



Greetings, Clover Kids!

We hope you have had a fun year in Clover Kids and are getting excited for the county fair. We can't wait to see you involved in the MANY events JUST FOR YOU at the county fair this year!

This clover kid section explains those opportunities and registration deadlines.

As always, please contact the Extension Office with any questions!

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Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30-5:00 pm.

CK FAIR PREPARATIONS

This Clover Kids fair book section is FULL of information regarding your Clover Kid and what they can experience at the Clinton County Fair. Read it. Share it with them. Sign up. Keep it handy for future reference and fair preparations!

Some details to note:

- Annually Clover Kids receive a **new 4-H t-shirt** sponsored by the Clinton County 4-H Foundation. You'll pick up your shirt in your exhibitor packet (watch for an email after July 1st). Wear these shirts proudly at the county fair when participating in Clover Kids events and then they are yours to keep and wear throughout the year!
- Clover Kids do not need to identify their livestock/animals in 4hOnline like 4-H members do. Please register for the events though using **FairEntry** by July 1! This helps the county 4-H staff and your club leader help you.
- If you are participating in an animal project (pet, goat, rabbit, sheep, poultry) AND you register by July 1 in FairEntry, you will have an **exhibitor number** in your fair packet. This number will be worn on your back with safety pins and helps staff and volunteers identify you. This number is also printed in the show programs.
- Your name and exhibitor number will not show up in show programs if you do not register through FairEntry.
- The complete **4-H/FFA Schedule and Fair Book** is available at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/clinton/county-fair>
- The Clinton County Fair Board hosts TONS of **activities/contests** throughout the fair that might include seed spitting, or the biggest bubble contest! Check out the full schedule on their website: <https://clintoncountyiowafair.com/county-fair/>

CONFERENCE JUDGING DAY

WHO: Kindergarten – 3rd grade

WHEN: Friday, July 14, 2023 (10:00 am – Noon)

10:00-11:00 am - Cal-Wheat, Elk River Eagles, Goose Lake CK
11:00-Noon - DeWitt, Delmar, Grand Mound Clover Kids

WHERE: Extension Office (400 E 11th St)

REGISTRATION: Highly encouraged

Bring up to three of your favorite exhibits to share with an adult.

Exhibit Ideas

- These could be items made at a club meeting or from work/play at home or even from school.
- Here are a few to get you started: paint a picture, decorate a flower pot, make a fleece tie pillow, mat pictures, tie-dye, bake cookies, grow vegetables, etc.
- **No write-ups are needed!** Write-Ups are for 4-H members. Simply have your project labeled with your name and club.

Conference Judging Day Procedure

- Stop by the Extension Office during your club's designated time.
- Please label your exhibit with name/club/project title on an entry tag. Tags are available at the Extension Office or simply label on your own. No other paperwork is required.
- Wait for youth name to be called. Youth and parents will wait together in the large conference room. Chairs are set up in the same room as a few tables where adults will talk about the exhibits.
- When youth's name is called, only the youth will visit with the adult. Parents are still in the same room but we ask that parents wait in the chairs and let the youth talk to the adult one-on-one.
- Youth will visit with the adult about the exhibits they brought.
 - How did you make this? What do you like most? What are you going to do with this? Who helped you?
- That's it! Youth and parents will leave exhibits at the Office.
- Volunteers will ribbon the exhibits and set them up for display during the fair in your club booth.
- You can invite family and friends to see them during fair week. Check the fair schedule for Auditorium hours.
- All exhibits must be picked up after exhibits are released following the fair schedule. We are not responsible for projects left behind.

Why participate?

This is a GREAT introduction to the judging process. Youth will share about their exhibit with an adult. We hope this builds confidence.

BUCKET OF BLOOMS

WHO: Kindergarten – 3rd grade

WHEN: Wednesday, July 19, 2023 (9 – Noon)

WHERE: Outdoor Learning Classroom
(near the Auditorium, look for a tent)

REGISTRATION: Highly encouraged

- Submit entry using FairEntry before July 1.

Steps for Success

1. Find a 5-gallon bucket and then drill holes in the bottom for drainage. You can put plastic bottles or packing peanuts 3/4 of the way in the bucket to make it lighter.
2. You can embellish your bucket or leave it plain.
3. Put your favorite plantings in the bucket and enter it in the Bucket of Blooms Contest.
4. Buckets will be displayed outside during the Clinton County Fair, please ensure that your entry is suitable for the outdoors. **YOU are responsible for watering your bucket** during the fair!
5. ALL buckets must be dropped off in the tent near the Outdoor Learning Classroom on Wednesday, July 19, 2023 between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm.

