



2024

**Clover Kids
Fair Guide**

July 17-21



IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
Extension and Outreach

Calling all Clover Kids!

The Clover Kid program in Floyd County is a fun 4-H program for youth in kindergarten through 3rd grade. The program offers a variety of hands-on experiences uniquely suited for this age group. One of the opportunities Clover Kids have is to participate at the Floyd County Fair. The Floyd County Fair provides a wonderful setting for youth to come and exhibit what they have been learning throughout the past year.

General Guidelines

- All Clover Kids planning to exhibit non-livestock and livestock exhibits at the Floyd County Fair must enroll as a Clover Kid in 4HOnline at <https://v2.4honline.com>.
- Clover Kids participation is non-competitive. No premiums will be distributed, and adult supervision is required. Participation ribbons will be given.
- Attire: Clothing should be neat and clean for judging. Wearing a Clover Kid shirt is encouraged. Clover Kid shirts are available for purchase at the Floyd County Extension Office. Jeans or dark pants and closed-toe shoes are required while showing livestock.
- Additional information on project areas can be found at:
<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projectslist>

Need help enrolling in 4HOnline? Need help with livestock IDs? Can't find a document?

We are here to help!

Contact the Floyd County Extension Office with any questions.

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Non-Livestock (Static) Showcase

Open to all youth in kindergarten through 3rd grade in Floyd County. Clover Kids will have the opportunity to talk with a caring adult about their project.

- There is no limit to the number of showcase items entered by a Clover Kid. However, all items must be made by the Clover Kid under adult supervision. Items may be made at home, in school, at daycare, at camp, or a Clover Kids event.
- Copyrighted materials and designs may not be used in an exhibit that is presented as original work by the exhibitor. Exhibitors must include permission from the copyright holder/owner when using copyrighted materials. Exhibitors must give proper credit to the original source of all materials/designs used in exhibits.
- **Showcase items will be entered on Tuesday, July 16 from 10 am to 2:30 pm at the Floyd County Fairgrounds Youth Enrichment Center.**
- Static entries are highly encouraged to be entered in Fair Entry <https://floydcounty.fairentry.com> by **June 21, 2024**.
- All showcase items will receive a participation ribbon; no premium money will be given for these items.
- All showcase items will be on display at the Floyd County Fair until Sunday, July 21. Items will be released from 9 am – 2 pm and must be picked up at this time. Items not picked up at the fairgrounds will be available for pick-up at the Floyd County Extension Office during normal office hours.
- The Floyd County Extension Office and the Floyd County Fair Board will use diligence to ensure the safety of all items entered at the Floyd County Fair. However, we are not responsible for damage or loss by fire, theft, etc.
- Showcase items may be entered in any of the following categories (see next page for class descriptions):

Class A: Animals

Class B: Agriculture & Natural Resources

Class C: Creative Arts

Class D: Family & Consumer Science

Class E: Personal Development

Class F: Science, Engineering, and Technology

Class G: Other



Non-Livestock (Static) Class Descriptions

Class A: Animals – Items related to all species and types of animals. The actual animal may not be brought to the fair.

Class B: Agriculture & Natural Resources – Items related to plants, agriculture, and the environment.

Notice: Due to the risk of bringing live plants to the county fair, the exhibitor will be responsible for the care of the plant(s) while they are at the fair.

Class C: Creative Arts – Items related to art, photography, and music.

Class D: Family & Consumer Science – Items related to food, clothing, or home decorating. Sewn or home-crafted items can be included in this class.

Class E: Personal Development – Items related to, or created by the youth, such as stories, poems, etc.

Class F: Science, Engineering, and Technology – Items related to science, engineering, technology, or items designed and built by the youth, such as wood items.

Class G: Other – Items not included under any of the above classes.

Exhibit Goal Sheet & Showcase Interview

An exhibit goal sheet provides a quick overview of a showcase item and prepares youth for their showcase interview with a caring adult. Goal cards are not required for Clover Kids but are good practice. Below are the questions found on the exhibit goal sheet and asked during the showcase interview:



1. Why did you choose this project? What was your goal?
2. What was your biggest problem with this project and how did you solve it?
3. What did you learn with this exhibit, and did you have fun?

