Another page has turned on the calendar and November is here! November is a month of giving and of giving thanks. Remind your 4-H members to write thank you notes to their sponsors and donors. Why not take time during an upcoming club meeting and help them write their notes? A hand-written note goes a long way in ensuring that donors will support 4-H in the future.

**Time is running out! 4-H Camp Counselor applications are due TODAY (Friday, November 12, 4:30pm).** Please share the application link with teens in your club who might be interested. [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) Camp is scheduled for June 13-16, 2022.

They’re here! We have a limited supply of **2022 Family Guides** available at our office for those who want to start selecting projects for next year. A copy of the Family Guide will be mailed to each 4-H family in late November. You can also find an electronic version online: [https://ohio4h.org/books-and-resources/family-guide](https://ohio4h.org/books-and-resources/family-guide)

The following clubs have items to be picked up from the Extension Office: Ansonia 4-H, Banner Bound, Barnyard Boosters, Darke County Sheep & Lamb, Fur, Fish, & Game, Helping Hands, Rabbit Habbit, Show Hoppers, and Swine Koolers.

**News You Can Use:**

1. **Volunteer Screening for 2022:** Letters have been mailed to those volunteers who need to complete their fingerprint background check for 2022. If you are one of the lucky people to receive a letter, please do not procrastinate. Complete this as soon as possible. Save your receipt and bring the form enclosed with your letter to the Extension Office so we can process your reimbursement.

2. **New 4-H Volunteer Applications:** Applications for those wishing to apply to be a new Darke County 4-H Volunteer in 2022 are now available. Completed applications must be submitted to the Extension Office by February 1, 2022 in order to be considered for 2022. Hard copies of the application packet are available from our office or download the information from the web: [https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/2022-4-h-volunteer-application](https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/2022-4-h-volunteer-application)

3. **Dairy Steer Weigh-In:** 4-Hers planning to exhibit a dairy steer at the 2022 Darke County Fair need to attend weigh-in on Saturday, November 27, 9am-11am, Old Beef Barn on the Fairgrounds. Enter through Gate 4 (State Route 121), turn left, and enter the north end of the old Beef Barn.

4. **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)
5. **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)

6. **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)

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, December 7.** This meeting will be a pizza party, RSVPs required. The group will also be assembling care packages for first responders during this meeting. Please contact Rhonda, [williams.418@osu.edu](mailto:williams.418@osu.edu) by December 6 if you plan to attend.

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](https://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!)

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED DEDICATION TO THE DARKE COUNTY 4-H PROGRAM!**

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