

CLOVER KIDS

In support of the youth development mission of 4-H, the purpose of the 4-H Clover Kids Program is to help youth learn social skills, reinforce formal school programs through informal, noncompetitive experiential educational projects and activities, develop self-esteem and build family strengths. NEW: The annual participation fee for Clover Kids is \$10 per child, annually. The following rules and guidelines are based on youth development research indicating competitive events and competitive judging are inappropriate for Clover Kid aged youth.

1. Age Requirements

- The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service extends a limited version of the 4-H experience to youth in grades K-2 as “4-H Clover Kids.” This age category is further defined as youth who are a minimum of five years old AND eligible to enroll in Kindergarten on September 1 of the current year and have not entered (started classes) the third grade on September 1.
- Clover Kids are not eligible to serve as club officers, nor are they eligible to participate in activities, recognition programs, or competitive events reserved for older youth.

2. Enrollment

- Any chartered 4-H club may organize a “4-H Clover Kids” group within the club.
- A school, day care center, community center, neighborhood, or group may sponsor and organize a 4-H Clover Kids group, with the aid of volunteers trained by the county Extension staff or their designees.
- Each 4-H Clover Kids member may participate only through organized learning groups under the guidance of qualified and trained volunteer 4-H leaders.
- Members can be enrolled on 4HOnline using individual or group enrollment forms.

3. Approved Projects and Recognition

- Emphasis is on providing project-related learning experiences and forms of recognition which are age appropriate and based on current youth development research. The individual project is the basis for a significant part of the education in 4-H. Projects and curricula approved by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service for Clover Kids include:
 - Curricula
 - Hatching In The Classroom
 - Yea 4-H!
 - Junior Master Gardener
 - Projects
 - Rabbits
 - Food & Nutrition
 - Health & Personal Safety
 - Photography
 - Robotics
 - Horticulture
 - Dog Care & Training
 - Sport Fishing
 - Fashion & Interior Design
 - Computer Science
- Projects are restricted to those mentioned above which the youth can, by themselves, understand, manage, and care for and for which the youth can master the associated subject matter knowledge.
- Projects for Clover Kids ARE NOT to be entered into competition.
- Projects are not eligible to be entered into competition in traditional 4-H program events and activities reserved for the 3rd grade to the 12th grade group.
- Projects may be exhibited at an appropriate Extension approved non-competitive 4-H Clover Kids event.
- In presentations and exhibits, Clover Kids will be presented participation awards only, with recognition based upon completing and exhibiting the product or skill. No judging or placing shall be permitted.