

Tucker 4-H Cloverbud Project (K-2)

What is Cloverbuds?

Cloverbuds is the project children in grades K-2 may enter when they join Racine County 4-H.

In Cloverbuds, children will get to:

- experience the joy of learning
- develop positive relationships with other youth of all ages in our club and at county events
- explore project possibilities in 4-H

When are the meetings?

Meetings usually start in October or November. We will hold meetings on the 1st Monday of the month at 6:30 in the small cafeteria at Gifford. When summer and warmer weather arrives, we may meet at my house in my barn/garage for a few meetings.

What is involved?

At our meetings, the children will be introduced to some of the future projects youth in 4-H can be involved with, i.e. woodworking, painting, arts, basketry, gardening, cooking, etc. At each meeting, we try to make an item that the children could enter in the fair.

Is there a cost?

Most of the supplies are provided and the cost is covered by the club, but for some meetings, you may be asked to send your child with a particular item needed for a project such as a glass jar, tin can, or t-shirt.

County Activities:

Racine County 4-H organizes events for Cloverbuds from clubs throughout the county. They are led by older 4-H youth. It is an opportunity for children from different 4-H clubs to meet and interact with one another.

Cloverbud Fun Day- Usually held in the spring for about 3 hours

Day Camp- Usually held in the summer at the fairgrounds for about 6 hours.

Tucker 4-H Arts Project (3rd grade and up)

Leader:

Laura Bond

Meetings:

These will be held in the Spring and finish by the end of the school year. We will try to choose dates that work for the majority of families and make special arrangements for those with schedule conflicts so they can complete their work.

Location:

They will meet outdoors at the leader's home locally 2-3 times per month in the Spring when the weather is nice.

Learn/Make

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Supplies/cost:

Each participant will either supply their own materials or give the leader \$20 for materials as needed to complete their projects

Tucker 4-H Basketry Project (3rd grade and up)

Leader:

Ruth Hoffmann

Meetings:

Tuesday evenings, typically late spring until fair. We will have about 8 meetings.

Location:

Hoffmann home.

Learn/Make:

- 1st yr member will make 3 projects for Fair.
- 2nd yr member will make a Melon basket and possibly up to 3 projects.
- 3rd year members will make an egg basket and possibly up to 3 total projects.
- 4 years or more members will make more difficult projects.

Supplies/cost:

This will range from \$20-? Depends on the supplies that members use (purchased from Ruth).

Tucker 4-H Cake Decorating Project (3rd grade and up)

Leader:

Laura Bond, Melissa Schmidt

Meetings:

These will be held starting in the Winter and finishing by the end of the school year. We will try to choose dates that work for the majority of families and make special arrangements for those with schedule conflicts so they can complete their work.

Location:

They will meet in the leaders' homes or at the Village of Mount Pleasant Parks and Recreation building 1-2 times per month starting in late winter, early spring.

Learn/Make:

First-year participants will make a single-layer cake and decorate it for the Fair.

We will work on skills such as following a recipe, kitchen safety, baking, making frosting, frosting techniques, and cookie decorating. Experienced bakers/decorators will practice cake building and advance piping techniques. They may also use fondant.

Supplies/cost:

Each participant will be given a list of supplies to purchase that will cost between \$20-30. Most of these supplies will be re-usable.

Tucker 4-H Electrical Project (3rd grade and up)

Leader:

Veronica O'Dierno

Meetings:

We will try to choose dates that work for the majority of families.

Location:

We will meet in my home locally unless a larger space becomes necessary.

Learn/Make:

The electrical project will introduce the basics of electricity, different types of circuits, and general safety precautions. Depending on the age and ability of the 4H member, possible projects may include posters of general circuits, simple or complex battery-operated circuits, small button or switch-operated lighting samples, circuit connection matching game, etc.

Supplies/cost:

TBD. Recommended basic electrical supplies are listed in the 4H curriculum guide. New members will follow the first book in the series to learn the basics and allow participants to gather starter tools and equipment. Materials for the first handful of activities have been gathered in advance so that we can get started and work through identifying items each participant has and needs (so no materials needed before our 1st meeting).

Tucker 4-H Knitting/Crochet Projects (3rd grade and up)

Leader:

Devon Collery & Josie Weisensel

Meetings:

These two projects will both meet at the same time. We will start meeting in January on Saturdays from 1:30-2:30. Members do not have to attend meetings every Saturday, but only as many as they can fit into their schedules.

Location:

These two projects will both meet at the same time. We will most likely meet at one of the leaders' houses.

Learn/Make:

First-year members will make a hat or scarf for both knitting and crocheting. Second-year and older project members can choose their own project or have guidance in selecting one appropriate for their ability level.

Supplies/cost:

Supplies needed are yarn, either knitting needles or a crochet hook, a ruler, and a plastic yarn/tapestry needle which may cost about \$15-20 in total. We also have supplies for you to borrow if you would like to try out the project before buying your own supplies.

Tucker 4-H Quilting Project (age 11 and up)

Leaders:

TC Wiley & Jennifer Clingaman

Meetings:

Regular meetings are held Saturday mornings 9:00 – noon, January through July. Exact meeting dates provided at a later date.

An adult must be present at each meeting to assist with the safe use of the sharp cutting tools and help with any homework assignments.

Minimum Age: 11

Location:

First meeting held at Sew 'n Save - Elmwood Plaza on Hwy. 11 usually in mid to late December where we will discuss fabric choices and quilt pattern. Regular meetings held at Grace Church. Zoom call or one-on-one sessions are possibilities.

