

eClover: Darke County 4-H News

November 10, 2017

Dear Friend in 4-H,

Reminder: the Extension Office will be closed Friday, November 10 in observance of Veterans Day.

Here's what's happening:

1. **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>
2. **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/>
3. **Dairy Steer Tagging and Weigh-in:** Saturday, November 25, 9:00am-11:00am, Fairgrounds (old beef barn)
4. **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.
5. **Ohio State Beekeepers Association 4-H Partnership Program:** 4H members looking to do beekeeping next year, should consider applying for the OSBA 4H Partnership Program now. You could receive equipment for 2 beehives, training, educational materials and more! The deadline to apply is November 21. See the website for details. <http://www.ohiostatebeekeepers.org/about-osba/4-h-partnership-program/>
6. **Trash Bash: April 21 and 22, 2018:** Registration forms are available on the web: <http://co.darke.oh.us/solidwaste/>
7. **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-b8b7e6b92dd64fb581cdbc82f27e5912.aspx>



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8. **Early Bird Reporter News:** Please remind your reporters to send your club's reports to the Early Bird by the last business day of each month. Reports should be 150 words or less and emailed to Ryan Berry: [editor@earlybirdpaper.com](mailto:editor@earlybirdpaper.com) Our 4-H news page will be published the second Sunday of the month.
9. **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.
10. **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.
11. **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.
12. **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>

Enjoy your weekend!

Best Wishes,

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