

eClover: Darke County 4-H News

December 8, 2017

Dear Friend in 4-H,

Reminder: the Extension Office will be closed Monday, December 25 and Tuesday, December 26 in observance of the Christmas holiday. Enjoy your upcoming holiday celebrations with friends and family!

Hands Across the Darke would like to give a shout out to the Darke County Holstein 4-H Club for their donations to two of Hands' projects: Rustic Hope and care packages for the military. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Here's what's happening:

1. **Support us when you shop online.** Go to [smile.amazon.com/ch/31-1056844](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/31-1056844) and Amazon donates to Darke County 4-H Committee.
2. **2018 Darke County 4-H Youth Development Calendar:** now available online [https://darke.osu.edu/sites/darke/files/imce/Program\\_Pages/4H/2018%20calendar.pdf](https://darke.osu.edu/sites/darke/files/imce/Program_Pages/4H/2018%20calendar.pdf)
3. **Save the Date: 4-H Skating Party:** Hands Across the Darke and the 4-H Committee are sponsoring a 4-H skating party on Tuesday, March 6 at The Skate Place in Greenville. Admission will be free for all 4-H members and their families (you will be responsible for skate rental - \$2.50). Tickets for this event will be available from the Extension Office. Details coming soon, but save the date!
4. **2018 Enrollment Packets** are available. Organizational volunteers may pick these up from our office during normal business hours or by special arrangement. It's time to get ready for another year of 4-H!
5. **Upcoming Deadline: Due to our office January 19:** Secretary and Treasurer's books (mandatory), Historian and Reporter books (optional), Honor Club Scoresheet, Premier Member Applications, County Medal Forms, Ohio 4-H Achievement Records.
6. **Ohio 4-H Achievement Records:** 4-Hers who are 14 and over are invited to apply for statewide recognition for outstanding 4-H project work. This form should also be completed if Darke County teens are interested in being selected to represent Darke County at statewide camps and events. <https://ohio4h.org/awardsandscholarships>
7. **4-H discount to see the Harlem Globetrotters** on December 31st at the Wright State Nutter Center. Contact David Jimenez at 678-497-1852 or [djimenez@harlemglobetrotters.com](mailto:djimenez@harlemglobetrotters.com)
8. **Ohio 4-H Night with the Dayton Dragons:** Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 19 and join us at Fifth/Third Field. [https://darke.osu.edu/sites/darke/files/imce/Program\\_Pages/4H/2018%20Dayton%20Dragons.pdf](https://darke.osu.edu/sites/darke/files/imce/Program_Pages/4H/2018%20Dayton%20Dragons.pdf)



9. **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>
10. **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/>
11. **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.
12. **Trash Bash: April 21 and 22, 2018:** Registration forms are available on the web: <http://co.darke.oh.us/solidwaste/>
13. **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.
14. **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.
15. **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>
16. **United Way:** 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 donation form. Thank you for your support.

Enjoy your holiday season!

Best Wishes,

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