



**2026**

**Clover Kids  
Fair Guide**

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**July 15-19**



**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 learned throughout the past year.

## **General Guidelines**

- All Clover Kids planning to exhibit non-livestock and/or livestock exhibits at the Floyd County Fair must enroll as a Clover Kid in 4-HOnline 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. Long pants and closed-toe shoes are required while showing livestock. No hats allowed.
- Additional information on project areas can be found at: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projectslist>

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# Static (Non-Livestock) Projects

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

**FairEntry Deadline:** June 19 at 11:59 pm <http://floydcounty.fairentry.com>

**Judging:** Tuesday, July 14, from 10 am – 2 pm at the Floyd County Fairgrounds  
Youth Enrichment Center (YEC)

**Release Time:** Sunday, July 19, from 9 am – 2 pm

- There is no limit on the number of projects 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 at 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.
- All projects will be on display at the Floyd County Fair until Sunday, July 19. 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 business 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 accident, fire, theft, water etc.
- Exhibits 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**



# Static (Non-Livestock) Exhibit Ideas

When choosing an exhibit for the fair, it is important to remember that the purpose of a Clover Kid exhibit is to showcase their learning. Encourage the youth to take the lead on the project, even if the results aren't perfect. Our judges are skilled at asking questions that help the youth express their growth, which is what we aim to see. Here are a few project ideas that are suitable for this stage of a child's development.

## Class A: Animals

Exhibits related to all species and types of animals. The actual animal may not be brought to the fair.

Ideas include:

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

## Class B: Agriculture & Natural Resources

Exhibits related to plants, agriculture, and the environment.

Notice: If the exhibitor chooses to bring a live plant to the county fair, they will be responsible for the care of the plant(s) while they are at the fair.

Ideas include:

- Flowers or vegetables grown in their personal garden
- Poster about the rainforest
- Tree identification booklet using leaf rubbings, seed pods, etc.

## Class C: Creative Arts

Items related to art, photography, and music.

Ideas include:

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

## Class D: Family & Consumer Science

Items related to food, clothing, or home decorating. Sewn or home-crafted items can be included in this class.

Ideas include:

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



## Class E: Personal Development

Items related to or created by the youth, such as stories, poems, etc.

Ideas include:

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

## Class F: Science, Engineering, and Technology

Items related to science, engineering, technology, or items designed and built by the youth, such as wood items.

Ideas include:

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

## Class G: Other

Items not included under any of the above classes.

- Let your imagination lead you!

# Exhibit Goal Sheet & Judging

An exhibit goal sheet provides a quick overview of a project and prepares youth for their judging interview with a caring adult. Goal cards are not required for Clover Kids but are a good practice. Below are questions youth may be asked during their judging 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?

There is a Clover Kids exhibit goal sheet template available on the Floyd County Extension Website under the 4-H & Youth tab and Clover Kids tab at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/floyd/> as a PDF, Word Document, and Google Doc

During the static judging interview, youth will sit with a 4-H volunteer who will ask them questions about their project. We encourage the youth to try the interview by themselves 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.



# Communication Events

**FairEntry Deadline:** June 19 by 11:59 pm <http://floydcounty.fairentry.com>

**Share the Fun and Educational Presentations:** Thursday, July 9 at 6 pm – YEC

**Working Exhibits:** Saturday, July 18 at 11 am and Noon – Little Hands on the Farm

This event introduces Clover Kids to the 4-H Communication Events to develop their personal communication skills by sharing talents, knowledge, or information with others.

## Share the Fun

- Share a skill or talent before an audience purely for the sake of enjoyment. Can include skits, songs, stunts, one-act plays, dance, and other entertainment
- Performances must not exceed 6 minutes in length.

## Educational Presentation

- Demonstrate communication skills by presenting knowledge, information, or a process to an audience.
- Time limit must not exceed 15 minutes.
- Presentation content must be the original work of the presenter(s). Extensive paraphrasing from other sources is prohibited. Use of brief quotations or excerpts of other work(s) is permitted, provided the source is identified.

## Working Exhibits

- Communicate, interact with, and teach an audience in an informal and experiential way.
- All participants will be scheduled for a 30-minute period.
- All methods used should be safe for involvement by audiences of all ages.

# Awardrobe Clothing Event

**FairEntry Deadline:** June 19 by 11:59 pm <http://floydcounty.fairentry.com>

**Awardrobe Judging:** Tuesday, July 14 from 10 am – 2 pm

**Fashion Show:** Tuesday, July 14 at 6:30 pm

This event introduces Clover Kids to the 4-H Clothing Project Area by asking each participant to select an outfit to wear.

