- 1) Leaders within a regular 4-H club may choose to work specially with the 5, 6, and 7 year old group, “Clover Kids.”
- 2) A leader may form a club whose age group is 5, 6 and 7-year-olds.
- 3) A parent may decide to work with their child independently on Clover Kids projects.

SAMPLE MEETING

2:00 p.m.	Members and parents arrive
2:10 p.m.	Roll call Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H Pledge
2:15 p.m.	Educational Activity * Parents will take turns planning and conducting activities in their area of interest that correspond to the projects the Clover Kids are enrolled in * Hands on and fun
2:45 p.m.	Fun activities * Games or songs
3:15 p.m.	Refreshments and social time
3:30 p.m.	Dismiss

CLOVER KID PROJECTS

Aerospace 1: Pre-Flight Project

Cost: Aerospace 1: Pre-Flight Clover Kids manual - \$5.50
Aerospace Helper's Guide - \$5.50
Clover Kids Leader's Guide - Working with 5 - 7 year olds - \$3.00

Objectives: To develop aerospace, science and life skills through doing an activity, reflecting on it and applying their new knowledge about aerospace.

County Fair Exhibits/Entries:

Class 1 Rocket Drawing - On an 8½" x 11" paper draw a rocket. Label the three main parts.

Class 2 Bird Drawing - On an 8½" x 11" paper draw your favorite bird

Class 3 Plane Drawing - On an 8½" x 11" paper draw your favorite plane

Class 4 Paper Flyers - Make your favorite kind of paper flyer. This can be an airplane, helicopter, rocket or any other flying machine.

Class 5 Marshmallow Rocket – See page 4 of manual for directions.

Animal Caretaker Project

Cost: Clover Kids Manual - <http://child.unl.edu/cloverkid>
Leader's Manual - \$3.50
Clover Kids Leader's Guide - Working with 5 - 7 year olds - \$3.00

Objectives: To help children learn about farm animals, feeding animals, and caring for animals.

County Fair Exhibits/Entries:

Class 1 Critter Drawing - On an 8½" x 11" paper draw an animal and identify its body parts.

Class 2 My Food Chart - On a chart no larger than 18" x 22" show what you have eaten for 2 days.

Class 3 Animal Story - A handwritten story telling how you care for an animal. No more than 3 photographs or 3 paragraphs. Please display in a notebook/binder.

- Class 4 Animal Sculpture - Make a sculpture of your favorite animal using any type of modeling medium, i.e. clay, play dough, bread dough clay, etc.
- Class 5 Bucket Calf Showmanship - See pages 9, 10, and 11 for more information on bucket calf showmanship.
- Class 6 Companion Animal Showmanship – See pages 9, 10, and 11 for more information on companion animal showmanship.
- Class 7 Dairy Goat Showmanship - See pages 9, 10, and 11 for more information on dairy goat showmanship.
- Class 8 Dog Showmanship – See pages 9, 10, and 11 for more information on dog showmanship.
- Class 9 Hog Showmanship – See pages 9, 10, and 11 for more information on hog showmanship.
- Class 10 Meat Goat Showmanship – See pages 9, 10, and 11 for more information on meat goat showmanship.
- Class 11 Poultry Showmanship – See pages 9, 10, and 11 for more information on poultry showmanship.
- Class 12 Rabbit Showmanship - See pages 9, 10, and 11 for more information on rabbit showmanship.
- Class 13 Sheep Showmanship - See pages 9, 10, and 11 for more information on sheep showmanship.

A Space for Me Project

Cost: A Space for Me Clover Kids Activity manual - \$3.50
 Clover Kids Leader’s Guide CD - \$9.95
 Clover Kids Leader’s Guide - Working with 5 - 7 year olds - \$3.00

Objectives: To learn ways to keep your space or room organized; to help the environment by a) reducing energy and water use and b) making recycling easier; and experiencing color through mixing and using colors to create items for their space.

County Fair Exhibits/Entries:

- Class 1 Treasure Board
- Class 2 Decorative storage box or container
- Class 3 No-sew pillow
- Class 4 Picture frame
- Class 5 Wall hanging
- Class 6 Simple Accessory (can be a Lego® creation)

Bicycle Adventures Project

Cost: Bicycle Adventures: Bicycling for Fun Clover Kids manual - \$5.50
Bicycle Helper's Guide - \$4.50
Clover Kids Leader's Guide - Working with 5 - 7 year olds - \$3.00

Objectives: To learn bicycle safety, which includes learning the importance of wearing a helmet, learning how to control the bike, and practicing hand signals and other safe riding practices.

