

4-H Cloverbuds bloom into independent, confident, successful adults through activities that teach “Learning by Doing” – a 4-H member’s way of acquiring new skills, and reaching “To Make the Best Better” – a goal for each member to improve themselves. The Cloverbud program provides fun, activity-focused, non-competitive, positive group-centered learning creating smiling faces on Cloverbud youth.

The 4-H Cloverbud program is an educational youth development opportunity specifically for 5- and 6-year old children. This is an exciting way to start your child in the 4-H program, or include a younger sibling of a current 4-H family.

Safety when working with children is top priority in the Kansas 4-H program. All volunteers must complete a certification program as well as Cloverbuds training before selected to serve as a leader for this group. Parents know they are leaving their children in a safe learning environment during Cloverbud activities.

Your local K-State Research and Extension office organizes the group with cooperation between the county 4-H Council and community 4-H clubs. Older 4-H members work with Cloverbuds developing leadership skills.

Cloverbud members are encouraged to participate in local day camp activities that would include educational, hands-on activities. These activities help your child begin building life skills, such as doing to learn and making new friends. The Cloverbuds curriculum is designed to help youth begin developing a foundation of skills that he or she will be able to apply to a variety of activities as they grow.

Participants in this program experience a non-competitive, positive group activity atmosphere leading youth to success. Cloverbuds would be encouraged to display their group projects at the county fair with equal recognition given to all participants.

Goals of the Cloverbud program include initiating independence and self-direction, getting along with others, making positive choices, learning to learn, and enjoying constructive and creative play. 4-H Cloverbuds embraces the 4-H core values of the 4-H colors, emblem, pledge, motto, and slogan that is emphasized throughout a youth’s 4-H career.

4-H Colors: White symbolizes purity, and green, which is nature’s most common color, represents life, springtime and youth.

4-H Emblem: The green four-leaf clover has a white H on each leaf to represent the four Hs: Head, Heart, Hands, and Health.

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 Motto: “To Make the Best Better” is a goal for each member to improve themselves.

4-H Slogan: “Learn by Doing” is a 4-H member’s way of acquiring new skills.

Are you curious how rabbits air-condition themselves? Do F-stops cause your brain to freeze? Twin Creeks Extension District is excited about organizing fun, positive activities for our 5- and 6-year old youth in Norton, Decatur, Sheridan and Graham counties.

Please contact Patsy Maddy at your local Extension office to find out more about “Inspiring Kids To Do” through the Cloverbud program. Information will also be posted on our website at www.twincreeks.ksu.edu and our Facebook page.

So Many Opportunities, So Many Choices – Put a Smile on your 5- or 6-year old by enrolling them in the Cloverbud program. Join 4-H today and be a part of it all!!