Awards will be given based on creativity in these categories:

1. Delightfully Delicious (minimum of three edible herbs or vegetables)
2. Colors of the Rainbow (minimum of three colors)
3. Fantastic Foliage (2 different types)

**This class is sponsored by the
Clinton County Master Gardeners.**

3rd GRADE GRADUATION

WHO: 3rd grade

WHEN: Thursday, July 20, 2023, 4:30 pm

WHERE: Beef Arena

REGISTRATION: Highly encouraged! Please fill out the questionnaire emailed to you in June before July 1.

We want to recognize those who just completed 3rd grade with a Clover Kids Graduation Ceremony! Celebrate your accomplishments and get ready to enter the 4-H program in the fall.

Helpful Information:

- Submit questionnaire sent to your 4hOnline email by July 1. The information submitted will be read during the ceremony.
- Invite anyone you'd like. This ceremony takes place during the 4-H Awards and Recognition Program on Thursday. We'll also recognize our 4-H Hall of Fame inductee, Meritorious Service Award winner, graduating seniors and scholarship recipients.
- Wear your Clover Kids t-shirt and get ready to smile for photos!
- You'll receive a graduation gift if you attend too.

PET SHOW

WHO: Kindergarten – 3rd grade

WHEN: Friday, July 21, 2023 following 4-H/FFA Show

WHERE: Auditorium

REGISTRATION: Required!

- Submit entry using FairEntry before July 1.

Rules:

- See page 57 in the Fair Book for complete list!
- Additional rules for Clover Kids:
 - Clover Kids are encouraged to write (or draw) answers to the following questions so they are prepared when talking to the judge. A Pet Report Booklet is available online at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/clinton/county-fair>
 - Why did you choose to become a pet owner?
 - When did you get your pet?
 - What kind of food do you feed your pet?
 - What type of house does your pet have?
 - Have you trained your pet to do anything special?
 - Who helps you care for your pet?
 - Clover Kids will not receive premiums but will be recognized with a ribbon for participation.

Notes:

- Types of pets youth could bring include fish, birds, cats, dogs, gerbils, guinea pigs, hamsters, rabbits, ferrets, chinchillas, or other pets that weigh less than 30 pounds.
- Clover Kids can bring a live pet OR a stuffed animal to experience what it is like to talk with a judge. If using a stuffed animal, Clover Kids are encouraged to use their imagination when completing the pet report booklet.

ADDITIONAL LIVESTOCK

These experiences are to simply to expose youth to showing a species and are all non-competitive. **Registration required through FairEntry by July 1** for stalling purposes. Clover Kids must follow livestock rules.

WHAT: Sheep/Goat Showmanship

WHO: Kindergarten-3rd grade

WHERE: Swine Arena

WHEN: Thursday, July 20 *Following the 4-H/FFA Showmanship*

Details: Need a lamb or goat? Let us know! We will partner you with an older 4-H member to help show you the ropes. Clover Kids can bring their own animal. If doing so, they must stall it on the fairgrounds for the duration of the fair.

WHAT: Poultry Showmanship

WHO: Kindergarten-3rd grade

WHERE: Poultry Barn

WHEN: Friday, July 21, *Following the 4-H/FFA Showmanship*

Details: Need a chicken? Let us know! We will partner you with an older 4-H member to help show you the ropes. Clover Kids can bring their own animal. If doing so, they must stall it on the fairgrounds for the duration of the fair.

WHAT: Rabbit Showmanship

WHO: Kindergarten-3rd grade

WHERE: Swine Arena

WHEN: Friday, July 21 *Following the 4-H/FFA Showmanship*

Details: Need a rabbit? Let us know! We will partner you with an older 4-H member to help show you the ropes. Clover Kids can bring their own animal. If doing so, they must stall it on the fairgrounds for the duration of the fair.

BUCKET BOTTLE CALF

WHO: Kindergarten – 3rd grade

WHEN: Sunday, July 23 *following 4-H/FFA Show*

WHERE: Beef Arena

REGISTRATION: Required! Please help us plan.

- Submit entry using FairEntry before July 1.

Rules:

- See page 48 in the Fair Book for complete list!
- **Calves must be born between March 1– June 15 of the current year.** Calves much older are difficult for some members to handle and are a safety risk.
- Calves need not be castrated. Beef and/or Dairy animals permitted.
- Calf must be bucket or bottle fed until weaned.
- All calves will be shown on halter and should be clean and groomed.
- **No show sticks will be allowed as a safety precaution.**
- Children will be asked 3-4 questions about themselves and the care of calf, showing/handling, general health and their knowledge of the project.
- Calves may be brought to the fair on the day of the show and return home the same day OR be stalled for the duration of the fair. Indicate on FairEntry what your family plans to do.

