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Dear Cloverbud Family,

Welcome to the River Valley Extension District! We are thrilled to have you and your family as part of our growing RVD 4-H community.

In 4-H, we believe in the power of young people. We see that every child has valuable strengths as real influence to improve the world around us. 4-H is America's largest youth development organization – empowering nearly six million young people across the U.S. and over 88,000 youth in Kansas with the skills to lead for a lifetime.

We are pleased to offer 4-H Cloverbuds, an educational program designed specifically for youth ages 5 and 6. This program is part of the overall Kansas 4-H program, even though it has different policies and activities than the 4-H club program focused for 7- to 18-year-olds (before January 1). Kansas 4-H Cloverbud policies include:

- ✿ 4-H Cloverbuds is activity-focused, rather than project-focused.
 - ★ 4-H Cloverbud members participate in noncompetitive, age-appropriate, properly supervised events or activities sponsored or conducted by 4-H.
- ✿ 4-H Cloverbuds programming is cooperative, rather than competitive.
 - ★ The 4-H Cloverbuds program is based on cooperative learning. Cloverbuds participate in activities and opportunities where the member practices developmental skills, discovers talents, and learns about fairness in a nonjudgmental environment.
- ✿ 4-H Cloverbuds exhibits can be showcased at fairs and public events, but a 4-H Cloverbud member may not participate as a competitive exhibitor in traditional 4-H events.
 - ★ The 4-H Cloverbuds members may exhibit or showcase activity-related items from their 4-H Cloverbuds experiences at appropriate locations. The 4-H Cloverbuds member may not participate as a competitive exhibitor and is not eligible to receive premium or awards in traditional 4-H events. The 4-H Cloverbuds member may receive a 4-H Cloverbuds ribbon.
- ✿ The 4-H Cloverbuds member is allowed to showcase a pet from the approved list in accordance with 4-H Cloverbuds pet policies. **The 4-H Cloverbuds member may not own and/or show 4-H livestock.**
 - ★ **Approved Pets:** Amphibians – Frogs, Toads, Ant Farms, Cats, Dogs, Guinea Pigs, Fish, Gerbils, Parakeets, Rabbits, Hamsters, Mice, and Rats.

Please find a new Cloverbud handbook enclosed with this letter. This book will guide your Cloverbud through the remainder of the 4-H year and so much more! Be sure to bring your Cloverbud Book to your Club meetings – to participate in the monthly activities provided by our District Extension Agents. There are several other activities to work on with your Cloverbud outside of 4-H meetings too!

We are so glad you have joined and have become part of such a meaningful program!

Sincerely,

RVD 4-H Staff

