



# 4-H Clover Kids Handbook



## Nebraska Extension in Saline County

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# 4-H Emblem, Pledge, Colors and Motto

## 4-H Emblem



A green 4-leaf clover with a white "H" in each leaf, representing Head, Heart, Hands, and Health. The official emblem is copyrighted and may be used only as approved by 4-H.

## 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.

## 4-H Colors

Green & White

## 4-H Motto

"To make the best better"

4-H is a **community** of **young people**  
across America who are learning  
**leadership, citizenship** and  
**life skills.**

# Welcome to the Clover Kids Program

This handbook has been developed to give you an overview of the Clover Kids 4-H program in Saline County.

If you have any questions concerning the Clover Kids 4-H Program, please call, email or stop by the Nebraska Extension Office in Saline County.

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## Nebraska Extension

Nebraska Extension is the informal educational outreach program of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in Saline County and the United States Department of Agriculture.

## Nebraska 4-H Mission Statement

4-H empowers youth to reach their full potential, working and learning in partnership with caring adults.

## What is Clover Kids?

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

The most important life skills for the 5 to 7 year-old age group are:

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

## 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!

## Purpose

The purpose of the Clover Kids 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.



## **Membership**

Any child age 5 to 7 by January 1 of the current year may enroll.

A child may join as a member of the After School Clover Kids Club, an independent member, join an already existing 4-H club or a new club may be formed. New clubs should consist of at least 5 youth from three different families.

**4-H Enrollment** - Is required to be completed on a yearly basis. To be enrolled in 4-H in Saline County, you must accurately complete 4-H enrollment through the online enrollment system called 4HOnline and enroll in at least one project and pay the yearly enrollment fee by June 15. 4HOnline is a web-based enrollment system that will allow families to enroll in 4-H on your personal computer. To enroll, you must go to the following website: <http://extension.unl.edu/statewide/saline/saline-county-4-h-enrollment/> for instructions and enrollment website.

## **4-H Project Enrollment**

The 4-H Project Resource Central has several projects designed specifically for Clover Kids. These projects are: Family Celebrations Around the World; Just Outside The Door; Theatre Arts 1; Making Foods For Me; A Space For Me; Bicycle-Unit 1; Animal Caretaker; and Aerospace-Unit 1. Most projects have 4-H manuals to go with them. A cost may be associated with some manuals. The manuals have educational activities presented in a fun manner. We encourage Clover Kids to build their projects and skills as they progress through the 4-H program.

## **County Fair Exhibits/Entries (Static Exhibits)**

All non-livestock exhibits are called Static exhibits. Clover Kids may enter one exhibit per class at the County Fair. The Clover Kid exhibit classes are listed in the fairbook, which is published in the spring and can be found on the last two pages of this handbook. Please call our office if you need a copy of the fairbook. The fairbook can also be found on our website at: [www.saline.unl.edu](http://www.saline.unl.edu) on the 4-H page.

Clover Kids may participate in the 4-H Fashion Show, and Public Speaking and contest. The same entry procedures and deadlines apply as they do for regular 4-H members.

Clover Kids will receive a participation (rainbow) ribbon and \$1.00 premium per entry with a \$10 maximum on premiums paid to Clover Kids for their entries upon completion and submission of the Clover Kids Record Book.

### **County Fair Entry Process**

All Clover Kid fair entries must be pre-entered using the Showworks online entry website by the specified pre-entry date listed in the fairbook. Watch our newsletter for the web address for making your entries if you want to use the online entry method.

### **Clover Kids Showing Animals At The County Fair**

Youth who enroll as Clover Kids will be allowed to show in Open Class livestock classes at County Fair. Youth must identify the animal(s) they plan to show. Identification paperwork must be on file at the Extension Office by June 15th. Identification paperwork is required for Bucket Calves, Goats, Rabbits, Sheep and Swine. 4-H ear tags for Bucket Calves and Market Swine, can be purchased at the Extension Office. Market Goats, Market Sheep, Breeding Goats and Breeding Sheep will need to be tagged with Scrapie tags and identified. Rabbit should have a tattoo in the left ear.

Animal ID Guidelines and Animal Identification Forms:

<https://go.unl.edu/animalidentificationsaline>

### **Clover Kid Showmanship (PeeWee Showmanship)**

Clover Kids ages 5-7 will have the opportunity to participate in a Showmanship Show just for them at the Fair. This will be a non-competitive event with the goal of allowing the Clover Kid the opportunity to experience a showmanship class just for them. Clover Kids may show their own animal if present at the fair or one shared with a older sibling. Clover Kids not exhibiting their own animal the fair are responsible for securing the use of an animal already at the fair. See the fairbook schedule for complete details, dates and times.





Clover Kids may show Cats, Goats, Rabbits, Poultry, Sheep, Small Animals (such as hamsters, guinea pigs, fish, birds, etc), Swine and Bucket Calves. 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.

