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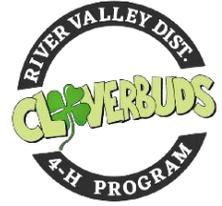
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Dear Cloverbud Family,



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

In 4-H, we believe in the power of young people. We see that every child has valuable strengths and 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 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 program focused for 7- to 18-year-olds (before January 1, 2023). 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 Cloverbud programming is cooperative, rather than competitive.
 - The 4-H Cloverbud program is based on cooperative learning. Cloverbuds participate in activities and opportunities where the member practices developmental skills, discover talents, and learn 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 Cloverbud members may exhibit or showcase activity-related items from their 4-H Cloverbud experiences at appropriate locations. The 4-H Cloverbud 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 Cloverbud member may receive a 4-H Cloverbud ribbon.
- The 4-H Cloverbud member is allowed to showcase a pet from the approved list in accordance with 4-H Cloverbud pet policies. **The 4-H Cloverbud 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 4-H year (October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023) and so much more! Be sure to bring your Cloverbud handbook to your Club meetings – to participate in the monthly activities. There are several other activities to work on inside your Cloverbud handbook outside of your 4-H meetings too!

We are excited to have you join 4-H and become apart of our River Valley Family! 4-H has so much to offer, and we are glad you are a part of this meaningful program.

Sincerely,

Macy Hynek, RVED 4-H Youth Development Agent

