

eClover: Darke County 4-H News

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Dear Friend in 4-H,

Cool news: our Darke County 4-H Cloverbud Rocks! initiative is spreading. Recently we were contacted by a Cloverbud group in Arizona asking permission to use our idea. Of course we said yes! So, if you are ever in Maricopa County in Arizona, keep an eye out for inspirational rocks created by our friends in Arizona. How cool is that?!?

Here's what's happening:

1. **Heartland in Greenville:** is looking for a 4-H club to come and make Christmas ornaments with the residents. Day and time are negotiable, but would like this to happen in November. Contact Rosemary at 937-548-3141 if your club is interested.
2. **Hope for Ohio: A Teen Forum on the Opioid Crisis:** OSU Extension, Ohio Farm Bureau Foundation, Ohio FFA, and Prevention Action Alliance are hosting a forum for teens about Ohio's opioid crisis. This forum is open to both youth and adults to help prepare them to take action against drug abuse in their communities: Saturday, Dec., 2nd; 10am to 4:45pm; Nationwide & Ohio 4-H Farm Bureau 4-H Center, Columbus. Teens and Adults who want to learn more and take action in their communities are invited to attend. <http://www.cvent.com/events/hope-for-ohio-a-teen-forum-on-the-opioid-crisis/event-summary-b8b7e6b92dd64fb581cdcb82f27e5912.aspx>
3. **Carving New Ideas:** November 3-5, 2017, 4-H Camp Ohio. Open to 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade 4-H members, a camping opportunity for older youth, concentrating on the principles of critical thinking and program facilitation. The focus of the camp will be healthy living, striving to make winning strides in each of the health focuses of the camp. <http://go.osu.edu/CNI17>
4. **End of the Year Packets:** Packets are available for pick up at your convenience. Packets include membership certificates, pins, volunteer reenrollment forms, 2018 enrollment surveys, leadership and achievement award forms, and more. The following clubs still need to pick up their packets: 4 Paws, Barnyard Boosters, Crowing Coops, DC Rabbit Raisers, DC Swine, Fun Bunch, Fur, Fish & Game, Jr. Nifty Neave, Kountry Kids, Livestock in General, Odds N Ends, Paws-a-tive Attitude, Rabbit Habbit, Show Hoppers, Swine Kollers, Tail Waggers, and This & That.
5. **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> Applications must be submitted by 4:30pm, March 1, 2018.
6. **4-H Camp Counselor Applications:** Available from our office or on the web site <https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/2018-darke-county-4-h-camp-counselor-application> See the application for details. Completed applications are due to the office by 4:30pm on Friday, November 17. 4-H Camp will be held at Indian Hills, June 18-21, 2018.



7. **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.
8. **Darke County United Way:** Did you know? If you donate to the United Way, you may designate the Darke County 4-H Program to be the recipient of your donation. Simply write "Darke County 4-H" on the pledge designation line. Funds from the United Way are used to offset the cost of 4-H camp to our youth. Thank you for your support!
9. **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>
10. For those of you who shop on Amazon, the Darke County 4-H Committee is now part of the **AmazonSmile charitable donation list**. Here is our unique identifier: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/31-1056844> Even though it comes up as The Ohio State University, you will be supporting the Darke County 4-H Committee. Feel free to share this with family and friends who shop on Amazon.

Enjoy your weekend!

Best Wishes,  
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