County Fair Exhibits/Entries:

- Class 1 Bicycle Helmet Story - On an 8½" x 11" paper tell why bicycle helmets are important. No more than 2 paragraphs. Can include a picture you colored or a photograph.
- Class 2 Hand Signals Poster - On an 8½" x 11" paper draw and label the three hand signals.
- Class 3 Safe Riding Poster - On an 8½" x 11" paper draw three safe riding practices.

Family Celebrations From Around the World Project

Cost: Clover Kids Manual - \$3.50 or available online at <http://child.unl.edu/cloverkid>
Leader's Manual - \$3.50
Clover Kids Leader's Guide - Working with 5 - 7 year olds - \$3.00

Objective: To help children learn more about celebrations in our own and other cultures. The activities help children learn to respect and appreciate the great similarities and differences among people and learn about geography, foods, games and stories throughout the world.

County Fair Exhibits/Entries:

- Class 1 Name Rhyme - On an 8½" x 11" paper hand write a rhyme answering: "What does my given name mean?" - see page 5 of leader's manual.
- Class 2 Mexican Pinata - instructions found on page 8 of leader's manual. Exhibit without candy and attach to a clothes hanger.
- Class 3 Japanese Hat - instructions found on page 12 of the leader's manual.
- Class 4 Ohina Dolls - instructions found on page 11 and 14 of the leader's manual.
- Class 5 Carp Kite - instructions found on page 15 of the leader's manual.
- Class 6 Mother's Day/Father's Day/Grandparent's Day Mini Poster - Using half a sheet of poster board (11" x 14") design a mini poster about your mom, dad, grandfather **or** grandmother, **and** you. A story, poem, or pictures may be used.
- Class 7 May Basket - Make a May Basket you could give to a special friend.
- Class 8 4th of July - On a 8½" x 11" paper make the U.S. flag using medium of choice.
- Class 9 Family Tree Poster – Using a half sheet of poster board create your three generation family tree.

Just Outside the Door Project

- Cost:** Just Outside the Door Clover Kids manual - \$3.50
Leader's manual - \$3.50 or available online at <http://child.unl.edu/cloverkid>
Clover Kids Leader's Guide - Working with 5 - 7 year olds - \$3.00
- Objectives:** Children will explore the environment outside their door. They will explore weather, insects, fruits, seeds, water, and birds. The activities are based upon water, plants, other people, insects and appropriate clothing for outdoors.

County Fair Exhibits/Entries:

- Class 1 Bird Feeder - Any homemade bird feeder using recycled products.
- Class 2 Bird House - Any homemade bird house.
- Class 3 Water Picture - On an 8½" x 11" paper show what you have discovered about water (any medium).
- Class 4 Growing Seed - A growing seed you have planted. Can be planted in any small container.
- Class 5 Insect Life Mobile - directions on page 20 of the manual.
- Class 6 Insect Model - Create your very own insect using any kind of non-edible media and include all the parts of an insect: 6 legs, one pair of antennae and three body sections.
- Class 7 Seed Medallion - Use a 3" circle of cardboard and any kind of seeds to make a medallion. Use string, yarn, or any other material to make a loop.
- Class 8 Sailboats - Using any type of medium create a small sailboat that can really float! No larger than 11 inches.
- Class 9 Snowflake - Create a snowflake using any type of medium.

Making Food for Me Project

Cost: Clover Kids manual - \$3.50
 Leader's manual - \$9.95
 Clover Kids Leader's Guide - Working with 5 - 7 year olds - \$3.00

Objectives: To learn how to safely prepare food, properly set a table, and use appropriate manners. The youth will discover common kitchen utensils and how to use them properly. This project introduces the health benefits of each food group, beverages, and combination foods. Youth will create balanced meals using MyPlate.

County Fair Exhibits/Entries:

- Class 1 Table Setting Poster - On an 8½" x 11" paper draw a table setting for a family meal.
- Class 2 Save a Place for Me Placemat – Color in the “Save a Place for Me Placemat” and food cut outs. Food cut outs may be entered in a self-sealing plastic bag.

