

Clover Kids Classes

This section explains opportunities and registration deadlines specific to K-3rd grade Clover Kids members 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! **All Clover Kids events are non-competitive**, and youth will receive multi-color participation ribbons. No premiums are awarded.

As always, please contact the Extension Office with any questions! **Phone:** 563-659-5125 **Email:** clinton4h@iastate.edu **In-Person:** 400 E 11th St, DeWitt
Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30-5:00 pm.

Key Dates

- July 1 – Deadline to register through [FairEntry](https://clintoniowa.fairentry.com) (clintoniowa.fairentry.com)
- Week before fair – pick up your member packet at the Extension Office (t-shirt, exhibitor number, etc.)
- July 12, 2024 – Conference Judging Day at the Extension Office
- July 17-21, 2024 – Clinton County Fair

Additional Details

- Clover Kids do not identify their livestock/animals in 4hOnline like 4-H members do. Please register for events in [FairEntry](https://clintoniowa.fairentry.com) by July 1! This helps the county 4-H staff and your club leader help you.
- Annually Clover Kids receive a **new 4-H t-shirt** sponsored by the Clinton County 4-H Foundation. Pick it up in your member packet the week before the fair. Wear these shirts proudly when participating in Clover Kids fair events and then throughout the year!
- If you are participating in an animal project (pet, goat, rabbit, sheep, poultry) AND you register by July 1 in [FairEntry](https://clintoniowa.fairentry.com), you will have an **exhibitor number** in your member 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](https://clintoniowa.fairentry.com) by July 1.
- 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/>

3rd Grade Graduation

WHO: Youth who have completed 3rd grade

WHEN: Thursday, July 18, 2024 at 4:30 pm

WHERE: Stage in the Beef Arena

DETAILS:

- 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 be recognized on stage as a graduate of the Clover Kids program. 4-H staff will ask you what your favorite part of Clover Kids was, be prepared to share your answer!
- You'll receive a graduation gift if you attend too. We want to celebrate your accomplishments and help you enter the 4-H program in the fall.

Clover Kids Bucket of Blooms

This class is organized and judged by the Clinton County Master Gardeners.

WHO: Kindergarten – 3rd grade

WHEN: Wednesday, July 17, 2024 (9:00 am – Noon)

WHERE: Outdoor Learning Classroom (on Fairgrounds, near Auditorium)

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. Buckets will be displayed outside during the Clinton County Fair, please ensure that your embellishments are suitable for the outdoors.
3. Add your plants/flowers to the bucket. Care for your bucket.
4. Sign up for the class in FairEntry by July 1st.
5. Drop off your bucket near the Outdoor Learning Classroom (on fairgrounds) on **Wednesday, July 17, 2024** between 9:00 am and Noon.
6. On Thursday, you can move your bucket somewhere else on the fairgrounds.
7. Water your bucket throughout the Clinton County Fair.
8. Take your bucket home when exhibits are released! Thanks for helping beautify the fairgrounds!

Awards

Awards will be given based on creativity in these categories to junior, intermediate, senior, and Clover Kids.

- A. Delightfully Delicious (minimum of three edible herbs or vegetables)
- B. Colors of the Rainbow (minimum of three colors)
- C. Fantastic Foliage (2 different types)

Clover Kids Bucket Bottle Calf

WHO: Kindergarten – 3rd grade

WHEN: Sunday, July 21 at 9:30 am (or when the 4-H/FFA show is done)

WHERE: Beef Arena

RULES:

1. Clover Kid exhibitors must submit a class entry in [FairEntry](#) by July 1.
2. Quality and conformation of the calf will NOT be considered.
3. Any newborn or orphaned calf – steer or heifer – dairy or beef – purebred or crossbred – **born between March 1 and June 15 of the current year** can be a part of this project. Calves need not be castrated.
4. Calf must be bucket or bottle fed until weaned; no nursing permitted.
5. An exhibitor is limited to a maximum of one calf exhibited at the fair.
6. All calves will be shown on halter and should be clean and groomed.
7. No show sticks will be allowed in the Clover Kids Class. This is a safety precaution.
8. Children will be asked 3-4 questions regarding:
 - a. Care and management of raising the calf.
 - b. Showing/handling of the calf.
 - c. Fitting, general health, and condition of the calf and child's knowledge of the project.
9. Bucket bottle calf exhibitors must follow the fair's rules and health requirements as stated in the fair book. These include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - a. No evidence of warts, ringworm, pinkeye, or other infectious conditions will be allowed.
 - b. All exhibitors must show his/her own animal in partnership with a caring adult.
 - c. Each exhibitor is responsible for the care of his or her animal in partnership with a caring adult.
10. Calves may be brought to the fair on the day of the show and return home the same day or they may be stalled at the fair in a designated area for the duration of the fair. Exhibitors planning to stall a calf at the fair must indicate so when submitting class entry in [FairEntry](#). *Barn space is limited! We need to plan accordingly.*
11. For 3rd grade exhibitors to be eligible for the 2nd Year Bucket Bottle Calf Class in the beef show next year, the calf needs to be tagged with a 4-H tag before leaving the fairgrounds, and no later than July 31, 2024.

