



Clover Kids

You are about to begin an exciting adventure as a part of the Nebraska Clover Kids 4-H program. As a parent or leader, you'll share in the excitement of helping youngsters learn more about themselves and their world.

Guidelines

1. Nebraska youth ages 5 – 7 years (by January 1 of the current year) may enroll in the Clover Kids Program. In other words, children turning 6, 7 or 8 during the calendar year are eligible for Clover Kids.
2. It is not the intent of the Nebraska Clover Kids program to duplicate the 8- to 19- year-old 4-H program, nor to create a “mini 4-H” concept. The Clover Kids program is designed with specific philosophies and educational objectives focused on youth ages 5 – 7.
3. Youth enrolled in this program will be counted separately as Clover Kids members. They will receive a completion certificate for each year of participation in the program.
4. Nebraska 4-H recommends the use of appropriate and recommended Clover Kids activities. The activities utilize age-appropriate, cooperative-based methods. They provide opportunities for learning through activities, emphasizing success for every child. Competition is inappropriate for this age level.

Philosophy

The purpose of the Nebraska 4-H program is to promote the positive development of youth to become competent, caring, contributing citizens. The Clover Kids program:

- is activity-based, creating a broad-based, fun approach to learning.
- emphasizes immediate positive feedback to the child involved in the activity.
- values cooperative, non-competitive learning as an effective educational strategy.
- is flexible, open and accessible to all youth through a variety of delivery methods.
- views youth in the context of family and community.
- values ongoing relationships between participants, caring adults and older youth.
- is based on research in the area of youth development, educational theory and relevant subject matter.



- provides training in child development, educational methods and subject matter content for people who work with Clover Kids youth.

Objectives

Youth participating in this program will:

- experience achievement and reinforcement through age-appropriate learning activities.
- develop a positive attitude toward self, family and community through cooperative learning environments.
- gain basic subject matter knowledge as well as knowledge in the sciences, literature and the arts through available curriculum.
- have the opportunity to practice problem-solving and decision-making skills safely with adult guidance.
- experience the joy of learning in supportive, creative, challenging and fun environments.