**4-H Cloverbuds**

Cloverbuds is a fun 4-H program specifically designed for children in kindergarten through third grade. The overall purpose of the Benton 4-H Cloverbuds program is to foster the development of life skills that are essential for the cognitive, social, emotional, and physical maturation of kindergarten through third graders by providing a unique, age-appropriate educational opportunity.

Cloverbuds explore literacy, investigate STEM, learn about healthy living, practice communication skills while working as a team, play cooperative games and make new friends, and participate in developmentally appropriate opportunities at the county fair!

Cloverbud Registration is open January 1-March 31st. Program cost is $30 per individual. Please contact the Benton County Extension Office for information on financial assistance.

Don't let the fun end! When your child reaches 4th grade and graduates from the Cloverbuds program, they can continue their 4-H experience by joining a 4-H community club! Benton County 4-H has 14 4-H Clubs to choose from. We promise your family will find a club that is the right fit and near home! If you don’t know which 4-H Club to have your 4-12th grade child join, please contact your 4-H County Youth Coordinator to help find the right fit!

**Get Involved!**

Over 10,000 volunteers across the state of Iowa guide 4-H members in becoming productive citizens, outstanding communicators, effective leaders, and successful learners. One volunteer shared:

“I feel a great sense of excitement and pride when youth accomplish something they never thought they could do. It is wonderful to see kids work through a project and feel proud of what they can do. This keeps me volunteering in school and church, as well as the 4-H program. I believe youth can be encouraged to do great things.”

Iowa 4-H needs many volunteers who are willing to share creative ideas, time, talent, and skills to support youth at the community, county, and state level. Benton County 4-H will give you the information, training, and resources you need to get started. All volunteers must pass background screening. Contact the Benton County 4-H County Youth Coordinator to get started as a 4-H Volunteer!
The 4-H program is suited for 4-12th grade youth. 4-H Clubs create a culture of learning where everyone is involved in a collective effort of understanding. Benton County 4-H Clubs connect people to build a sense of community, embrace diversity of experiences within the group, foster a culture of shared learning, provide leadership opportunities, help youth build skills to become productive citizens, outstanding communicators, effective leaders, and successful learners.

Benton County 4-H Clubs meet monthly to conduct business meetings, share presentations about topics youth are passionate about, plan and participate in service projects, make friends, and have fun! Each club is led by at least one qualified volunteer from the club’s community.

Each club is unique… just like our Benton County 4-H’ers! Club activities vary depending on youth interests, time of the year, and group size. The 4-H enrollment period begins in September and ends on December 31. Program cost is $30 per individual. Please contact the Benton County Extension Office for information on financial assistance. Visit 4honline.com or contact your 4-H County Youth Coordinator to start the enrollment process!

Benton County 4-H Members have the opportunity to participate in County 4-H events including the Benton County Fair! Each year youth exhibit static (non-livestock), communication, fashion, and livestock projects at the fair! For more about specific projects and interest areas in 4-H, please view: https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/15266.

Benton County 4-H also opens doors to regional, state, and national 4-H opportunities. From visiting the state capitol on the Legislative Day Trip to being selected to travel to Atlanta, Georgia for National 4-H Congress and EVERYTHING in between… 4-H is the picture of new experiences, lasting friendships, and successful youth development.

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### Benton County 4-H Clubs, Specialty Groups, and Cloverbud Groups

- Atkins Cloverbuds
- Blairstown/Norway Cloverbuds
- Bruce Boosters Cloverbuds
- Garrison Cloverbuds
- Garrison Big Grove Cloverbuds
- Shellsburg/Urbana Cloverbuds
- Vinton Cloverbuds
- Bruce Boosters 4-H Club | La Porte City
- Canton Upstreamers 4-H Club | Shellsburg & Palo
- Eldorado Young Master Farmers 4-H Club | Newhall & Atkins
- Florence Go Getters 4-H Club | Blairstown & Norway
- Florence Hawkeyes 4-H Club | Norway & Watkins
- Fremont Go Getters 4-H Club | Atkins
- Harrison Willing Workers 4-H Club | Vinton & Garrison
- Iowa Ever Readies 4-H Club | Belle Plaine & Luzerne
- Jackson Better Farmers 4-H Club | Vinton & Garrison
- Leroy Luckies 4-H Club | Blairstown, Keystone & Van Horne
- Monroe Barnstormers 4-H Club | Dysart & Garrison
- North Eden Willing Workers 4-H Club | Vinton & Garrison
- Polk 101 4-H Club | Urbana & Center Point
- Benton County Livestock Judging Team (Specialty Group)
- BEHIP (Specialty Group)