Learn/Make:

Come and join in the fun of making your very own quilt!

Supplies/cost:

Members must bring to all meetings: sewing machine and manual (and know how to thread the machine and wind the bobbin), sewing supplies such as small sharp scissors and quilting straight pins, basic quilting rotary cutting equipment (which includes cutting mat 18" x 24" (min size), quilting ruler 6" or 6 ½" x 24", 45mm rotary cutter, thread and fabric for your project.

Tucker 4-H Jewelry Project (3rd grade and up)

Leader:

Laurel and Jorja Makovsky

Meetings:

There will be 4-6 Jewelry meetings. We will try to have one or two late fall and then a few in the late spring/early summer. This will give time between for members to work on projects and bring questions to the next meetings

Location:

We will meet at my house on the North side.

Learn/Make:

First year participants will start by making a leather, bead and button bracelet that will be a \$5 kit and then learn more about materials to purchase. Returning members can bring their own projects and ideas.

Supplies/cost:

Each participant will have to supply their own craft materials which can be done for approximately \$20-50.

Tucker 4-H Natural Sciences Project (3rd grade and up)

Leader:
Jay Matter

Meetings:
There will be 3 to 4 project meetings depending on the project chosen. We will try to have one or two late fall and then 2 or 3 late spring/early summer depending on the project chosen.

Location:
We will meet at my house on the North side of Racine or outdoors at a park or trail for field trips.

Learn/Make:
We will chose a project in the Natural Sciences category from the following list: Backpacking & Hiking, Bicycling – Environmental Education, Birds, Camping, Canoeing, Conservation, Entomology (Insects), Exploring Your Environment, Forestry (WHEP), Geology, Nature and Ecology, Wildlife and Hunting, or Wildlife Habitat. Depending on the project chosen, we will do 1 or 2 field trips, then have 2 to 3 meetings to make a collection, poster, or other entry for the county fair.

Supplies/cost:
Each participant may need to supply some materials needed for creating their fair entry.

Tucker 4-H Paper Crafting Project (3rd grade and up)

Leader:
Mary Weisense

Meetings:
Meetings will start in January and continue until fair. Days and times will depend on the availability of project members.

Location:
Gifford School and Mt. Pleasant Community Center or my home.

Learn/Make:
The paper crafting project encompasses many forms of paper art. Youth can learn quilling, origami, cardmaking, scrapbooking, etc. Youth will be introduced to various paper arts and will then be able to pick which type(s) they would like to focus on for the rest of the year. If members have a paper art that they are interested in that was not mentioned above, please talk to me and I will be happy to try and accommodate to include that paper art form.

Supplies/cost:
Dependent upon the paper art form chosen. Some may be provided by the leader, but most will need to be provided by members.

Tucker 4-H Consumer Education Project (3rd grade and up)

Leader: Kim Baclawski
Meetings: Approximately 6-8 Meetings, aiming for monthly. Approx. 1-1.5 hours each.
Location: TBD
Learn/Make: We will choose topics in the Consumer Education category, which includes: Consumer Savvy, Entrepreneurship, Personal Finance, and Workforce Readiness. The goal is to learn about money management, budgeting, business skills, and develop a savings plan in preparation to create an entry for the county fair. And have fun while learning! Highly recommended for middle/high school students is the interviewing and resume workshop Sept 25th.
Supplies/cost:

Tucker 4-H Drawing and Painting Project (3rd grade and up)

Leader: Michelle James
Meetings: TBD but likely will be every other Saturday morning starting around February.
Location: Will be meeting in West Racine area. Parking available.
Learn/Make: Participants will explore their creativity through different art mediums including acrylic paints, watercolor paints, pencil drawing, printmaking, etc. We will explore different artists, styles and techniques. Participants are able to follow along with presented activities or are welcome to follow their own creative path.
Supplies/cost: Participants are welcome to use available materials during the meetings but may elect to purchase their own personal materials as well. Leader will email in advance if any materials are needed for a particular project.

Tucker 4-H Goat & Goatless Goat Project (3rd grade and up)

Leader:

Michelle Roberts and Devon Collery

Meetings:

Fall Bash kick off, will start indoor meetings late fall with farm meetings starting in spring (weather dependent)

Location:

Gifford school, possibly Mount Pleasant community building, Roberts Farm

Learn/Make:

Learn more about raising and showing goats/hands-on experience for goatless members.

Supplies/cost:

Depends on if Goatless or Goat members.

Tucker 4-H Poultry Project (3rd grade and up)

Leader:

Gary Rossman

Meetings:

County wide project-one required meeting. The meetings are normally on a Tuesday night at 7 PM.

Location:

Yorkville School Cafeteria or Racine County Fairgrounds

Learn/Make:

Learn about raising, caring for and showing poultry.

Supplies/cost:

Birds, feed, housing (exhibition vs meat/auction bird will also factor into cost.)

Tucker 4-H Foods and Nutrition Project (3rd grade and up)

Leader:

Devon and Austin Collery

Meetings:

We will meet on the 3rd Monday of the month, beginning in January. Depending on interest and the size of the group, we may have additional meetings at our house.

Location:

Mount Pleasant Community Center

Learn/Make:

Learn how MyPlate can help guide your eating choices. Understand how to keep your food safe. Know basic kitchen safety. Learn measuring basics. Understand how to follow a recipe. Develop cooking skills. Use your skills to make recipes.

Supplies/cost:

The cost for the project will be \$20/child with a family cap of \$40. We want all kids who are interested in the project to participate, please reach out if there is a concern with the cost.

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