- The chosen garments may be selected from one's own wardrobe, borrowed, or purchased, and can be acquired from a combination of sources.
- Youth will wear the outfit to judging and be asked questions by the judge like:
  - Tell me about your outfit
  - Where did you get the parts of your outfit? (home/closet, borrowed, hand-me-downs, store, etc.)
  - Where do you wear your outfit? (school, to play, sports, camping, party/special occasion, etc.)
  - Did someone help you choose your outfit? Who?
  - What is your favorite part of your outfit? (shirt, pants, shoes, color, sparkles, feel of fabric, etc.)



# Livestock Projects



Open to all youth in kindergarten through 3rd grade in Floyd County. Clover Kids livestock projects are 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.
- Adult supervision is required for all Clover Kid participants during the care and handling of livestock.
- 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 4-HOnline <https://v2.4honline.com> by **May 15 by 11:59 pm**.
- Livestock fair entries are required to be entered in FairEntry <https://floydcounty.fairentry.com> by **June 19**.

## What is the Judge Looking for?

*Clover Kids participating in livestock projects 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 the judge.



*Clover Kids with livestock projects 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

**Superintendent:** Bruce Koebrick

**ID in 4-HOnline:** May 15 by 11:59 pm <https://v2.4honline.com>

**FairEntry Deadline:** June 19 by 11:59 pm <http://floydcounty.fairentry.com>

**Fair Check-In:** Wednesday, July 15, from 7 am – 6 pm. Check in at the Fair Office.

**Bucket/Bottle Show:** Friday, July 17, following the beef show at 8 am

**Release Time:** Sunday, July 19 at 9 am or talk to the superintendent



- Class is open to any bull, heifer, or steer calf born between February 1 – May 15.
- Calf must be bucket or bottle-fed. No nursing.
- No horns will be allowed.
- Calves will be shown on a halter. Only one calf may be shown per exhibitor.
- Calves must have an 840 identification ear tag, available at the Extension Office.
- Calves must stay at the fair until they are released on Sunday.

## Clover Kid Goat and Sheep Project

**Superintendents:** Goat – Dan Schmitt | Sheep – Galen Greenzweig

**ID in 4-HOnline:** May 15 by 11:59 pm <https://v2.4honline.com>

**FairEntry Deadline:** June 19 by 11:59 pm <http://floydcounty.fairentry.com>

**Fair Weigh-In:** Wednesday, July 15, from 6-7 pm.

**Sheep and Meat Goat Show:** Thursday, July 16 at 8 am

**Release Time:** Sunday, July 19 at 9 am



- An exhibitor may identify up to 3 animals in 4-HOnline.
- Animals must be born after January 1 of the current year to be eligible to be shown.
- Animals will be shown on a halter.
- Only one animal may be shown per species by each exhibitor.
- Goats and sheep must stay at the fair until they are released on Sunday.

## Clover Kid Poultry Project

Poultry includes chickens, ducks, and turkeys.

**Superintendent:** Alison Frerichs

**FairEntry Deadline:** June 19 by 11:59 pm <http://floydcounty.fairentry.com>

**Fair Check-In:** Thursday, July 16, from 7:30-10 am

**Poultry Show:** Saturday, July 18 at 3 pm

**Release Time:** Sunday, July 19 at 9 am



- Health papers will be required or proof of pullorum typhoid test.
- Pullorum testing will be available at the Floyd County Fairgrounds on July 7.
- Poultry must stay at the fair until they are released on Sunday.



# Clover Kid Rabbit Project

**Superintendent:** Brock Bahlmann

**FairEntry Deadline:** June 19 by 11:59 pm <http://floydcounty.fairentry.com>

**Fair Check-In:** Thursday, July 16, from 8-10 am

**Rabbit Show:** Thursday, July 16 at 4 pm

**Release Time:** Sunday, July 19 at 9 am



- Rabbits must be permanently and legibly earmarked in the left ear. Tattoos can only contain letters and numbers.
- Rabbits must stay at the fair until they are released on Sunday.