Traditionally, this division has a lot of entries. Exhibitors will show in classes by grade completed. Additional class breaks may be made. Check the program at the fair for details.

CK02:01 Exhibitors in Kindergarten

CK02:02 Exhibitors in 1st Grade

CK02:03 Exhibitors in 2nd Grade

CK02:04 Exhibitors in 3rd Grade

Clover Kids Conference Judging Day

WHO: Kindergarten – 3rd grade

WHEN: Friday, July 12, 2024 (10:00 am – Noon)

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

WHERE: Extension Office (400 E 11th St)

DETAILS:

- Bring up to three exhibits (aka items or projects).
- These could be items made at a club meeting or from work/play at home or even from school. Ideas include, paint a picture, decorate a flower pot, make a fleece tie pillow, mat pictures, tie-dye, bake cookies, 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

1. Stop by the Extension Office during your club's designated time.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. Youth will visit with the adult about the exhibits they brought.
 - a. How did you make this? What do you like most? What are you going to do with this? Who helped you?
6. Youth will receive a multi-colored ribbon for their exhibits.
7. That's it! Youth and parents will leave exhibits at the Extension Office.
8. Volunteers will set them up for display during the fair in your club booth.
9. You can invite family and friends to see them during fair week. Check the [fair schedule](#) for Auditorium hours.
10. All exhibits must be picked up after exhibits are released following the [fair schedule](#). We are not responsible for exhibits 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.

Clover Kids Fashion Show

WHO: Kindergarten – 3rd grade

WHEN: Sunday, July 21 at 1 pm, check in between 12:15-12:45 pm.

WHERE: Beef Arena Stage

DETAILS:

- 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!
- Youth should be prepared to answer the following questions at check-in. Staff/Volunteers will read the answers as they walk down the runway.
 - Youth name and club
 - Parent/Guardian's name(s)
 - Where would you wear this outfit?
 - Who helped you select this outfit?
 - What do you like best about this outfit?
- Exhibitors will be split into groups to walk down the runway in between the \$20 Challenge, Clothing Selection, Innovative Design, and Fashion Revue divisions. Youth will be able to see an example from 4-H members walking before them.

Clover Kids Pet Show

WHO: Kindergarten – 3rd grade

WHEN: Saturday, July 20 at 2 pm

WHERE: Auditorium

DETAILS:

- Clover Kids must comply with the 4-H/FFA pet show rules on [page 66](#).
- Additionally, 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 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.
- 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. If using a stuffed animal, Clover Kids are encouraged to use their imagination when completing the pet report booklet.

Clover Kids Poultry Show

WHO: Kindergarten – 3rd grade

WHEN: Friday, July 18 at 11 am – **NEW for 2024!!** Clover Kids will show first, right at 11 am! 4-H/FFA show will follow.

WHERE: Multi-Species Barn

DETAILS: Need a chicken or duck? Let us know when you register in [FairEntry!](#) We will partner you with an older 4-H member to help show you the ropes. Clover Kids can bring their own animal for just the show.

Clover Kids Rabbit Show

WHO: Kindergarten – 3rd grade

WHEN: Friday July 18 at 8 am – **NEW for 2024!!** Clover Kids will show first, right at 8 am! 4-H/FFA show will follow.

WHERE: Multi-Species Barn

DETAILS: Need a rabbit? Let us know when you register in [FairEntry!](#) We will partner you with an older 4-H member to help show you the ropes. Clover Kids can bring their own animal for just the show.

Clover Kids Sheep/Goat Show

WHO: Kindergarten – 3rd grade

WHEN: Thursday, July 17 at 9 am – **NEW for 2024!!** Clover Kids will show first, right at 9 am! 4-H/FFA show will follow.

WHERE: Swine Arena

DETAILS: Need a lamb or goat? Let us know when you register in [FairEntry!](#) We will partner you with an older 4-H member to help show you the ropes. Clover Kids can bring their own animal for just the show.