Notes:

- The 4-H/FFA members will show first. The show typically takes 1-2 hours.
- AFTER the 4-H/FFA show, then Kindergarteners will show, then 1st graders, then 2nd graders, and finally 3rd graders. Grades are determined by what the youth has completed.
- Please practice before the show! It can be intimidating for our Clover Kids to walk a calf through the ring. Practice helps!

FASHION SHOW

WHO: Kindergarten-3rd grade

WHEN: Sunday, July 23, 1:00 pm

WHERE: Beef Arena Stage

REGISTRATION: Highly encouraged, not required.

Clover Kids can strut their stuff and practice walking down a runway during the 4-H Fashion Show.

Helpful Information:

- Wear a favorite outfit (does not need to be 4-H related!) to the 4-H Fashion Show. An example could be your first day of school outfit, something to wear to a wedding, anything really!
- Check in with a 4-H staff member between 12:15-12:45 on the fashion show day.
- Youth should be prepared to answer the following questions. Staff/Volunteers will read the answers as they walk down the runway.
 - Youth name and club
 - Parent's name(s)
 - Where would you wear this outfit?
 - Who helped you select this outfit?
 - What do you like best about this outfit?
- Walk the runway in between the \$20 Challenge, Clothing Selection, Innovative Design, and Fashion Revue divisions.
- We'll split into groups based on grade so Kindergarteners will be at one time, then 1st graders, etc. Youth will be able to see an example from 4-H members walking before them.

Clover Kids Livestock FAQ

What animals are Clover Kids members eligible to exhibit at the Club Show?

Clover Kids may exhibit bottle sheep, goats, poultry, pets (under 30 pounds), bucket/bottle calves, and rabbits during the fair.

How do I enter my animals in the Club Show?

Clover Kids are encouraged to log in to FairEntry before July 1 to submit class entries for each species that they plan to exhibit. If things change, Clover Kids may "show up" to the class provided their animal meets health requirements.

Animals DO NOT need to be identified because this is created as a learning opportunity. Clover Kids do not need to own the animal. They can borrow an animal from a sibling or another exhibitor.

When do I bring my animal(s) to the fairgrounds?

Animals may be brought on during check-in (see fair schedule) or may come to on the day of show provided the animal meets the health guidelines. Pets may only come on the day of the show and must go home afterwards.

Why are these the rules?

The physical and emotional safety of children is a prime consideration when working with animals. Iowa 4-H created these guidelines to still allow educational opportunities for K-3rd grade members. The full requirements are listed here: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/regulations-and-guidance>

Who do I contact...

...with general 4-H/FFA livestock or static questions?

Clinton County Extension and Outreach Email
clinton4h@iastate.edu or call 563-659-5125.

...with 4hOnline or FairEntry questions?

Clinton County Extension and Outreach.

...if my child needs help with an exhibit?

Clinton County Extension and Outreach or to find forms and help sheets, visit the website www.extension.iastate.edu/clinton/county-fair

...for the formal grievance policy?

Clinton County Extension and Outreach.

...if I want to change a fair book rule for next year?

Clinton County Extension and Outreach, the form is also posted at www.extension.iastate.edu/clinton/county-fair and must be submitted either electronically or physically by September 1 annually.

...about the open/pee-wee swine or open performance beef shows?

Clinton County Fair Board, call (563) 659-1624.

...about non-4-H/FFA activities at the Clinton County Fair?

Clinton County Fair Board, call (563) 659-1624.

...if I want to express my opinions or concerns?

Attend the after fair meeting hosted by the Fair Board for most concerns or opinions. The date is shared on the fair schedule. You can also follow the formal grievance policy.

The Clinton County 4-H program is governed by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach and the County Agricultural District Memorandum of Understanding. All rules pertaining to the Clinton County Club Show align with Iowa 4-H Youth Development. Guidelines and rules are determined by County and State 4-H Extension Staff which are governed by the Clinton County Extension Council. Rule enforcement is established through discussion focused on positive youth development. **The Project Division Superintendents, Extension Staff, and the Fair Veterinarian(s) shall make final interpretation of rules and regulations as they apply to all youth divisions.** Contact the Clinton County Extension and Outreach Office for the formal Grievance Policy.

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