

CLOVER KID FAMILY HANDBOOK

For Club Membership



Pawnee County 4-H

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THE BASICS

WHAT IS CLOVER KIDS

Clover Kids is a non-competitive 4-H program for children ages 5 to 7 years old (by January 1 of the current year). Children participate in hands-on activities designed to build lots of different life skills such as:

- Respecting Self
- Communicating
- Solving Problems
- Thinking Critically
- Choosing Healthy Lifestyles

Families are encouraged identify Clover Kid experiences which fit with-in their interests, schedule, and goals. Youth and families can choose to attend clubs, workshops, project days, contests, clinics, camps, and/or county fair. These opportunities may seem over-whelming, so plan to start small and add additional Clover Kid experiences as your family becomes more comfortable.

As always the Extension Office is here to help, so please reach out with any questions. 4-H is a community of young people, ages 5-18, across America who are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills. 4-H is education for life that uses a learn-by-doing approach. In Nebraska, 4-H is present in ALL 93 counties across the state. Youth ages 5-7 are Clover Kid members and youth ages 8-18 are 4-H members.

4-H IS A FAMILY AFFAIR

4-H is a family program where youth and adults can learn and grow together. Parents are invited to participate in Club activities and Pawnee County Extension hosted events. We recognized every family's schedule is different, but there are many ways to be involved with 4-H within our county. Some possible helping roles include providing refreshments, supplies, or other resources for a club meeting, assisting with a project day camp, organizing a

4-H service project, or coordinating the club's end-of-the year recognition program.

To have a successful experience with 4-H:

- ✓ Attend 4-H club functions whenever possible
- ✓ Guide your child as he or she selects a Clover Kid project and help develop goals that are challenging, but also realistic
- ✓ Read the Pawnee County 4-H Express Newsletter so you will know the details of upcoming events
- ✓ Visit the Pawnee County 4-H Website for the latest information and resources at: pawnee.unl.edu
- ✓ Like the Nebraska Extension - Pawnee County's Facebook page for an easy way to stay informed
- ✓ Attend your club's end-of-the-year celebration with your child and attend 4-H Achievement Celebration (the county-wide awards program)

MOTTO

"To Make the Best Better"


EMBLEM





The 4-H emblem is a four-leaf clover with the letter "H" on each leaf which stands for Head, Heart, Hands, and Health.


COLORS


The 4-H colors are green and white. Green symbolizes nature's most common color and represents life, springtime, and youth. White symbolizes purity and high ideals.

4-H PLEDGE 


I pledge my **H****AD** to clearer thinking,

my **HE****RT** to greater loyalty,

my **H****NDS** to larger service,

and my **HE****ALTH** to better living,

for my club, my community, my country,

and my world. 

The graphic features a green header with the text '4-H PLEDGE' and a clover logo. The background is light green with a repeating pattern of 'HEAD HEART HANDS HEALTH'. The pledge text is centered and uses various icons to represent the words: a lightbulb for 'AD', a heart for 'RT', a hand for 'NDS', and an apple for 'ALTH'. A small clover logo is at the end of the pledge.

ENROLLMENT

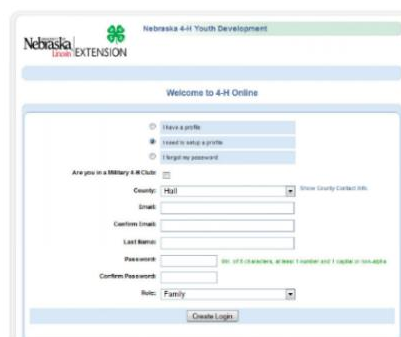
4-H is open to all youth between the ages of 5 and 18, regardless of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, and marital or family status.

PROCESS

4-H club members, including Clover Kids, are required to enroll (and re-enroll annually) through the 4-H Online system. By enrolling, youth can participate in the county fair, county contests, the Nebraska State Fair, district and county contests and events, and additional statewide programs.

HOW TO ENROLL

1. Visit ne.4honline.com.
2. If new, create a Family Profile.
3. If returning, login to family 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, shooting sports (if applicable), and survey. Please read Code of Conduct and waivers carefully.*
6. Update clubs and projects. Remove projects that you are not going to take part in during the current program year. Add new projects.
7. Submit enrollment on the final page.

