

eClover: Darke County 4-H News

October 6, 2017

Dear Friend in 4-H,

Here's what's happening:

1. **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>
2. **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
3. **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.
4. **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.
5. **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.
6. **Hands Across the Darke:** They are working on a community service activity involving active military and need your help. If you or someone in your club has a family member (especially a former 4-H member) currently on active duty, please send me their name and address. Hands would like to send military care packages during the upcoming holiday season. <https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/community-service-club-teens>
7. **CARTEENS help needed:** All 4-H youth who currently have either a permit or driver's license are encouraged to apply to help with the CARTEENS program. CARTEENS is held the second Saturday of each month and is for first-time juvenile traffic offenders. Older youth are needed to help with the program, such as reading informational documents and helping with activities. If you are interested in learning more about the program, contact Diane Barga at our office (937.548.5215) or [barga.8@osu.edu](mailto:barga.8@osu.edu).



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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*For their October meeting,  
Hands Across the Darke painted pumpkins with some of the residents  
of Rest Haven.  
Our thanks to Aultman Farms for donating the pumpkins for this project.*



*Next meeting is Tuesday, November 7, 7:00pm, Extension Office.*