Enrolled Clover Kids showing in an open class show are to show only the animals they have listed on the identification paperwork. These policies will be enforced. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

### **Show Shirts**

Enrolled Clover Kids showing in an open class show are encouraged to purchase and wear the Grey Saline county show shirt while participating in Open Class shows. Order forms are due by May 13th. We do not keep inventory on hand. Order form can be found at:

PeeWee Showman are not required to wear the official show shirt.

### **Dress Code for Open Class and PeeWee Showmanship**

For the safety of the child, please have them wear long pants or jeans. Closed toed shoes are required. No flip flops or sandals. Tennis shoes will be permitted.

### **Clover Kids Participation In 4-H Workshops & Activities**

Clover Kids can participate in 4-H workshops and activities when appropriate for their age level. Age guidelines and skill levels will be defined in the workshop or activity descriptions. Workshops and activities will be published in the 4-H newsletter, "News & Views". Parents/guardians may be asked to accompany the Clover Kid during the workshop or activity.



### **"News & Views" 4-H Newsletter**

The "News & Views" newsletter is mailed and/or emailed monthly to 4-H families and can be found on the 4-H page of our website. This newsletter is your source for all 4-H information. We provide information on workshops, learning opportunities, county fair information, entry deadlines, etc. Please take the time to read the "News & Views" to help ensure a positive Clover Kid experience.

### **Email Reminders From Our Office**

Please read your email reminders from our office. We send these to help you remember entry deadlines, educational opportunities, etc.

### **Sign Up For Our Remind App**

Reminders will be sent via text or email with important 4-H reminders such as deadlines, etc.

Instructions for signing up:

<https://go.unl.edu/remindappsaline>

### **Facebook**

Be sure to like us on Facebook. Find us at Saline County - Nebraska Extension . We will add information as it becomes available to us.



### **Clover Kids 4-H Camp Opportunities**

Clover Kids can register for special Nebraska 4-H camps for youth ages 5-8. See the camp schedule at: <http://4h.unl.edu/camps>

### **Other Educational and Informational Resources**

- ♦ Nebraska 4-H - <http://4h.unl.edu/>
- ♦ Saline County 4-H Website - [saline.unl.edu](http://saline.unl.edu)



## **4-H CLOVER KIDS EXHIBITS AT THE SALINE COUNTY FAIR**

**Superintendent: Anita Stougaard**

4-H Clover Kids is a non-competitive 4-H program for children ages 5 to 7 (on January 1) who are enrolled in 4-H as of March 1. Clover Kids is designed to help youth begin exploring and learning about 4-H. We offer several ways for the youth to be involved at the county fair with static and animal showmanship, as outlined below.

Each Clover Kid participant may enter one entry in each class under the project area. Clover Kids do not need to complete Quality Assurance requirements to exhibit in the Clover Kid animal division.

**STATIC EXHIBITS** - All static exhibits entered by Clover Kids will receive participation (rainbow) ribbons. These entries are identified in the 4-H entries in the exhibit hall by their green entry tags.

**Premium** – All Clover Kids exhibits will receive a rainbow (participation) ribbon and a \$1.00 premium (with a \$10 maximum premium). A simple Clover Kid record book will need to be submitted by designated date to receive the premium. A check will be mailed to the exhibitor once the record book is received. No Clover Kids exhibits are eligible for state fair (+).

**A. Food and Nutrition** –i.e. baked cookies/bars, no bake cookie/bars

1. +Non oatmeal bar/cookie
2. +Oatmeal bar/cookie
3. +Decorated cupcakes or cookies
4. +Trail Mix
- 5.+ **Food Gift**-Prepare a food item that you would give to someone as a gift and package it creatively. Entry must consist of a baked food item.
6. +Other

**B. Expressive Arts** –i.e. paper designs, painted, clay, photography, etc.

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1. +**Painting or drawing** – of any subject
2. +**Ceramic Mug or other ceramic item** – decorated, painted, etc.
3. +**Photo Story Display** – an entry will consist of a series of three 4”x6” photos taken by member which tell a story and should have a photographic introduction, a body, and a conclusion, all done with photos.

**In classes 4+ to 7+ - photos should be mounted on white or black posterboard with a 1” border around all sides. Both 5”x7” or 8”X10” are acceptable.**

- 4.+ **Photo of an Animal**
- 5.+ **Photo of a Person**
- 6.+ **My Favorite Photo**
- 7.+ **My Best Selfie**
8. + **Collage – any size**
9. +**Afterschool Clover Kids Project**
10. + **Other**
11. + **Other**

**C. Safety** – i.e. display/poster on fire, bicycle, swimming etc. safety

1. +**Safety Poster** – any safety topic
2. +**Home Fire Escape Plan**  
download at: <https://www.nfpa.org/-/media/Files/FPW/Educate/2019/FPW19Grid.pdf>
3. +Other

**D. Science and technology** – i.e. folded paper airplane, craft rocket (not able to launch), Lego, K’Nex, Lincoln Logs, etc.

