



Illinois 4-H Policies
Related to the 4-H Cloverbud Program
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Member Policies:

Extension Units may allow 4-H enrollment by youth who are five, six, or seven years of age on or before September 1 of the 4-H year and are not yet in the third grade. This is an Extension Unit decision. If 4-H enrollment is offered to 5-7 year old youth, they must be enrolled in projects recommended for this age group.

Years as a 4-H Cloverbud member determine tenure in the 4-H Cloverbud program only.

Program Policies:

The 4-H Cloverbud program is designed with specific educational objectives focused on the 5 – 7 year old youth. It is neither the intent nor the objective of the 4-H Cloverbud program to duplicate the Illinois 4-H member experiences that are designed for older 4-H youth, nor to create a mini-4-H concept.

All curriculum materials used in support of the Illinois 4-H Cloverbud program must be reviewed and approved by the State 4-H Curriculum Committee.

Counties that offer the Illinois 4-H Cloverbud option are expected to utilize age appropriate, cooperation-based methods to give feedback and recognition, while minimizing failure in the activities of the 4-H Cloverbud curricula.

4-H Exhibitions:

Counties must provide an exhibit opportunity for members who are eligible to receive 4-H premiums unless the individuals or groups have waived this program option. County may choose to provide exhibit opportunities for other 4-H members, ex. 4-H Cloverbuds, short-term program participants, etc.

Agricultural Premium Fund Participation:

4-H exhibitions should be open to participation by 4-H Cloverbuds as noncompetitive exhibitors. Premium funds are not available for this age group.

4-H Fiscal Policies:

Illinois 4-H Cloverbud groups are not required to select a treasurer from the membership. A minimum of two designated adults will be signatories on the account and two signatures are required on all checks.