



# How Do 4-H Cloverbuds Spell Team?

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How do Cloverbuds spell team? Of course, they spell it the same way everyone else does! Here are some fun team builders for your Cloverbud clubs with just a few variations from the older club version.

1. Find a Cloverbud Activity - Give each Cloverbud an activity card and ask them to fill it up with other Cloverbuds' signatures that match the feature/trait in each box. With Cloverbuds, play until everyone has his/her entire card filled so the emphasis is on talking and sharing the activity card. (*Find a Cloverbud* activity is available on the Cloverbud Connections website at <http://www.ohio4h.org/volunteers/cloverbud-leaders/click-it-print-it-do-it-activity-pages>.)
2. Beach Ball Games- All kids love beach balls- no matter what their age. Here are a few beach ball games that Cloverbuds will love.
  - a. Ask all Cloverbuds to stand in a circle. You start by passing the ball to a Cloverbud member and saying your name. That member must then pass the ball to another Cloverbud and say his/her name. Continue until everyone in the group has had the ball and said their names. The last person then throws the ball back to you.
  - b. The second step is a little trickier. You pass the ball to a Cloverbud, but this time, say that person's name. Again, do this until all Cloverbuds have had the ball. The important thing to tell the group is that they need to remember who they got the ball from and who they threw it to so they can establish a pattern. Ask the Cloverbuds if they know what a "pattern" is. Define it for them and ask if they are familiar with the word.
  - c. After you have established this pattern, try to "group juggle." Throw the ball in the same pattern as before and try to make it go around the circle a little faster each time- always catching from and throwing to the same people as before. If your group can handle it, add another beach ball so your group will be "juggling" two balls!
3. Build a Structure. Building is a great team builder because it causes members to think, talk and share ideas with each other. In this game, you will need to bring in some fun materials and ask the Cloverbuds to build a structure- perhaps a house that one of them can actually sit in when it is finished. If you have more than four members, break your group into smaller groups of three or four. Since we do not want this to become competitive, bring different materials for each group. When the time is up, each small group can show their structure to the whole group and tell about how they built it. Some ideas for structures: newspaper and duct tape, pool noodles and duct tape, or spaghetti and marshmallows (if you have older Cloverbud members who can handle the motor skills required.)
4. Play School Bus. Tape a line of duct tape down the middle of the room. Choose a bus driver. Driver shouts out pairs of stops, for example, cats or dogs. Participants who like cats must sit on right side of bus (tape) and those who like dogs must sit on left side of bus. Go through several stops including: Loud/quiet; Save/spend; Hamburger/salad; Fruit/vegetable; Fast food/home cooked; vanilla/chocolate. This activity is a great team builder because it teaches group members that they probably have something in common with almost everyone.



5. This may be my favorite Cloverbud team builder. Cook together! Or, at least do something with food! Ask all Cloverbuds to bring in an ingredient for whatever you choose to make. Some great ideas: soup, sundaes, or trail mix. Ask all the Cloverbuds to bring their ingredient to the table. (Bring a few ingredients yourself in case someone forgets to bring something.) Put everything together and serve your creation. A food creation is like a group of Cloverbuds. Everyone brings something unique, but when you put it all together, it is great!