

## **4-H PREP/CLOVERBUD**

### **DEFINITION AND OBJECTIVES**

4-H Prep/Cloverbud is the non-competitive, introductory 4-H experience for children in grades K-3 (optional 4<sup>th</sup> grade inclusion). Prep/Cloverbud members can be active in 4-H clubs that are solely for Prep/Cloverbud members, and/or standard 4-H clubs, with the approval of the club leaders.

The purpose of the 4-H Prep/Cloverbud Program is to provide fun, hands-on, educational experiences which help children to:

- Learn to get along with others.
- Explore a variety of interests.
- Learn subject matter and skills.
- Build self-confidence through healthy experiences.
- Become aware of opportunities in the standard 4-H program.

### **GUIDELINES FOR EXHIBITION AND PARTICIPATION**

4-H Prep/Cloverbud members will exhibit their work completed in the current 4-H year. Children in clubs that are solely for 4-H Prep/Cloverbud members will exhibit, by club, in the 4-H Prep Tent. 4-H Prep/Cloverbud members who are in standard 4-H clubs may exhibit in the Prep Tent, by club, and/or with their standard club in their designated tent.

All Prep/Cloverbud members will receive participation ribbons for their exhibit of work completed in the current year.

4-H Prep/Cloverbud members may participate in age-appropriate “open” 4-H events on a non-competitive basis. At these events, 4-H Prep/Cloverbud members may receive participation recognition for their efforts (e.g., green participation ribbons, certificates, or public acknowledgement by adults).

4-H Prep/Cloverbud members will be able to practice their skills and gain experience without the pressure of competition. 4-H Prep/Cloverbud members will improve their skills and learn new skills through the constructive comments and recognition from judges, leaders, and older 4-H members.

Prep/Cloverbud members will staff the Prep/Cloverbud Tent at their club’s designated two-hour time slot during the Fair under the supervision of adult 4-H leaders/parents. Their duties will include:

- Greeting the public.
- Performing general tent maintenance.
- Conducting hands-on activities for the young fairgoers