During the showcase interview, we encourage the youth to try the interview by themselves at first. If they do not feel comfortable and would like a parent, guardian, or other family adult to sit next to them, we will support that.

Non-Livestock (Static) Exhibit Ideas

When deciding what to bring as an exhibit to the fair, it is important to keep in mind that the goal of a Clover Kid exhibit is to showcase their learning. Let them take the lead in doing the project, even if the results aren't perfect. Our judges are great at asking questions and bringing out answers from the kids that show their growth. That is what we really want to see.

Here are just a few ideas of projects that are appropriate at this stage of a child's development. This is not exhaustive, see next page for additional ideas and/or feel free to brainstorm your own exhibit ideas.

Class A: Animals

- Poster of their pet & how they take care of it
- Create model of favorite animal
- Model of animal habitat

Class B: Agriculture & Natural Resources

- Flowers of vegetables grown in personal garden
- Poster about rainforest
- Tree identification booklet using leaf rubbing, seed pods, etc.

Class C: Creative Arts

- An original painting, sketch, clay sculpture, collage, or craft project
- Photographs taken by Clover Kid
- Poster about favorite singer or band

Class D: Family & Consumer Science

- Bake cookies or bars & select the best 6 to bring
- Hand-stitch or weave a project

Class E: Personal Development

- Write a story, poem, or play
- Create poster about your community
- Build a model of a local landmark

Class F: Science Engineering, & Technology

- Design a rocket, robot, or machine
- Build a birdhouse, squirrel feeder, or toolbox
- Conduct a science experiment & present the results in a poster or binder

Class G: Other

- Let your imagination lead you!



Livestock Showcase



Open to all youth in kindergarten through 3rd grade in Floyd County. Clover Kids livestock showcase is a great way for Clover Kids to get started in a livestock project area. Clover Kids will have the opportunity to engage in hands-on learning and exhibit age-appropriate livestock. Appropriate animals for this age (K-3rd grade) include bucket/bottle calves, goats, sheep, rabbits, poultry, and pets. Please review livestock species specific information on the following pages.

- All Clover Kid livestock entries will not be judged in competition. Livestock entries will receive a participation ribbon. No premiums will be distributed.
- Adult supervision is required for all Clover Kid participants during the care & handling of livestock, including but not limited to shows.
- All livestock housed on the fairgrounds must have adequate feed and water at all times.
- Livestock animals (except rabbits, poultry, and pets) are required to be identified in 4HOnline <https://v2.4honline.com> by **11:59 pm on May 15, 2024**.
- Livestock fair entries are required to be entered in FairEntry <https://floydcounty.fairentry.com> by **June 21, 2024**.

WHAT IS THE JUDGE LOOKING FOR?

Clover Kids participating in the livestock showcase will be asked to do the following:

Exhibit an animal that is clean and neat. Handle the animal with minimal assistance. Keep the animal between themselves and judge.



Clover Kids in the livestock showcase may be asked some of the following questions:



- Why did you choose to show this animal?
- Where does this animal live? What does this animal eat? How often? How do you care for your animal?
- What do you like most about this animal?
- What was your biggest problem with this animal project and how did you solve it?



Clover Kid BUCKET/BOTTLE CALF Project

Bucket/bottle calves are a great way for Clover Kids to get started in the Beef or Dairy project area.

- Class is open to any bull, heifer, or steer calf born between February 1 – May 15, 2024.
- Calf must be bucket or bottle fed. No nursing.
- Youth must identify calf by May 15, 2024, in 4HOnline.
- Calves will be shown on halter. Only one calf may be shown by each exhibitor.
- Bucket bottle calf check-in from 7 am – 6 pm **on Wednesday, July 17**. All bucket/bottle calves must be checked in during this time.
- Calves must stay at the fair until they are released on Sunday.
- **Clover Kids Show – Friday, July 19 following the beef show.**



Clover Kid GOAT & LAMB Project

Goats & lambs are a great way for Clover Kids to get started in the lamb, meat goat, and dairy goat project area.

