Ohio 4-H Cloverbud Connections

For 4-H Cloverbud Volunteers Working with Grades K—2

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EXTRA! EXTRA! Read All About It! 4-H Cloverbud Resources Galore!

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Did you know that new resources are always being added for you, the 4-H Cloverbud Volunteer Advisor? This issue of the Ohio 4-H Cloverbud Connections Newsletter is devoted to highlighting some of these materials that you should find useful and help you advance life skills for our young 4-Hers.

A quick way to access these materials is through

this webpage set up for 4-H Cloverbud Volunteer Leaders:

http://www.ohio4h.org/volunteers/cloverbud-leaders. The main links within this page are: Program Manuals and Training; Ohio Cloverbud Curriculum; Ohio 4-H Cloverbud Connections Newsletter; Click it, Print it, Do it, Activity Pages; and other helpful areas such as Keeping Cloverbud Attention and Who Are These K-2 Children?



In the curriculum link you will find resources that are free and can be accessed directly. This includes the curriculum pieces for the 4-H Cloverbud Education Activity Kits of Our Country, The Science of Sound, Food Fun, Sports Fun, and Fitness is Fun. These are easy-to-use teaching resources which have kit materials that often can be checked out from your county Extension office.

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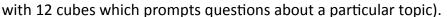




Other free down-load resources include Connect to College (material to increase college awareness about careers and education), Cloverbud Farms at The Fair (involves Cloverbud members in a fair setting), and Bioenergy Curriculum (strengthens our Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math effort to raise awareness about a sustainable energy future).

We also have wonderful material that you can purchase through your Extension Office. It includes Choose and Tell Cards (introduces Cloverbud members

to public speaking and advances communication skills) and Clover Cubes (combines creativity, cooperation, and interaction



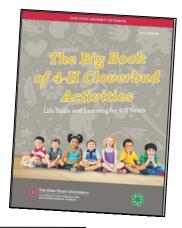


New and Improved Curriculum: The BIG Book of Cloverbud Activities

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We have used for many years, what is referred to as the 4-H Cloverbud Curriculum – Series I and Series II, each with about 24 curriculum pieces across eight subject areas. It is still good curriculum and can continue to be used. However, some of the material and topics are dated and needed to be revised. As a result, we now have *The Big Book of Cloverbud Activities*: *Life Skills and Learning for K-2 Youth.* The *Big Book of Cloverbud Activities* is a one-stop shop for leader-directed curriculum that includes new and improved Cloverbud activities revised from Series I and II.

The Big Book contains 50 lessons or curriculum pieces that can be used multiple times by selecting different activities from each curriculum piece. The eight subject areas are: Science and Technology, Community Expressive Arts, Healthy Lifestyle, Environmental and Earth Science, Personal Development, Citizenship and Civic Education, Consumerism and Family Science, and Plants and Animals. The same experiential-learning format is used from Series I and II with activities grouped into five sections: Getting Started, Digging Deeper, Looking Within, Bringing Closure, and Going Beyond. 4-H Cloverbud Leaders can not go wrong using this material. You can purchase this curriculum through your Extension Office.





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