



2018 Cloverbud Day

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Situation

Lincoln County Advisory Council concerned with lack of unity in the County.

6.22 % of active enrolled 4-H members precipitate at county wide events



Average distance between major towns holding 4-H clubs.

30 ml



Active 4-H youth contribute their **connection** to 4-H and drive to **participate** to their **knowledge** of what 4-H can offer them and connection they make with fellow 4-Hers.

EXTENSION RESPONSE

The Lincoln County 4-H advisory committee expressed a concern with the lack of unity in the Lincoln County community. This is reflected in the Lincoln County 4-H programs town to town unity. 6.22% of active enrolled 4-H members participate at county wide events. This is a significantly low number. This number is slightly more understandable when it is considered that it is about a 30 mile average distance between each town. Over the last five years there has been a large spike in the cloverbud program enrollment from zero in 2013-2014 and 2014-2015. Over the next three years the program grew three members in 15-16, nine member in 16-17, and this year 21 members in 17-18. In the 15-16 4-H year to the 16-17 4-H year there was a 100% retention rate for these young members. From the 16-17 4-H year to the 17-18 4-H year there was an 88% retention rate for these young members.

By offering a variety of educational activities in different areas of our program in a day long event, it makes it worth while for those attending.

ACTIVIES

- Painted flower pot and planting flowers
- Pinecone Peanut Butter Bird Feeders
- Get to know your friends bingo
- Fun make your own healthy lunch
- Make your own ice cream
- Welcome to 4-H t-shirts

Programs that are advertised to be longer than 1 hour have double the attendance!



Impacts

At a county wide fun day **11** of the **12** cloverbuds participated and played active roles in the events.

90% of youth could name a 4-H project that they gained **knowledge** of that day.

75% could name and give a fact about a new friend they had **CONNECTED** with that day.

By educating the youngest of our 4-H participants these youth will have a better understanding and connection to the program. These youth can demonstrate **cooperation, self-motivation, learning to learn, and healthy lifestyle choices**. In following events, the amount of cloverbud participants present was nearly equal to the amount of active 4-H members. This is significant due to the fact the cloverbuds only make up **15%** of the Lincoln County 4-H program.

