

eClover: Darke County 4-H News

January 5, 2018

Dear Friend in 4-H,

Happy New Year! I hope you had the opportunity to enjoy time with family and friends during the holiday season. It's time to get ready for another year of 4-H!

Upcoming Deadline: Due to our office January 19: Secretary and Treasurer's books (mandatory), Historian and Reporter books (optional), Honor Club Scoresheet, Premier Member Applications, County Medal Forms, Ohio 4-H Achievement Records.

This week's edition is long and contains lots of information. Please read it carefully.

1. **Youth Opportunity:** Congressman Davidson is inviting 4-H members to submit table centerpieces of their own design for display at his Farm Forum on Saturday, March 3 at Edison in Piqua. The centerpieces should be no larger than 2 cubic feet, and they are leaving the artistic discretion up to members. They do ask that there be a 4-H or agricultural theme to the centerpiece, and they would like members to send an index card with a short explanation of their work. His aide will be collecting the centerpieces on Friday, March 2nd.

There is no limit on the amount of entries per county. Members can either work together on centerpieces, or individually.

Farm Forum Centerpiece Project

- Can be 2 or 3 dimensional, No larger than 2 cubic feet
- Should be 4-H or Agricultural theme
- Include index card explaining the centerpiece
- Can be produced by groups or individual students
- Submissions will be picked up at County Extension Offices on Friday, March 2nd and returned during the following week

Please let the Extension Office know if you are interested in submitting a centerpiece.

2. **Share Your 4-H Photos:** The Ohio State 4-H Teen Leadership Council is interested in doing a fundraising project that would consist of making custom calendars to sell within the state. In order to do so, they are asking for counties to submit pictures from their county 4-H programs.

Submissions can be made by 4-H staff and volunteers. If any faces of 4-H members or volunteers are recognizable in the submitted photos, please ensure that these individuals have a signed photo release on file with the county. (Forms are available from the Extension Office.)

If you find a photo that you would like to submit, please email it to Allyson McCurdy at mccurdy.98@buckeyemail.osu.edu by March 1st. Please put the subject as "TLC calendar photos."

3. **Second Annual Clover Confidence BFFs:** Save the date – Friday, February 9. Registration information is now available! <https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/2018-clover-confidence-building-fearless-females-bffs>
4. **Cloverbud Fun Day – Date Change!** Cloverbud Fun Day is being scheduled for June 28 instead of the July date on the original calendar. This year's fun day will be held at Chenoweth Trails, Greenville. Registration information will be available in the spring



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5. **Ohio 4-H Conference:** will be held Saturday, March 10, Greater Columbus Convention Center. The 4-H Committee will pay your \$35.00 registration to attend. They ask for the \$35 from you as a deposit and once you attend, your check is shredded or returned to you. Early bird registration deadline is February 8. Hard copies of the registration booklet are available from our office or you can find it online: <https://ohio4h.org/events/ohio-4-h-conference>
6. **Officer Books:** Please be sure that your club is using the correct 4-H officer books. Officer books are resources are available online: <https://ohio4h.org/families/members/officer-resources>
7. **Poultry Resources:** 4-H members taking poultry projects will find a vast array of poultry resources available on our website: <https://ohio4h.org/poultryresources>
8. **Volunteer/Club Update Meetings:** A total of 18 update meetings are scheduled January – March, 2018. All Darke County 4-H Volunteers are required to attend one of these meetings in order to maintain their volunteer status for 2018. No additional meetings will be scheduled and there is no opportunity to go to out-of-county sessions, so please plan accordingly. Call our office to pre-register as class sizes are limited. A complete list of available days/times is posted to the web. <https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/2018-volunteerclub-update-meetings>
9. **Quality Assurance information for 2018** has been posted to the web. Please note: in 2018 all Darke County youth must complete QA by June 1, 2018 in order to be eligible to exhibit and sell their animal. <https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/2018-quality-assurance>
10. **Darke County 4-H Skating Party:** Hands Across the Darke and the 4-H Committee are sponsoring a 4-H skating party on Tuesday, March 6 at The Skate Place in Greenville. Admission will be free for all 4-H members and their families (you will be responsible for skate rental - \$2.50). Tickets for this event are available from the Extension Office. Organizational volunteers, please find out how many tickets your club needs and get them from the Extension Office for distribution to your club members and their families..
11. **2018 Enrollment Packets** are available. Organizational volunteers may pick these up from our office during normal business hours or by special arrangement. It's time to get ready for another year of 4-H!
12. **Ohio 4-H Achievement Records:** 4-Hers who are 14 and over are invited to apply for statewide recognition for outstanding 4-H project work. This form should also be completed if Darke County teens are interested in being selected to represent Darke County at statewide camps and events. <https://ohio4h.org/awardsandscholarships>
13. **Ohio 4-H Night with the Dayton Dragons:** Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 19 and join us at Fifth/Third Field. https://darke.osu.edu/sites/darke/files/imce/Program_Pages/4H/2018%20Dayton%20Dragons.pdf
14. **2018 Family 4-H Family Guides:** hard copies are available from our office or you may download online: <https://ohio4h.org/books-and-resources/family-guide>

15. **Joann Fabrics Reward Card:** JOANN Fabrics has partnered with the National 4-H Council to bring more hands-on 4-H programs to youth. Current members, parents and volunteers can sign-up for the JOANN 4-H Rewards Card and receive 15% off total in-store and online purchases. JOANN will give a minimum of 2.5% of every eligible transaction to support 4-H programs. Find the details at <http://www.joann.com/4-h/>
16. **Hands Across the Darke's New Community Service Project:** Now through February we will be collecting the following supplies to donate to Rustic Hope: Shampoo/conditioner, small containers of laundry detergent (most carry it to the laundromat), dish soap, bathroom supplies (all), throw blankets, diapers, and baby wipes. If you would like to help with this collection feel free to drop these things off at the Extension Office.
17. **Trash Bash: April 21 and 22, 2018:** Registration forms are available on the web: <http://co.darke.oh.us/solidwaste/>
18. **New 4-H Volunteer Applications:** Available from our office or via the web <https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/2018-4-h-volunteer-application>
19. Applications must be submitted by 4:30pm, March 1, 2018.
20. **County Medal Forms:** Available from our office or on the web site: <https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/darke-county-4-h-county-medal-application> All 4-H members enrolled in projects are invited to apply in order to be recognized for outstanding project work. Recipients will be recognized during our Spring Kick-Off in March. Completed forms are due to the Extension Office by 4:30pm on Friday, January 19, 2018.
21. **Premier Member Award:** Remind your 4-H club members to complete the application to be a Premier 4-H Member. Applications are due January 19, 2018. Recipients will be recognized during our spring kick-off in March. <https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/premier-4-h-member-award>
22. **United Way:** You can designate your United Way pledge to be given to the Darke County 4-H program. Simply write "Darke County 4-H" on the donation form. Thank you for your support.

Best Wishes,

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