



4-H Cloverbuds and Fairs

- While Cloverbuds may not participate as competitive exhibitors in any 4-H events, they are encouraged to participate in fairs and other county events in other ways.
- Cloverbuds are encouraged to exhibit their activities in 4-H Exhibit Halls. As exhibitors, they should receive a standard participation ribbon or other small token as designed or chosen by each county/fair. Cloverbuds may not receive premiums. However, a small honorarium may be paid to the club or the member in an amount to be determined by each county/fair.
- Although Cloverbud exhibits are not ranked or scored, it is important for the children to receive feedback on their exhibits. They may participate in a “show and tell” activity about their exhibit or receive written feedback that includes positive encouragement and constructive suggestions for growth. (A fact sheet “Cloverbuds and Fair Participation” will be available.)
- Each county/fair may determine how Cloverbud exhibits will be displayed, either in a separate area, within each club’s area, etc.
- Cloverbuds may not show any animals competitively in 4-H classes at Maine fairs or other 4-H events.
 - 8 year old members may participate in a non-competitive “demonstration show” with one-on-one supervision with a rabbit, dog, poultry, kid goat or non-market, lamb, piglet, or small calf. (Volunteers should insure that the calf is small enough to be handled safely and controlled by the adult or older youth.
 - 5 through 7 year olds may participate in a clinic, skill-a-thon, or other educational activity with one-on-one adult supervision with adults or older teens with at least 3 years’ experience maintaining primary control of the animal. This activity may occur in a show ring or other public area that is small enough to allow for good control of the animals being used.
 - Cloverbuds may receive standard participation ribbons or other identical tokens for participation in these events as determined by each county/fair. Premiums are not permitted. A small honorarium in an amount to be determined by each county/fair may be provided to the club or the member in an amount to be determined by each county/fair, but this should not be comparable to premiums received by older youth showing in competitive 4-H shows.
- Any Maine Agricultural Fair age participation rules more restrictive than those of this policy take precedence