1. +**Rocket**
2. +**Lego/K’Nex**
3. +**Afterschool Clover Kids Project**
4. +Other

**E. Outdoor Discovery** – i.e. Pine Cone bird feeder, homemade bird bath/bird feeder, stepping stone, etc.

1. +**Bird Bath**
2. + **Bird House**
3. + **Bird Feeder**
4. +**Afterschool Clover Kids Project**
5. +**Stepping Stone**
- 6.+ **Wildlife Collage**
7. +Other

## 4-H CLOVER KIDS EXHIBITS—Continued

**F. A Space for Me** – i.e. storage box, no-sew pillow, decorated laundry bag, recycling box, decorated picture frame, wall hanging etc.)

1. +Picture Frame - Decorated
2. +Afterschool Clover Kids Project
3. +Decorated Storage Container
4. + No Sew Pillow or Blanket (Tied pillow or Blanket)
5. + Home Décor Item Made By Clover Kid
6. + Other
7. + Other

**G. Textiles** –i.e. knitting and crochet projects, sewing, Beyond The Needle project (embellished garment or accessory)

1. +Tie Dyed or Embellished T-shirt
2. +Decorated accessory – shoes, bag, etc.
3. +Decorated Pillowcase
4. + Decorated Totebag
5. + Sewn pillow, bag, etc.
6. +Other
7. +Other

**H. Fashion Show – Clover Kids (limited to one entry)**

Must participate in the Public County Fair Fashion Show

- 1+Fashion Show Entry (model decorated or sewn article)

**I. Plants**–i.e. vegetable exhibits, flower exhibit, etc.

1. +Flower – cut flower exhibit 5 stems
2. +Vegetable – vegetable exhibit – 3 tomatoes, etc.
3. +Afterschool Clover Kids Project
- 4.+ Cut Flower Arrangement in Vase (flowers from your garden/yard.
- 5.+ Miniature Garden or Fairy Garden
6. +Other
7. +Other

**J. Making Cents Of It**

1+State Quarter Complete page 13 of the manual:

<https://go.unl.edu/coinsidentification> or color our state quarter

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2.+Bank Make a decorated bank (see page 28 of the manual):<https://go.unl.edu/makeabank>

3.+ Wants & Needs Poster make a wants/needs poster (11” x 17”).

**K. Miscellaneous** – i.e. collage of careers they would like to learn about, family tree, any exhibit that does not fit other specified areas, etc.

1. +Other
2. +Other

**L. Exploring Animals - Limit 2 animals.** These animals will show during the Open Class show for that species except for the 4-H Clover Kid Bucket Calves which will show during 4-H Bucket Calf show on Friday night. (Ex. Swine will show during Swine show; goat will show during the Goat show, etc.)

a.) Animals should not exceed 350# to be considered appropriate (safe) for Clover Kids.

b.) entries in classes 1-4 should be identified and entered for the fair following the 4-H identification guidelines for those same species outlined in the Jr. Show Division of this fair book.

c.) if animals are not properly identified and/or entered online to exhibit by the entry deadline, youth will not participate.

1. +Swine
2. +Bucket Calf
3. +Sheep
4. + Goat
5. +Poultry
6. +Rabbit
10. +Animal Science Exhibit - poster or display on animals, feed exhibit, etc.



**SHOWMANSHIP** - Clover Kids youth ages 5-7 (as of Jan. 1) not yet in regular 4-H also will have the opportunity to participate in a Showmanship Show just for them beginning at 6 p.m. on Friday of the Fair. The non-competitive exhibition gives the youth the chance to show their animal(s) and talk to the judge about them. The opportunity to experience showing an animal should be used as an introduction to the 4-H animal science program, and not forced upon the youth.

Clover Kids may show their own animal if present at the fair, or shared with a sibling. Participants not exhibiting an animal will be responsible for securing the use of an animal already at the fair (UNDER 350 LBS.). Clover Kid 4-H age guidelines permitting youth 5-7 years old (as of Jan 1) to show animals no more than 350 pounds. Safety concerns are sighted for not showing animals beyond these guidelines. (Most feeder calves, all breeding heifers and market beef and horses will not fit in these ranges.)

Some animals may need to be brought for this show, but if an animal is available at the fair please use them. Youth are not limited to the number of species they show (one per species), but some knowledge of the animal and care would be appropriate.

**L. Small Animal** showmanship includes dog, rabbit, poultry, pets, and cats will be offered in the 4-H Exhibition building at 5 p.m.

**M. Large Animal** showmanship includes miniature horses, bucket calves, sheep, goat, and swine (animals under the approximate weight of 350# for safety reasons) will be offered in the show arena on the east side of the fair-grounds at approximately 6 p.m. (following small animals).

#### **YOUTH AGES 5-7 (ON JAN. 1) NOT ENROLLED IN 4-H**

Youth ages 5-7 not enrolled in 4-H may participate in the Showmanship contest outlined under 4-H Clover Kids Showmanship. See L and M above.

These youth may not participate in open class livestock classes except Poultry and Rabbit shows.

Youth ages 8 and older not enrolled in 4-H may participate in the Open Class livestock shows (Beef, Goat, Sheep & Swine). See guidelines in Open Class livestock section.