- An exhibitor may identify up to 3 lambs. All lambs must be tagged and identified with the Extension Office by May 15, 2024, in 4HOnline.
- Lambs will be shown on a halter. Only one lamb may be shown by each exhibitor.
- Meat goat & sheep check-in is from **6:15 pm – 7 pm on Wednesday, July 17**. All goats & lambs must be checked in at this time.
- Goats & sheep must stay at the fair until they are released on Sunday.
- **Clover Kids Show – Thursday, July 18 at 8 am**



Clover Kid POULTRY Project

Poultry is a great way for Clover Kids to get started in the poultry project area. Poultry includes chickens, ducks, and turkeys.

- Health papers will be required or proof of pullorum or typhoid test.
- Pullorum testing will be on July 11 from 5:30 – 7:30 pm at the Floyd County Fairgrounds.
- Poultry check-in is from **10 am – 12 pm on Thursday, July 18**. All birds must be checked in at this time.
- Birds must stay at the fair until they are released on Sunday.
- **Clover Kids Show – Saturday, July 20 at 3 pm**



Clover Kid RABBIT Project

Rabbits are a great way for Clover Kids to get started in the rabbit project area.



- Rabbits check-in is on **Thursday, July 18 from 8 am – 10 am**
- Rabbits must stay at the fair until they are released on Sunday.
- **Clover Kids Show – Thursday, July 18 at 4 pm**

Clover Kid PET Project

Pets are a great way for Clover Kids to get started in the pet project area. This is an opportunity to show an audience the pet and speak with a judge regarding nutrition, grooming, or special behaviors.



- Each exhibitor is limited to a maximum of 2 entries.
- Possible animals to show include cats, dogs, rabbits, gerbils, guinea pigs, hamsters, mice, turtles, fish, birds, snakes, etc. Livestock animals such as pigs, horses, cattle (beef & dairy), and sheep are not allowed to be exhibited in the pet show.
- Exhibitors must provide restraints, cages, or containers for entry.
- Entries will not be housed on the fairgrounds and will be brought for the show and then taken home.
- Pet show exhibits cannot be shown as an exhibit in another project area. Example: Pet rabbits may not be shown in the rabbit show during the same fair.
- All dogs and cats exhibited must present evidence of a current rabies vaccination certificate at the show.
- **Clover Kids Show – Wednesday, July 17 at 12 pm.** Contact Superintendent Alyssa Staude at 515-864-8414 prior to the day of the show.
- Exhibitors must prepare a write-up to accompany the pet which includes:
 - ◆ Breed of pet or name of species
 - ◆ Age or birth date
 - ◆ Characteristics or habits of the pet
 - ◆ Care of the pet such as special diets, needs, etc.
 - ◆ Exhibitor's name, age, and number of years with the pet
 - ◆ Any experiences the exhibitor has had with the pet which was a learning experience
 - ◆ *Optional: Photos of pet in action*





Iowa 4-H Policy Regarding Clover Kid Members Working with Animals

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach and Iowa 4-H Youth Development Program supports safe, educational, and developmentally - sound small animal activities for children in kindergarten through third grade. Developmentally appropriate small animal exhibits for children in grades K-3 include pets, rabbits, poultry, sheep, goats, and bucket bottle projects (calf, sheep, and goat).

Members of the Iowa 4-H Clover Kids program may exhibit or showcase their work in a non-competitive event or activity. All Clover Kids animal exhibitions must be cooperative and not competitive. Clover Kids are not eligible to receive premium funds because of exhibition. Clover Kids may receive participatory ribbons, but may not receive regular competitive purple, blue, red, or white 4-H fair/exhibit ribbons.

The physical and emotional safety of children is a prime consideration when working with animals. Special procedures, such as joint leading and/or proximity of adults, need to be employed to promote and protect children's safety. In general, the handling of all animals requires discipline and motor skills that have yet to be fully developed in most K - 3rd grade children, and when coupled with animals' unpredictable behavior, does not provide optimal safe educational environments.