Clover Kids Livestock FAQ

What animals are Clover Kids members eligible to exhibit?

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?

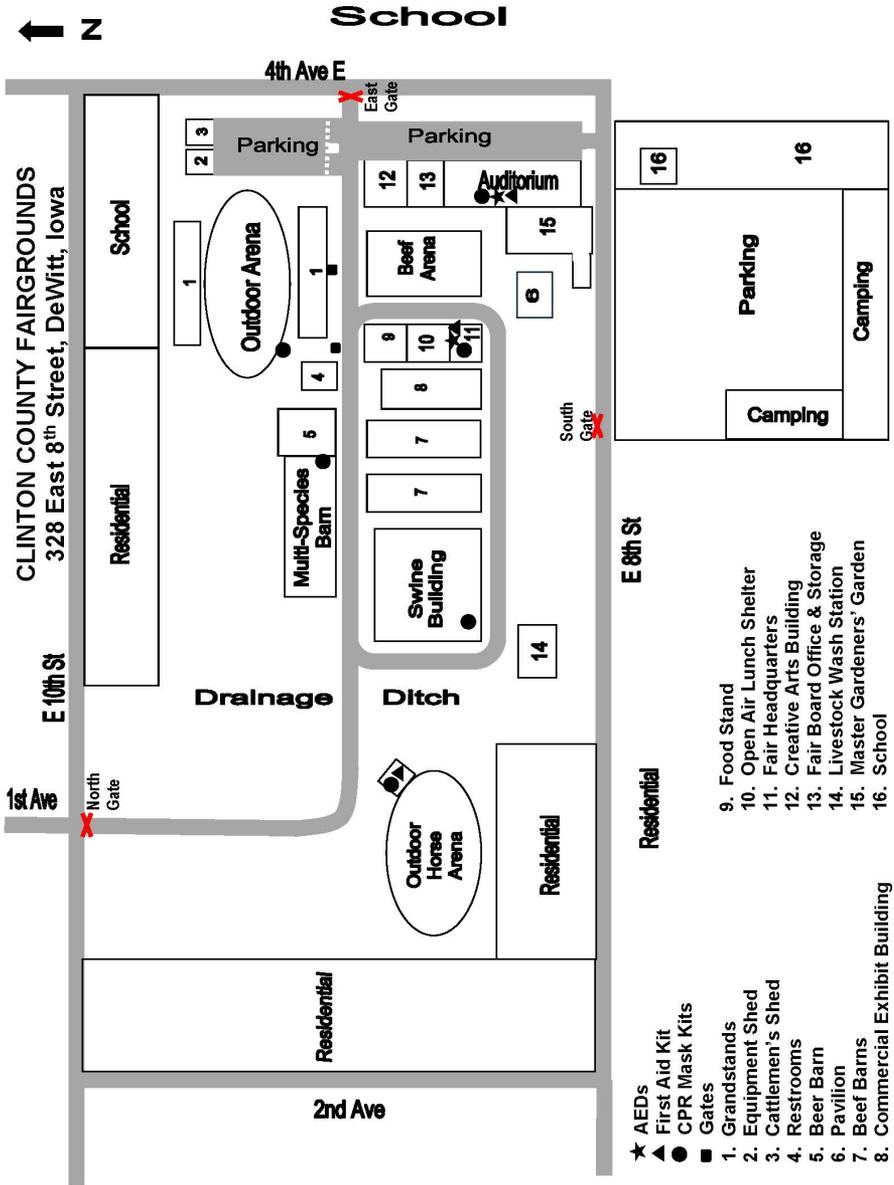
Animals may be brought on during check-in (see [fair schedule](#)) or may come to on the day of show provided the animal meets the health guidelines. Pets may only come on the day of the show and must go home afterwards.

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>

Map of the Fairgrounds



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 general activities at the Clinton County Fair?

If not related to 4-H/FFA/Clover Kids, contact the Clinton County Fair Board, call (563) 659-1624.

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

You have a few options:

- Attend the after fair meeting hosted by the Fair Board for most concerns or opinions. The date is shared on the [fair schedule](#).
- Attend an Extension Council meeting. All dates are listed on the website: www.extension.iastate.edu/clinton/extension-council
- Contact the Extension Office or the Fair Board to speak with someone.
- Send an email to clinton4h@iastate.edu.
- Request a fair rule change as indicated above.
- For more formal grievances, please follow the formal grievance policy. Ask a Clinton County Extension and Outreach staff member or Extension Council member.