

Dear Extension Staff Member or 4-H Volunteer,

Here are materials for the Alabama 4-H Cloverbud program. Cloverbuds are an exciting opportunity for Alabama 4-H to reach young people ages 5 – 8. We hope that this material is everything you need to get the ball rolling. Or if you already have a program, this information may help you in training volunteers or expanding your county program. This really **is** the first installment of projects and other resources, with others already in development.

These have all been printed on white paper, so you please use them as “masters” to copy and distribute as you wish. Since there are curricula in three different subject areas – Science/Technology, Personal Development, and Community Expressive Arts – you might wish to copy them on different colors of paper.

We have also provided some good information on the “nuts and bolts” of administering a Cloverbud program. This includes: *Cloverbuds: Four-H or 5 – 8 Year Olds*; *Developmental Characteristics of Children in Grades K – 3*; *Creating Positive Learning Environments*; *Planning Events and Activities*; and *Your Role as a Volunteer Leader*. This could be the basis for establishing a total Cloverbud program. It is designed so that volunteers (such as teachers, parents, or grandparents) can start a program from scratch with the guidance and support of county 4-H Educators.

Other curricula on Healthy Living, Environmental/Earth Science, Citizenship/Civic Education, Consumerism/Family Science, and Plants and Animals will be available in the future. We will make the 4-H staff and volunteers aware of this material as it is available.

If you have questions or ideas, please do not hesitate to contact Chuck Hill ([Hillcar@auburn.edu](mailto:Hillcar@auburn.edu) or 334 844-2276 or Molly Gregg ([Greggmh@auburn.edu](mailto:Greggmh@auburn.edu) or 334 844-2263). Cloverbuds can greatly enrich the lives of Alabama’s young people. Working together, we can make this an important part of Alabama 4-H.