

McLennan County Clover Kids Information



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What is a Clover Kid?

It is a program designed to provide youth, 2nd grade and younger, with a variety of educational and recreational experiences. It is the officially recognized Texas 4-H program for children under age 8.

Clover Kids attend meetings that center around fun and learning activities like....

Pets, Plants, Food and Nutrition, Crafts, Photography, Safety, and Many More!!!

How Do I Sign Up to be a Clover Kid?

Clover Kids will sign up on Texas 4-H Connect. Select a club near you by contacting the Extension office

<https://texas.4honline.com>

The annual participation fee does not pertain to Clover Kids

Why be a Clover Kid?

The primary goal is to promote the child's stages of development – intellectually, physically, socially, and emotionally.

Develop Self Esteem, Decision Making Skills (making positive choices), Comprehension Skills (learning how to learn; positive attitudes toward learning), Mastering Physical Skills (enjoying constructive and creative play), Social-Interaction Skills (getting along with others), Diversity Skills (acceptance of others; exploring family and community relationships)

Can my Parents be involved too?

YES!! Everyone can be involved! There is always something to volunteer for: either before, during, and after meetings. 4-H Agents are always looking for volunteers to help with a verity of county and district events.

Why can't Clover Kids show large animals?

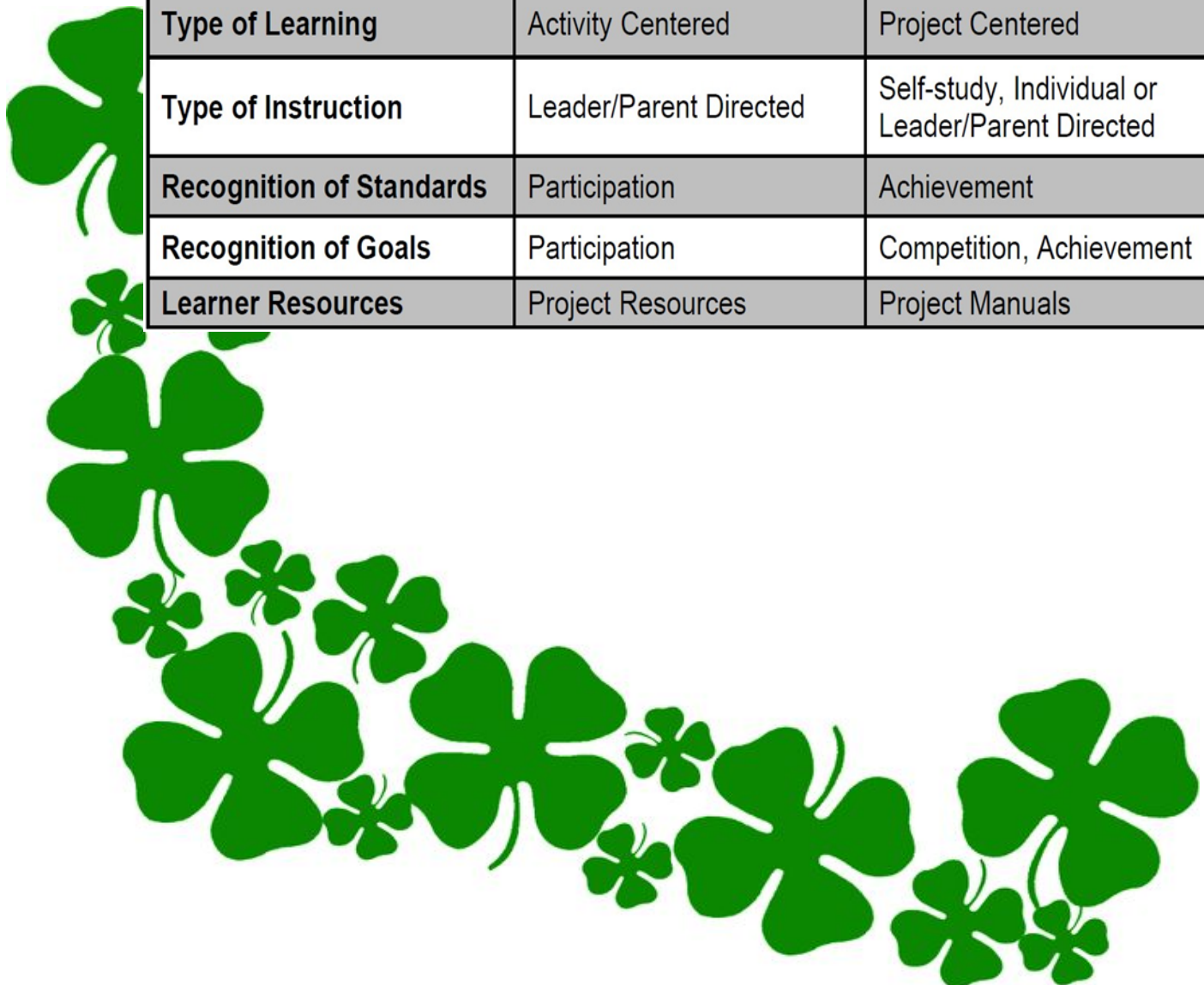
For safety, liability and competitive reasons often associated with livestock shows, some restrictions are necessary to maintain Clover Kids program objectives. According to the 4-H Policy and Procedure Handbook, Clover Kids should not participate in animal events when the animal is greater than 350 pounds or more than six months of age at the time of the show. Children eight and under often lack the mental and physical skills for controlling and understanding the strength of large animals.



What is the difference between Clover Kids and Older 4-H members?

Children 5 to 7 years develop and learn in ways different from younger children (2-4 years old) and older youth (8-18 years old). Knowing these differences, projects and activities are designed to provide a foundation for Clover Kids to develop effectively. See the chart below.

	5 to 7 year old 4-H Clover Kid	8 to 18 year old 4-H Member
Type of Learning	Activity Centered	Project Centered
Type of Instruction	Leader/Parent Directed	Self-study, Individual or Leader/Parent Directed
Recognition of Standards	Participation	Achievement
Recognition of Goals	Participation	Competition, Achievement
Learner Resources	Project Resources	Project Manuals



McLennan County 4-H has several projects that Clover Kids can participate in:

Clothing and Textiles	Companion Animals
Consumer Decision Making	Educational Presentations
Food and Nutrition	Healthy Lifestyles
Photography	Public Speaking
Rabbits	Recreation

- Projects are restricted to those mentioned above which the youth can, by themselves, understand, manage, and care for and for which the youth can master the associated subject matter knowledge.
- Projects for Clover Kids ARE NOT to be entered into competition.
- Projects are not eligible to be entered into competition in traditional 4-H program events and activities reserved for the 9 to 19 age group.
- Projects may be exhibited at an appropriate Extension approved 4-H Clover Kids event.
- In presentations and exhibits, Clover Kids will be presented participation awards only, with recognition based upon completing and exhibiting the product or skill. No judging or placing shall be permitted.

