

What do Cloverbuds do?

- Participate in a 4-H club with a trained Cloverbud leader
- Participate in some county 4-H activities including a display at the Jefferson County Fair
- Engage in varied activities that focus on developing a specific skill or concept utilized in completing the activity in non-competitive ways
- Are introduced into all that 4-H has to offer

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

What does it cost?

- There is an annual 4-H enrollment fee of \$45 collected by the Extension Office. Enroll at www.4honline.com and pay at the Extension Office.

Rationale for Cloverbud Policy:

A “developmentally appropriate” program is one that is based on the general characteristics of an age group and adapts to meet the individual needs of each child. Sometimes a 4-H Cloverbuds member will be physically capable of doing something but will not be able to understand the reason for the process or the result. Participation in that activity would be just as inappropriate as participation in an activity that is unsafe because of physical limitations.

Information on the National 4-H policy regarding
Cloverbuds:

<http://nifa.usda.gov/sites/default/files/resource/K-3rd%20Grade%20Programs%20in%204-H.pdf>

For Questions Regarding Cloverbuds or 4-H
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Who are Cloverbuds?

- **4-H members who are five, six or seven by December 31 of the previous year.**



Purpose:

- Foster the development of life skills essential for cognitive, social, emotional and physical development
- Focus on cooperative learning rather than competition
- Provide activity focused, developmentally appropriate experiences
- Priorities include participation, safety, personal development, learning and fun

Policies for Cloverbud Participation:

- 4-H Cloverbud members are recognized as 4-H members for the purposes of enrollment. They are considered to be in a special membership category with regard to program and policy. As a result, the 4-H Cloverbuds program is fundamentally different than general membership in 4-H.
- Cloverbud members do not participate in the ongoing, planned series of activities, whether it is a 4-H Shooting Sports program (e.g. archery, air gun, hunting, etc.), science project, an animal project (e.g. raising of cows, sheep) or any of the project areas of 4-H.
- In general, the handling of animals (large or small) requires discipline and motor skills that have yet to be fully developed in most children in the K-3 age range and when coupled with the unpredictable behavior of animals, does not provide the optimal safe educational environment.

Jeffco Cloverbud Groups:

Hutchinson 4-H Cloverbuds at Hutchinson Elementary, Lakewood. Contact Lisa Stavig at 303-592-1616.

Pleasant Park Shooting Stars in Conifer. Contact Tammy Taylor at (303) 697-9537 for dates /times.

4-H Traildusters in Conifer. Contact Deb Carbone at 303-679-1495.

4-H United in Arvada. Contact Carol von-Michaelis at 303-204-7944 or Bryana Bamford at 303-709-2335.

What if my 4-H club doesn't have a Cloverbud leader?

- Not every 4-H club will have a Cloverbud leader.
- Parent/guardians are expected to be involved with Cloverbud members.