

Cloverbuds Program

The Oregon 4-H Cloverbud Program is designed to provide an opportunity for youth ages **5-8 (as of September 1 of the current 4-H year)** to engage in **developmentally appropriate** learning experiences while still participating in larger community 4-H programs.

4-H Cloverbuds is a **non-competitive program** where youth participate in a wide array of learning experiences. Cloverbuds do not enroll in a specific **project**, but instead explore arts, food, science, social skills, small animals, and more! Cloverbuds are recognized as "official" 4-H members in Oregon, but only participate at the county level.

Cloverbuds **may not** participate in the following activities:

- raising livestock
- riding horses
- handling dogs or other large animals
- shooting sports (including archery)

Cloverbuds **may** participate in: Basically everything else!

- preparing food
- sewing, knitting, and crocheting
- making art
- raising poultry, rabbits, guinea pigs, and other small animals
- conducting science experiments
- exploring the outdoors
- serving their community
- making friends and developing social skills

The 4-H Cloverbud program provides youth with opportunities to:

- Develop self-understanding, social skills, decision-making skills and physical skills
- Gain knowledge in the sciences, literature, and the arts through hands-on learning processes
- Develop ongoing relationships with caring adults and older youth who serve as positive role models
- Explore family and community relationships
- Develop an understanding of and appreciation for social and cultural diversity