Insurance coverage (accident or liability) for Clover Kids (K-3) programs involving small animals is contingent upon conducting developmentally-appropriate programs that are following Iowa State University, ISU Extension and Outreach, and Iowa 4-H policies, regulations, and guidelines. Contact your local county Extension and Outreach office to learn more about securing insurance coverage for Clover Kids programs.

Other Fair Events

RECYCLED ART

The Floyd County Fair Recycled Art Contest is for fun and the thrill of competing with other recycled outdoor enthusiasts. Let your creativity flow while doing good for the earth! Recycled art is creative work that is made from discarded materials that once had another purpose. This includes anything from old plastic toys, and vehicle tires to scraps of cloth and building supplies. Artists who make recycled art take those materials and make them into something new. The contest is open to all Clover Kids. Entries in the contest will not receive ribbons or premiums. Must deliver the project to the Floyd County YEC on Tuesday, July 18 no later than 4:00 p.m. Entries must be made entirely of recycled or previously used materials. Entries made with glass will not be accepted. Voting will take place through 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 20th.



Tall Corn Contest

WHO: Clover Kids

WHEN: Planting date is determined by the exhibitor. Judging will be on July 16 at 3:00 pm. Winners announced at Fame, Fun, and Royalty program on July 16 starting at 6:30 pm.

WHERE: Bring your Murray Seeds bucket with your corn to the North Side of the YEC on July 16 between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm.

HOW: Fill out the registration form below and return it to the Floyd County Extension Office by Noon on April 19th. Seed and buckets will be available for pick up beginning April 24th. Limited number of buckets available.

RULES: The corn seed provided **MUST** be planted **IN THE** bucket provided by Pioneer-Murray Seeds. No decorating the bucket is allowed. Corn is not to be transplanted. All additives are allowed. There are 2-3 seeds provided in each envelope, it is up to each individual on the number of seeds chosen to plant but **ONLY** the tallest corn will be judged.



4-H & FFA Fair Schedule*

Tuesday, July 16

10 am-2:30 pm Static Judging

12 pm Agronomy Comments

3 pm Tall Corn Contest Judging

6:30 pm Fame, Fun, and Royalty
Little Miss and Mister
Contest / 4-H Hall of Fame
/ Share the Fun / Tall Corn
Results

Wednesday, July 17

7 am Barns Open

7 am Swine & Bucket bottle
Calf check-in

7 am Dog Show

8-10 am Horse Check In

9 am Exhibit Hall Open

12 pm Pet Show

2 pm Horse Show

5 pm Poultry/Market Broiler

6:15-7 pm Sheep / Meat Goat
Weigh In

7 pm Market & Breeding Beef
Weigh In

Thursday, July 18

8 am Swine Weigh In

8 am Sheep / Meat Goat Show

8-10 am Rabbit Check In

9 am-9 pm Exhibit Hall Open

10 am-12 pm Poultry Check In

1:00 pm Dairy Show
Dairy Cattle / Dairy Goats

4 pm Rabbit Show

Friday, July 19

8 am Beef Show
Bucket Bottle Show will
follow

9 am-9 pm Exhibit Hall Open

1:30 pm Timed Horse Events

Saturday, July 20

8:00 am Swine Show
Pee Wee Swine will follow

9 am-9 pm Exhibit Hall Open

12-1 pm Educational
Presentations/Exempt
Speaking.

1:30-2 pm Working Exhibits

3 pm Poultry Show

Sunday, July 21

8 am Beef Auction Weigh-In

9 am Release of Exhibit
Halls Non-Auction
Livestock

3 pm Livestock Auction

***Times are subject to change**



RESOURCES

The following resources are available on the Floyd County Extension website at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/floyd/> under 4-H & Youth under the “Clover Kids” tab.

- ◆ Clover Kids Registration – Select Registration Step #1 for a document that will guide you through the process of enrolling your youth into 4HOnline
- Animal ID Family Help sheet – This document will guide you through the process of identifying your livestock in 4HOnline.
- Clover Kid Exhibit Goal Sheet – This document includes the questions we encourage Clover Kids to answer for their non-livestock (static) exhibits. This document provides lines for the child to write out their answers to the three questions.

**We hope to see you at the
Floyd County Fair!**

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