

eClover: Darke County 4-H News**January 4, 2019**

Happy New Year! When I was younger, the year 2020 sounded like something from a science fiction movie. Now we are just one year away – where does the time go??

I hope you enjoyed time with your family and friends over the holidays.

Here's what's happening:

1. **Club/Volunteer Updates:** all volunteers must attend one of the many update meetings. You can sign up online using Sign Up Genius. Go to <http://go.osu.edu/4hupdatemeetings> Select your day and time and click submit and sign up and enter your name. Class sizes are limited so the earlier you register, the more likely you will get your preferred day and time. Don't have internet access? Contact our office and Kelly or Rhonda can enter you online.
2. **Enrollment packets for 2019** are available to be picked up at your convenience. During 2019 we will be transitioning to online 4-H enrollment, but will still be using paper forms. Several clubs attended a training and have volunteered to pilot online enrollment during 2019 to help us identify glitches and ways to improve the process.
3. **2018 Financial Summary:** Your club's summary is due to our office by January 31, 2019. Please do not use the electronic version to file. There are glitches in the system. A paper copy of the form is included in your club's enrollment packet. If you would like this form emailed to you, let me know.
4. **Important Deadline: Due January 18:** Secretary/Treasurer Books (mandatory), Reporter book (optional), Honor Club forms, Ohio 4-H Achievement Records, County Medal Forms, Premier 4-H Member Forms.
5. **Poultry Resources:** Just in time for winter weather, two new factsheets are available for those with poultry projects. Check them out.
Winter and Your Backyard Chickens: <https://ohioline.osu.edu/factsheet/anr-66>
Predators of Poultry <https://ohioline.osu.edu/factsheet/vme-22>

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6. **2019 Calendar:** Don't miss any of the fun. Our 2019 calendar is available online: https://darke.osu.edu/sites/darke/files/imce/Program_Pages/4H/2019%20calendar%20.pdf
7. **Ohio 4-H Conference:** Saturday, March 9, Columbus Convention Center. Registration is \$40.00 and is due February 8, 2019. The Darke County 4-H Committee will pay your registration fee. All we ask is that you give us a \$40.00 deposit. Your deposit will be returned to you after you attend the conference. This conference is a great opportunity to meet volunteers from across the state and share information. Over 100 sessions covering a variety of topics are available. Open to both youth (recommend age 14 and over) and adults! Check it out! <https://ohio4h.org/events/ohio-4-h-conference>
8. As you shop online, remember that you can shop and also donate to the Darke County 4-H Program via **Amazon Smiles**. Here's the info: When you shop online at smile.amazon.com/ch/31-1056844, Amazon donates to Darke County 4-H Committee (listed as The Ohio State University). Thank you for your support!
9. **Darke County 4-H has a blog!** Check it out at <https://u.osu.edu/darke4h/> You can also subscribe to receive email updates once a week. Simply enter your email address in the *Subscribe by Email* block on the left hand side of the page.
10. **New officer books** will be posted to the website on February 1. If that's too late for your club, continue to use the current books that are available on the officer book website. <https://ohio4h.org/families/members/officer-resources>
11. **2019 Family Guides** are now available from our office. Or, you can view the Family Guide online: <https://ohio4h.org/familyguide>
12. **County Medal Forms** are now available. Completed applications are due to the Extension Office by 4:30pm on Friday, January 18, 2019. See the website for details. <https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/darke-county-4-h-county-medal-application-0>
13. **Darke County 4-H Volunteer Application packet:** can be obtained in hard copy from our office or via the website: <https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/2019-darke-county-4-h-volunteer-application-information> Completed applications are due to the Extension Office by February 15, 2019.

Have a great weekend!