



HURON COUNTY CLOVERBUD 4-H PROGRAM

WELCOME TO THE 2026 HURON COUNTY CLOVERBUD PROGRAM

Purpose:

The 4-H Cloverbud program exists as a distinctive component within the total 4-H Youth Development program. It is designed as a nonformal approach to developing the confidence, social skills, decision making abilities, subject matter knowledge, and physical skills of kindergarten - 2nd grade youth. As youth begin their 4-H Cloverbud experience, they take part in a unique blend of activities and opportunities specifically designed for their age level.

Program Format:

1. Eligibility for Cloverbud participation begins when a child is age 5 and enrolled in kindergarten. Child is eligible for regular 4-H membership once they are 8 and in the third grade or 9 years old.
2. Cloverbuds must belong to a 4-H club which accepts Cloverbud and regular members. (Each 4-H club must make the decision of whether or not to accept Cloverbud members.)
3. Each club which accepts Cloverbud members must have at least one specially trained advisor responsible for the Cloverbud component of the club.
4. Cloverbuds will participate in "learning by doing" activities from the 4-H Cloverbud Curriculum Instructional Materials or similar materials during the business portion of all club meetings.
5. Cloverbuds are eligible to participate in club community service projects, demonstrations and fund raising (except door-to-door sales).
6. Cloverbuds is a cooperative activity-based program. There is absolutely no competition in the Cloverbud program. Cloverbuds may not participate in contests or regular 4-H camp.
7. Cloverbuds may not hold regular offices. They may rotate officer duties amongst themselves, at the discretion of their Cloverbud advisor.
8. Each Cloverbud will purchase (\$12.00) a My 4-H Cloverbud Year project book. This fun book is a great way for Cloverbuds to learn

the basics of 4-H and keep track of their activities and events that they do with their 4-H Club. We encourage clubs have their Cloverbuds track their activities in their book at each club meeting. Completion of this book is optional and can be done with or without the help of an adult leader.

Project Interview and Fair Participation:

1. Cloverbuds will prepare an exhibit to display at the fair with other Cloverbud projects. Please do not use anything valuable for fair display.
2. The exhibit should be the Cloverbuds favorite item made in their club meetings or from their project book. They are encouraged to bring their project book and other items they made in the program to their interview. Cloverbuds will participate in special interviews on Monday of the fair at scheduled interview times. Cloverbud projects will not be graded or placed.
4. Cloverbud interviews will be held in the FCS Building. Registration will take place in the Cloverbud portion of the FCS Building on the south end (by the Commercial Building).
5. Cloverbuds do not bring their projects to the fair until **Monday, August 17** for their interview.
6. All Cloverbuds completing their interview and exhibiting at the fair will receive a special participation ribbon.
7. Fair display may be **no larger than 11" by 14"**.
8. Cloverbud displays are in the Cloverbud portion of the FCS Building.

Recognition:

- 1.) All Cloverbuds who complete their project work will receive a certificate of completion at the end of the year.
- 2.) Cloverbuds who cannot or choose not to participate in an interview at the fair may still complete their project at Still Project Absentee Judging on Aug.3 by appointment at the Extension Office.
- 3.) All Cloverbuds who complete their first year of 4-H work will receive a first-year membership pin. (Cloverbud participation counts as years in 4-H.)