A screenshot of the Nebraska 4-H Youth Development online enrollment form. The page title is "Welcome to 4-H Online". It features a navigation menu with options: "View a profile", "Create a new profile", and "Forgot my password". Below the menu, there is a checkbox for "Are you in a Military & #C Club?". The form includes fields for "County" (with a dropdown menu showing "Hall"), "Email", "Confirm Email", "Last Name", "Password" (with a note: "Min. 8 characters, at least 1 number and 1 capital or lowercase"), "Confirm Password", and "Role" (with a dropdown menu showing "Family"). A "Create Login" button is located at the bottom right of the form.

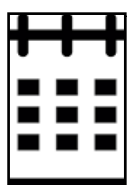
New Enrollment is Deadline
June 15
For the current 4-H Year

Re-Enrollment is Deadline
April 15
For the current 4-H Year

Please enroll as soon as possible so that you continue to receive emails, letters, and newsletters.

CLOVER KID CLUBS

Clubs have been at the heart of 4-H for the last 100 years and continue to be an essential component. Youth and families are encouraged to join a club and may even join more than one club. If you do not want to be a part of a club, you may enroll as an independent member. In Pawnee County, we do not currently have a Clover Kids Club, but rather may Clover Kids are members traditional 4-H Clubs and will have separate projects and activities. Clubs are led by an organizational leader and will often have a few project leaders (i.e. Clover Kids project leader).



ORGANIZATIONAL LEADER

Provides the overall management and leadership to the 4-H club.



PROJECT LEADER

Conducts and connects youth to meaningful education experiences in a specific project area.

If your family is interested in starting their own club, please speak with the Pawnee County Extension Office. All clubs must consist of a minimum of five youth from three different families and should meet at least 6 times a year.

Families should expect 4-H Club Leaders to...

- ✓ Be able to find answers to 4-H related questions
- ✓ Distribute necessary 4-H paperwork in a timely manner
- ✓ Be prepared for, and help, 4-H Club Officers run an orderly meeting
- ✓ Encourage all 4-H'ers to do their best

Families should NOT expect 4-H Club Leaders to...

- ✓ Be babysitters for their children
- ✓ Do the work for the members
- ✓ Track down 4-H members to deliver needed information
- ✓ Be perfect (4-H leaders are VOLUNTEERS who are humans too...we all make mistakes)

MEETINGS

Meetings give Clover Kid members voice and choice. They are able to practice speaking in front of a group and they are given the opportunity to make small decisions.

Members are expected to attend club meetings and parents are strongly encouraged to attend meetings with their children.

WHAT IS A CLUB MEETING LIKE?

Clover Kid meetings normally lasts 1 to 1½ hours and includes business, educational programs, and recreation. Clubs may meet monthly or at any time determined by the club members.

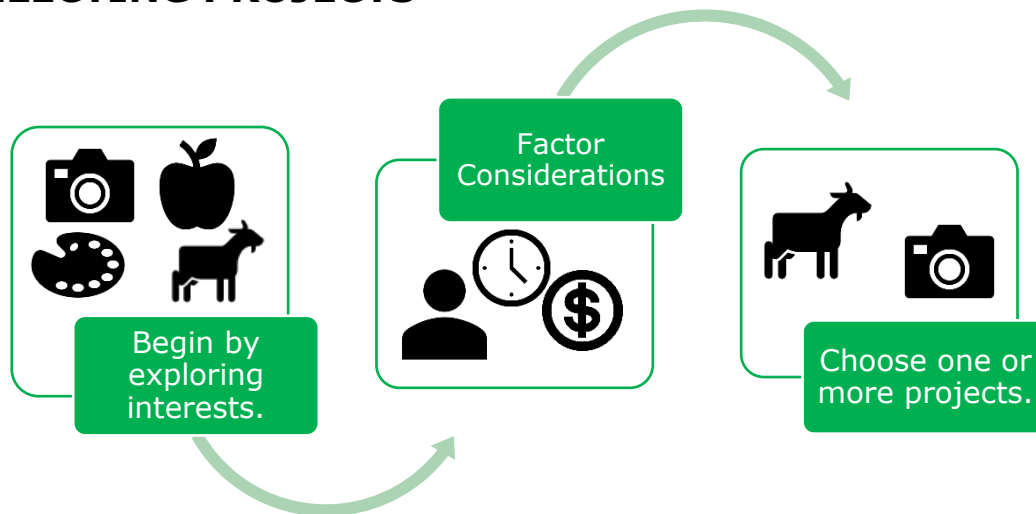
SAMPLE CLUB MEETING

2:00 pm	Members and parents arrive
2:05 pm	Roll Call; Pledge of Allegiance; 4-H Pledge; Vote/Discuss Future Activities
2:15 pm	Educational Activity – Parents may take turns planning/conducting activity in their area of interest
2:45 pm	Fun Activity – Game or Song
3:15 pm	Refreshments and Social Time
3:30 pm	Dismiss

CLOVER KID PROJECTS

When you enroll in Clover Kids, your child will need to pick at least one project. Projects are centered around a topic of interest and curriculum manuals and include topics such as Aerospace, Animals, Cooking, Diversity, Environmental Science, Sewing, and much more! Refer to the fairbook to see what projects youth can complete. Clover Kid fair projects are intestinally broad, so families and clubs can be as creative as possible.