- Class 3 About Me Poster - A picture of yourself along with pictures of foods that help build a healthy body (foods can be drawn).
- Class 4 Healthy Snack - ¼ cup healthy snack mix plus the recipe in a self-sealing plastic bag. Recipe can be photocopied.
- Class 5 Favorite Foods Revue - See page 9

STEAM: Beyond the Needle Project

Cost: Beyond the Needle Project Manual - \$12.00
Clover Kids Leader's Guide - Working with 5 - 7 year olds - \$3.00

Objective: To provide an opportunity for Clover Kids to be creative.

County Fair Exhibits/Entries:

- Class 1 Decorate a t-shirt any method, **without** using an iron or sewing machine.
- Class 2 Decorate an accessory, any method, **without** using an iron or sewing machine.
- Class 3 Fashion Show - See page 9 for more information about the Fashion Show.

Theatre Arts 1: Imagination in Action Project

Cost: Theatre Arts 1: Imagination in Action - \$6.95
Clover Kids Leader's Guide - Working with 5 - 7 year olds - \$3.00

Objectives: Learn life skills including communicating with others, expressing yourself, making decisions, and solving problems through activities. The activities are based upon adventures with acting, puppets, and costumes.

County Fair Exhibits/Entries:

- Class 1 Homemade Puppet - any kind of puppet will work.
- Class 2 Picture Story - On an 8 ½" x 11" paper draw a picture story.

CLOVER KIDS' ACTIVITIES

Clover Kids can participate in as many of these activities as they decide with their parent(s) or guardian(s). In several of these activities, the Clover Kids need to be enrolled in a certain project. Read each activity for details. All activities are non-competitive. **All in-person events on pages 9, 10, 11, and 12 are dependent on COVID-19 precautions. As a result, dates may change or events may go virtual.**

Clover Kids Day Camp

A special day in the summer is planned for Otoe County Clover Kids only. Fun activities that correspond to the Clover Kid projects will be highlighted. The date and time will be announced in the Tips on Tap, the Otoe County 4-H newsletter. Each Clover Kid will also receive a special invitation via the mail.

Fashion Show

Clover Kids enrolled in STEAM: Beyond the Needle are eligible to participate in this activity. The public Fashion Show will take place during the Otoe County Fair in the Kimmel Event Center. The date and time for the public Fashion Show will be announced in Tips on Tap, the Otoe County 4-H newsletter and in the fair book.

Favorite Foods Revue

Clover Kids enrolled in Making Food For Me are eligible to participate in this activity. This activity takes place with the 4-H Favorite Foods Revue Contest in the Fair Center in July. The date and time will be announced in the Tips On Tap, the Otoe County 4-H newsletter.

The Clover Kids participating in the Favorite Foods Revue need to plan a menu suitable for an indoor or outdoor meal or party. The youth should prepare one food and it should be brought along to the Revue with the selected table service, centerpiece, menu card, recipe card, **and** card table.

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 member (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. **Each Clover Kid must be accompanied in the show ring by an adult or a 4-H member 14 years of age or older.** The animal will be brought in the day of the show and will then go home, unless exhibited by an older 4-H member or approved by the superintendent for each species (Visit with Extension staff on how to receive this approval.). Exceptions include: Beef, Swine, and Sheep. These species will be stalled the entire fair.

June 15 is the deadline for completing an identification sheet for all animals and obtaining an ear tag for a bucket calf, goat (dairy and meat), hog, and lamb. Clover Kids must submit a fair entry sheet for the appropriate showmanship division by **Monday, July 12**, using the department and class codes listed in the Clover Kids section of the fair book.

Clover Kids will stall as noted below for each species. If the animal is coming the day of the show only, they need to arrive at the designation time before the show and be taken home that same day. Temporary stalls or a tie out area will be provided. If stalling the complete fair then Clover Kids are required to follow the same stalling rules as a regular 4-H animal exhibitor (cost, entry time, release time, herdsmanship, etc.).