# Clover Kid Pet Project

**Superintendent:** Abby Assink & Isabelle Vance

**FairEntry Deadline:** June 19 by 11:59 pm

<http://floydcounty.fairentry.com>

**Pet Show:** Wednesday, July 15 at noon



- 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. Certificates must be submitted in FairEntry or provided to the Floyd County Extension Office by June 19.
- Exhibitors must prepare a write-up to accompany the pet, which includes:
  - Exhibitor's name, age, and number of years with the pet
  - 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.
  - Any experiences the exhibitor has had with the pet which was a learning experience
  - Optional: Pictures of the pet in action



## Clover Kids Animal ID Fair Deadlines

	<b>Bucket Bottle Calf</b>	<b>Goat</b>	<b>Sheep</b>
<b>ID Required</b>	840 tag from Extension Office	840 tag from Extension Office	840 tag from Extension Office
<b>ID Required (4-HOnline)</b>	Yes, by May 15	Yes, by May 15	Yes, by May 15
<b>FairEntry Registration Period</b>	May 16 – June 19	May 16 – June 19	May 16 – June 19
<b>Pre-Fair Activities</b>	None	None	None
<b>Fair Check-in / Weigh-in</b>	Wednesday, July 15 7 am – 6 pm  Check-in at Fair Office	Weigh-In  Wednesday, July 15 6-7 pm	Weigh-In  Wednesday, July 15 6-7 pm
<b>Show</b>	Friday, July 17 following beef show at 8 am	Thursday, July 16 8 am	Thursday, July 16 8 am

- 840 ID tags will be available for purchase at the Floyd County Extension Office starting in April



## Clover Kids Animal ID Fair Deadlines

Poultry	Rabbit	Pet	Pee Wee Open Show
None	Ear tattoo in left ear	None	840 tag from Extension Office
No	No	No	No
May 16 – June 19	May 16 – June 19	May 16 – June 19	May 16 – June 19
PT Testing on July 7	None	If showing a dog or cat submit rabies certificate by June 19	Contact Superintendent
Check In Thursday, July 16 7:30-10 am	Check In Thursday, July 16 8-10 am	Wednesday, July 15 11:30 am	Wednesday, July 15 7 am – 6 pm  Check-in at Fair Office
Saturday, July 18 3 pm	Thursday, July 16 4 pm	Wednesday, July 15 Noon	Saturday, July 18 Following the Swine Show Check-in 10 am

- 4-HOnline Website: <https://v2.4honline.com>  
Animal IDs close on May 15 at 11:59 pm
- FairEntry Website: <http://floydcounty.fairentry.com>  
Opens May 16 and closes June 19 at 11:59 pm



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



## Introduction

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. Educational opportunities for animal subject matter and interaction with animals can contribute to the learning objectives of the Iowa 4-H Clover Kids program. However, for safety and liability reasons, as well as developmental appropriateness, the restrictions outlined in this document are necessary.

## Requirements

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 as a result of exhibition. Clover Kids may receive participatory ribbons but may not receive regular competitive purple, blue, red, or white 4-H fair/exhibit ribbons.

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).

Safety requirements for all calf, sheep, and goat livestock species are as follows:

- Animal must remain on a halter at all times
- Animal must be born in the calendar year of the show

Animal species specifically excluded from K-3 exhibition opportunities are swine, equine, camelids (llama and alpaca), beef (other than bucket bottle), and dairy (other than bucket bottle).

## Rationale

The physical and emotional safety of children is a prime consideration when working with animals. Special procedures, such as joint leading and/or close 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-3<sup>rd</sup> 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 in compliance with Iowa State University, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, and Iowa 4-H policies, regulations, and guidelines. Contact your local county ISU Extension and Outreach office to learn more about securing insurance coverage for Clover Kids programs.



# Other Floyd County Fair Events

## Pee Wee Swine Open Show

**Superintendent:** Megan Rottinghaus

**FairEntry Deadline:** June 19 by 11:59 pm <http://floydcounty.fairentry.com>

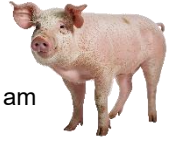
**Fair Check-In:** Wednesday, July 15, from 7 am – 6 pm.

Check in at the Fair Office.

**Pee Wee Swine Show:** Saturday, July 18, following the Swine Show at 8 am

**Release Time:** Sunday, July 19 at 9 am or talk to the superintendent

- An exhibitor must be between 3 years old and completed 6<sup>th</sup> grade to compete.
- Up to 2 pigs may be shown in the Pee Wee Swine Open Show.
- Animals cannot be shown in the 4-H and FFA Swine Show or be part of a sibling's current 4-H/FFA project.
- Pigs must have an 840 identification ear tag, available at the Extension Office
- Pee Wee Swine are not eligible to be sold at the livestock auction but can be sold at market value to an alternative buyer and put on the auction truck.



