During October, organizational volunteers received an email with information about the 2022 Enrollment Survey and nominating members for Leadership and Achievement Awards. Please complete the enrollment survey as soon as possible so this information can be referenced when I speak with potential new members. The Leadership and Achievement Award nominations are not due until January 21, 2022.

As always, thank you for your continued dedication to the Darke County 4-H Program!

**News You Can Use:**

1. **Darke County 4-H Alumni Award:** This award is presented to a Darke County 4-H alumnus who has demonstrated distinctive achievement in their career or community service and who attributes part of their success to their participation in the Darke County 4-H Program. One recipient will be selected and will be recognized during the spring kick-off program in March. Completed applications are due to the Extension Office by 4:30pm on Friday, January 22, 2022. [https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/award-applications](https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/award-applications)

2. **Cheryl Leugers Memorial 4-H Community Service Award:** New for 2022! Applications are currently available (online or from our office). This award is designed to recognize a 4-H club who has completed and outstanding community service project or activity during 2021. See the application for details. Completed applications are due January 21, 2022. [https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/award-applications](https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/award-applications)

3. **Sharon Fourman Memorial 4-H Volunteer of the Year Award:** completed applications are due January 21, 2022. See the website for details. [https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/award-applications](https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/award-applications)

4. **4-H Camp Counselor Applications** are available on the website. 4-H members who will be at least a freshman in high school by the start of camp are invited to apply. Completed applications are due to our office by 4:30pm on Friday, November 12. [https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/2022-darke-county-4-h-camp](https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/2022-darke-county-4-h-camp)

5. **Club end-of-the-year packets** are available. Please pick up your club’s packet at your earliest convenience. Also available for pick up are other miscellaneous items (spring packet, awards, etc.). Please plan to have an advisor from your club stop by our office to pick everything up as soon as possible.

6. **2022 4-H Family Guides:** During November and December 2022 Family Guides will be mailed directly to each family that was in 4-H in 2021. We will have a limited supply at the office for new 4-H families or for those who did not receive theirs in the mail.
7. **Hands Across the Darke**: In-person meetings have resumed. They meet the first Tuesday of each month, 7pm, Extension Office. This organization is open to any youth in grades 5-12 who is interested in participating in a variety of community service activities. Please share this meeting day/time with any youth who might be interested in attending. *Our next meeting is Tuesday, November 2.*

8. **Darke County United Way**: Did you know that 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 designation line.

9. **Amazon Smile**: Shop at [smile.amazon.com/ch/31-1056844](http://smile.amazon.com/ch/31-1056844) and Amazon donates to the Darke County 4-H Committee. (It comes up as The Ohio State University, but donations go to our 4-H program!)

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