SELECTING PROJECTS



WHEN SELECTING PROJECTS, CONSIDER...

- ✓ Does it meet your child's needs and interest?
- ✓ Is the project appropriate based on the age and ability of your child?
- ✓ How much time does the project require?
- ✓ Is the project acceptable to parents and does it fit your family's situation?
- ✓ How much will the project cost; Is adequate space and equipment available; Are leaders available to help; or Are you, the parents, willing to help your child with the project?

PROJECTS ARE DIVIDED INTO TWO CATEGORIES

1. Animal – Livestock, small animal, and companion animal projects
2. Static – Non-animal projects

THE COUNTY FAIR

The Pawnee County Fair is a highlight of many 4-H'ers annual experience. It is a community event, showcasing the talents and achievements of youth. Youth take part in shows and share exhibits that are the result of their project work.

FAIRBOOK

This book is usually available online by April. Each family may pick up a printed version from the office. This is your guide for exhibiting at the fair.

The fairbook contains information about age requirements, ribbon premiums, tagging/identification, project guidelines, and much more. As a new parent is can be helpful to scan the fair book and speak with the Extension Staff with any questions.

COUNTY FAIR SCHEDULE

Held at the fairgrounds in Pawnee City during the last part of July (dates may vary). Clover Kids may participate in county fair through:

- Static Exhibits
- Pet Show – Youth show a pet in the small arena and answer a few basic questions about their pet. Pets include but are not limited to dogs*, cats*, rabbits, bucket calves, hedgehogs, salamanders, etc.
- Fashion Show –Clover Kids model a piece of clothing or accessory they made through the show ring and answer a few questions about their design.
- Showmanship – Youth are divided by animal species and practice their showmanship skills in the ring. Animals are brought in the day of the show and taken home following the show, no livestock for Clover Kids will be stalled on the fairgrounds.

* Require a copy of rabies vaccine to the office before fair.

GETTING SIGNED UP FOR THE COUNTY FAIR

In Person Shows

Families will need to turn in the Clover Kid entry sheet before the week of fair for the Pet, Fashion, and Showmanship Shows. Clover Kid animals do not require a 4-H Identification Tag or a complete Identification form.

Static Projects

An entry tag (pink tag) needs to be completed for each project BEFORE arriving to drop off the static item during check-in the Monday evening of fair week. Tags may be picked up from the Extension Office any time during the summer. Extension Staff are happy to help identify where items fit in the fair book.

PAWNEE COUNTY
4-H Exhibit Entry

Exhibitor's Name

PAW [] [] [] [] []
Exhibitor Number

4-H Age

[] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] []
Dept. Letter Division Number Class Number

Division Name: _____

Class Name: _____

Name of Article: _____

Description: _____

20_____
Year

Placing

Fill in your name

Fill in your exhibitor number and age

Refer to Fair Book Department, Division, and Class Number

Write out Division and Class Name

Fill in name of article

Give a brief description incase tag is separated from the item

Fill in current year

CLOVER KID AWARDS

All Clover Kids receive rainbow ribbons and rosettes at contests and fair. Youth will receive a cash premium based upon the color of ribbon earned. Ribbon premium checks will be handed out at our Achievement Celebration in November.

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES PAWNEE COUNTY

PAWNEE COUNTY 4-H CONTESTS

Contests occur throughout the year and create opportunities for Clover Kids to expand their skills.

- Food Revue – This pre-fair contest help Clover Kids learn skills in Table Setting, Planning a Menu, Writing a Recipe, and Food Preparation.

PROJECT WORKSHOPS

Pawnee County hosts a variety of hands-on project learning experiences. These workshops will feature a lesson related to a project. There is a separate registration process and fees to cover the cost of supplies. Many workshops will result in an exhibit that can be entered in the fair.

ANIMAL CARE CLINICS

Clover Kids can further their knowledge and skills by attending a clinic. Animal care, showmanship, grooming, and judging clinics are offered in Pawnee and surrounding counties. Species and topics are rotated.