

Why are Cloverbuds special?

The answer is in the name.

- At meetings, activities are **C**ooperative and done in small groups.
- Activities are focused on **L**ife skills. *
- Activities are **O**riented toward success for each member.
- Meetings provide a **V**ariety of short-term experiences.
- At the fair, Cloverbuds **E**xhibit, but they don't compete.
- Safety and liability issues **R**equire restrictions concerning animals.
- Development is still **B**udding so activities must be age appropriate.
- Cloverbuds lack a full **U**nderstanding of winning and losing. **
- They are **D**istinctly different from 9-19 year olds.
- They share **S**afety and fun as common goals.

**Life skills include self-understanding, social interaction, learning to learn, physical mastery and decision-making.*

***5-8 year olds are just beginning to develop a sense of self. When in competitive settings, they focus on winning and losing. When in cooperative environments, they are more likely to develop confidence, creativity, and competence. (Scheer, 1997; Johnson & Johnson, 1989; Ames, 1981; Dewey, 1916).*

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