Bucket Calf Showmanship - Bucket calves must be no more than six (6) months of age and weigh no more than 350 pounds. A halter must be used. Exhibition includes a short interview with the judge while in the ring to discuss the youth's knowledge of caring for and raising the calf. The calf will be shown on Friday morning during the 4-H Clover Kid Bucket Calf Show. Clover Kids must stall their bucket calf for the entire Otoe County Fair.

Clover Kids who have participated in Bucket Calf Showmanship are still eligible to participate in the Bucket Calf project as a "regular" 4-H member. A 7-year-old Clover Kid who shows a Bucket Calf can keep the calf for the next year when the 4-H member is 8-years-old (regular 4-H age) and bring the calf back as a Bucket Calf + 1 project. Please call the Extension Office with any questions.

Companion Animal Showmanship

Each member may bring one "companion animal" to the show, which is on Saturday, during the 4-H Companion Animal Show at the Otoe County Fair. Animals must be caged or on a leash. The child will introduce themselves and then state 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. The companion animals will be brought in for the show and will then go home.

Dairy Goat Showmanship - Kid less than 6 months

The dairy goat kids will be shown during the showmanship portion of the 4-H Dairy Goat Contest on Thursday during the Otoe County Fair. A member may bring one dairy goat kid to the show. The child will introduce themselves and then give their dairy goat's name and breed. The Clover Kid will be asked two or three questions about their dairy goat kid following the introduction, plus will be asked to lead the dairy goat around the ring. The dairy goats will be brought in for the show and will then go home.

Dog Showmanship – The dog will be shown during the showmanship portion of the 4-H Dog Show on Sunday morning, during the Otoe County Fair. 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. The dogs will be brought in for the show and will then go home.

Hog Showmanship – The hog will be shown during the showmanship portion of the 4-H Hog Show on Saturday morning, during the Otoe County Fair. The animal should be a market hog, the same as those exhibited by older 4-H members. The child will introduce themselves and then give their hog's name and breed. The Clover Kid will be asked two or three questions about their hog following the introduction, plus will be asked to lead the hog around the ring. Clover Kids will stall their hog the entire time of the Otoe County Fair.

Meat Goat Showmanship - Kid less than 6 months

The meat goat kids will be shown during the showmanship portion of the 4-H Meat Goat Contest on Thursday, during the Otoe County Fair. A member may bring one meat goat kid to the show. The child will introduce themselves and then give their meat goat's name and breed. The Clover Kid will be asked two or three questions about their meat goat kid following the introduction, plus will be asked to lead the goat around the ring. The meat goats will be brought in for the show and will then go home.

Poultry Showmanship – The poultry will be shown during the showmanship portion of the 4-H Poultry Contest on Saturday, during the Otoe County Fair. A member may bring one bird to the show. The child will introduce themselves and then give their bird's name and breed. The Clover Kid will be asked two or three questions about their bird following the introduction. The Clover Kids will be asked to bring the bird to the judge's table. The bird will be brought in for the show and will then go home.

Rabbit Showmanship - The rabbit will be shown during the showmanship portion of the 4-H Rabbit Show on Saturday, during the Otoe County Fair. A member may bring one rabbit to the show. 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. The Clover Kid will be asked two or three questions about their rabbit following the introduction. Clover Kids have the option of stalling their rabbit at the Otoe County Fair. This needs to be designated on the fair entry sheet.

Sheep Showmanship - The lamb will be shown during the showmanship portion of the 4-H Sheep Show on Thursday, during the Otoe County Fair. The animal should be a market lamb, not an adult sheep. A member may bring one lamb to the show. 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. Clover Kids will stall their lamb the entire time during the Otoe County Fair.

Performing Arts Contest

This activity takes place on Thursday evening during the Otoe County Fair. Clover Kids can participate in the 4-H Performing Arts Contest as long as they are performing as a group along with “regular” 4-H members. A 4-H club of only Clover Kids is not able to participate. A Clover Kid is ineligible to perform a solo or a duet.

Public Speaking

This event takes place with the 4-H Public Speaking Contest at the Fair Center. The date and time will be announced in the Tips on Tap, the Otoe County 4-H newsletter and the Wednesday What-Nots (weekly email). Each Clover kid may participate in only one category per year. The categories are:

- Recite the 4-H Pledge (alone or with other Clover Kids)
- Recite the Pledge of Allegiance (alone or with other Clover Kids)
- Recite both the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge (alone or with other Clover Kids)

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