## Livestock Costume Class

**Superintendent:** Dan Schmitt

**FairEntry Deadline:** June 19 by 11:59 pm <http://floydcounty.fairentry.com>

**Livestock Costume Show:** Saturday, July 18 at 1 pm

- Open to all youth in kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.
- One entry per species, which includes bucket/bottle calves, poultry, rabbits, goats, sheep, and pee wee swine.
- There are no limitations for the cost of the costume and/or detail of the costume.
- Exhibitor and animal should both be dressed up and coordinating with each other.



# Tall Corn Contest

**2026 Tall Corn Contest Sponsor:** JAG Sales

**Pre-registration (required):** Contact the Floyd County Extension Office by April 16

**Tall Corn Bucket Pick Up:** Starting April 22 at the Floyd County Extension Office

**FairEntry Deadline:** June 19 by 11:59 pm <http://floydcounty.fairentry.com>

**Deliver to Fairgrounds:** Tuesday, July 14, between 10 am – 2 pm north side of YEC

**Judging:** Tuesday, July 14 at 3 pm

**Results:** Tuesday, July 14 at 6:30 pm

- Participants must pre-register with the Floyd County Extension Office.
- The number of seeds planted from the provided envelope and the planting date will be determined by the exhibitor. Only the tallest corn will be judged.
- The corn seed provided must be planted in the supplied bucket provided by the Tall Corn Contest sponsor, and no decorating will be allowed. Holes drilled in the bottom of the bucket for drainage purposes are allowed. Corn is not to be transplanted.
- All additives (ex. fertilizer) are allowed.
- Tall Corn Contest winners will not receive premiums.



# Recycled Art Contest

The 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!

**FairEntry Deadline:** June 19 by 11:59 pm

<http://floydcounty.fairentry.com>

**Deliver to Fairgrounds:** Tuesday, July 14, between 10 am – 2 pm at the YEC

**Recycled Art Results:** Saturday, July 18 at 11 am – Little Hands on the Farm



- Recycled art is creative work made from discarded materials that once had another purpose. This could include items like old plastic toys, vehicle tires, scraps of cloth, building supplies, and more. Artists who make recycled art take those materials and make them into something new.
- Entries in the contest will not receive ribbons or premiums.
- Entries must be made of a majority (50% of more) of recycled or previously used materials. Entries made with glass will not be accepted.



# 4-H & FFA Fair Schedule\*

## Thursday, July 9

6 pm Educational Presentations  
Share the Fun

## Tuesday, July 14

10 am-2 pm Static Judging  
3 pm Tall Corn Contest Judging  
6:30 pm Little Miss and Mister  
Contest / 4-H Hall of Fame  
4-H Fashion Show  
Tall Corn Results

## Wednesday, July 15

7 am Barns Open  
7 am – 6 pm Bucket/Bottle Calf &  
Swine/Pee Wee Check-In  
7 am Dog Show  
9 am-9 pm Exhibit Hall Open  
12 pm Pet Show  
2 pm Horse Show  
5 pm Poultry Market Boiler  
Show  
6-7 pm Sheep & Meat Goat  
Weigh-In  
7 pm Market & Breeding Beef  
Weigh-In

**\*Times are subject to change**

## Thursday, July 16

8 am Swine Weigh-In  
8 am Sheep & Meat Goat Show  
7:30-10 am Poultry Check-In  
8-10 am Rabbit Check-In  
9 am-9 pm Exhibit Hall Open  
1 pm Beef of Merit Show  
4 pm Rabbit Show

## Friday, July 17

8 am Beef Show  
Bucket/Bottle Show will  
follow  
9 am-9 pm Exhibit Hall Open  
1:30 pm Timed Horse Events

## Saturday, July 18

8:00 am Swine Show  
Pee Wee Swine will follow  
9 am-9 pm Exhibit Hall Open  
11 am & 12 pm Working Exhibits  
1 pm Livestock Costume  
Contest  
3 pm Poultry Show

## Sunday, July 19

8 am Beef Auction Weigh-In  
9 am-2 pm Release of Exhibit  
Hall & Non-Auction  
Livestock  
3 pm Livestock Auction



# 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 in 4-HOnline.
- **Animal ID Family Help sheet** – This document will guide you through the process of identifying your livestock in 4-HOnline.
- **Clover Kid Exhibit Goal Sheet** – This document includes the questions we encourage Clover Kids to answer for their static (non-livestock) exhibits. This document provides lines for the child to write out their answers to the three questions. Available as a PDF, Word Document, and Goole Doc.

## Websites



Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Floyd County - <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/floyd>

4-HOnline - <https://v2.4honline.com>



 FairEntry - <http://floydcounty.fairentry.com>

Floyd County Fair - <https://floydcountyfair.org>



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