



Laramie County 4-H Cloverbuds

What Is Cloverbuds?

The 4-H Cloverbud is a FUN youth program specially designed for children in K—2nd grade (ages 5-7 as of January 1 of 4-H year). The focus is hands-on cooperative learning in small groups with adult supervision. Cloverbuds participate in activities, games, and other positive experiences in a supportive, creative, challenging and fun environment that introduce them to the wide variety of 4-H project experiences which are available to them when they turn 8 years old.

Key differences between Cloverbuds and Older 4-H Members

Cloverbuds

- Learning is activity centered.
- Instruction is leader directed.
- Recognized for participation only, not through competitions.
- Activities come from approved curriculum or through materials approved by the county educator.
- Cloverbud clubs do not elect officers or have fundraising events.

Older 4-H Members

- Age 8-18 by Jan. 1st of 4-H year
- Receive instruction from a leader and through self-study
- Learning is project based
- Receive recognition for participation, goal achievement, achievement of standards, and in competition.
- Utilize project manuals or other materials (including curricula) as designed for their age group.

What Can Your Child Expect To Do as a Cloverbuds in Laramie County?

- Participate in activities uniquely suited to their development
- Grow and learn in a non-competitive environment
- Participate in hands-on activities
- Have Fun
- Develop skills
- Make new friends

In Laramie County, there are a few county-wide opportunities for your Cloverbud. These include:

- Fair exhibit: Cloverbuds can bring a project to the fair during a designated time and have it “judged.” This “show-n-tell” style allows the Cloverbud to experience static exhibit interview judging in an age-appropriate manner. Each Cloverbud receives a participation ribbon and their items are put on display for the duration of fair.
- Cloverbud Fundays: Fundays are held throughout the year and include activities that are part of a theme (ie Holiday Funday-making holiday crafts).



- Club activities: some clubs in Laramie County 4-H have leaders or specific activities for Cloverbud members. This varies by club and the engagement level of Cloverbuds in a club varies.
- Other activities as time and manpower allows

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Can my Cloverbud participate in the Laramie County fair? A Cloverbud cannot show in 4-H class at the county fair because these are competitive events. Laramie County Fair does have Pee-Wee or Cloverbud Showmanship classes which are open to the public. As these are not 4-H sponsored events, a youth could participate in these events but not as representing 4-H.
2. Can my Cloverbud work with animals? As part of 4-H programs, Cloverbuds can work with animals in a demonstration or exposition format with 4-H leaders.
3. Do Cloverbuds complete record books? This is optional.
4. Are there any clubs for Cloverbuds? A Cloverbud can be a member of any community club, but not all clubs do programming for Cloverbuds.
5. How much does it cost? The same as the traditional enrollment fee for that 4-H year. Cloverbuds have to complete the same enrollment process each 4-H year (October 1-September 30) as the traditional members.

For more information about Laramie County 4-H Cloverbuds, please contact the Laramie County 4-H Office at 307-633-4383.



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