

## 4-H Ages and Divisions for 2017 – 2018 4-H Year

| division         | Cloverbud                                | Junior                                   | Intermediate                           | Senior                                 |
|------------------|--|--|--|--|
|                  | 5-8 years old                            | 9-11 years old                           | 12-14 years old                        | 15 – 19 years old                      |
| Birthday between | September 2, 2008 –<br>September 1, 2012 | September 2, 2005 –<br>September 1, 2008 | September 2, 2002<br>September 1, 2005 | September 2, 1998<br>September 1, 2002 |

### Handy age calculator

<http://www.calculator.net/age-calculator.html>. Put in the birthdate in the first line and September 1 (2016 for this year) in the second line. It will calculate their age

We use midnight between the night of Sept 1 and the morning of Sept 2 as our cutoff date. If a member was born ON Sept 1 they would be counted as their birthday occurring in the previous year. If they were born on Sept 2 they would be counted in the upcoming year.

### Age related policies from the Oregon 4-H Policy Manual

**2.2** A young person’s age on September 1 shall be used to determine their age for the upcoming 4-H program year (which begins on October 1 and ends on September 30). A young person who is 19 on September 1 is not eligible to participate in 4-H in the upcoming 4-H program year (with the exception of the condition described in 2.2.1).

**2.2.1** Students who are 19 on September 1 and have not yet graduated from high school, may participate in 4-H in the upcoming 4-H program year.

**3.2** Individuals who have surpassed the upper age limit for membership in Oregon may participate in national contests and events if they qualified for those contests and events as members if national rules allow.

**3.3** Young people with developmental disabilities remain eligible to participate in 4-H during the upcoming program year in which they are 21 on September 1.

**4.2** “Cloverbud” programs are the mechanism by which young people ages 5 through 8 may participate in 4-H. Cloverbud programs introduce young people to cooperative learning and the many things they can do in 4-H.

**4.2.1** Children under age nine participating in 4-H, may not ride on motorcycles or all-terrain vehicles, participate in shooting sports, or have direct contact with large animals such as horses, cattle, goats, llamas, sheep, and swine. Additionally, they may not have responsibility for controlling dogs of any size in a group or public setting. (Also 12.1)

**4.2.2** Children under age nine may not participate in competitive events as a part of their 4-H experience. This includes any event that traditionally takes place in a “show-ring” whether it is competitive or non-competitive in nature.

**4.2.3** Children under age nine may participate in sports like soccer, basketball, and volleyball without keeping score to avoid a competitive experience. If awards are provided, every child should be recognized equally with a participation award.

## **5.0 Competitive Events**

**5.1** 4-H provides numerous opportunities for youth to be recognized for their achievements. Some recognition comes as a result of competition against peers. 4-H members will be allowed to participate in competitive events in the upcoming 4-H program year if they have reached their ninth birthday by September 1.

## **6.0 Age Divisions**

**6.1** Oregon 4-H uses the following age divisions for eligibility in competitive events. (Effective October 1, 2014)

**Juniors 9-11 years of age on September 1**

**Intermediates 12-14 years of age on September 1**

**Seniors 15-19 years of age on September 1**