

**eClover: Darke County 4-H News****February 1, 2019**

Here's hoping that February is kinder to us than January, weather-wise!

Here's what's happening:

1. Congressman Warren Davidson is proud to invite all 4-H members and their families to attend the 2019 **Farm Forum**. His staff is collecting **4-H table centerpieces** for display at the event. If you are interested in submitting a centerpiece, please let our office know. There are specific requirements for this project. Centerpieces must be no larger than 1 cubic foot and a 4-H or agricultural theme is preferable. Your 4-H club name should be on the centerpiece. Displays will be picked up by Congressman Davidson's staff from our office on February 27. For additional details contact our office.
2. **Quality Assurance**: Information regarding Quality Assurance for 2019 has been posted to the web. Includes test-out information, as well as a link to the QA study guide to help with test preparation. <https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/quality-assurance?fbclid=IwAR1Y-LeIISWPff3GBk3N6JysFz2MRTirbNV2nEZmkyRaLm9Nlr4u6YkhQgc>
3. **Turkey Order** forms were mailed to organizational advisors. Orders must be submitted by March 1. NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED. Pick up is Friday, April 5 at the Extension Office from 11am-3pm. See your club leader for details.
4. **Second Annual 4-H Skating Party** is scheduled for Tuesday, March 5, 6:30pm-9:00pm at The Skate Place in Greenville. New this year: wear your 4-H club t-shirt. The club with the most shirts present will win a prize. Admission is free but we are accepting a donation of non-perishable food to be donated to local food pantries. And lastly, you will be responsible for paying the \$2.50 skate rental. See your club leader to order tickets. [https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/second-annual-darke-county-4-h-skating-party?fbclid=IwAR3hVqZkHHhf\\_jpycP0SbCJqIGdsAfg7OPWcrCSWpeUCpb-TOlIODFqJ0Zo](https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/second-annual-darke-county-4-h-skating-party?fbclid=IwAR3hVqZkHHhf_jpycP0SbCJqIGdsAfg7OPWcrCSWpeUCpb-TOlIODFqJ0Zo)
5. **Spring Recognition and Kick-Off** is Sunday, March 3, 2:00pm, All Seasons Place. Each club is asked to provide one or two non-perishable door prizes. Bring your door prizes the day of the event or drop off at the Extension Office by Friday, March 1. No charge to attend but we are accepting non-perishable food donations to be given to local food pantries.

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6. Save the Date: The **Youth Poultry Clinic** (formerly known as Bi-State Youth Poultry Clinic) will be held Saturday, April 13, at ATI, Wooster. This clinic will include a statewide Youth Quality Assurance training. Registration information and the schedule of sessions will be posted at [www.poultry.osu.edu](http://www.poultry.osu.edu) in February.
7. **Club/Volunteer Updates:** all volunteers must attend one of the many update meetings. You can sign up online using Sign Up Genius. Go to <http://go.osu.edu/4hupdatemeetings> Select your day and time and click submit and sign up and enter your name. Class sizes are limited so the earlier you register, the more likely you will get your preferred day and time. Don't have internet access? Contact our office and Kelly or Rhonda can enter you online.
8. **Hands Across the Darke** will meet Tuesday, February 5, 7pm, Extension Office. Open to all youth in grades 5-12. You do not need to be a 4-H member to attend.
9. **2018 Financial Summary:** Your club's summary is due to our office by January 31, 2019. Please do not use the electronic version to file. There are glitches in the system. A paper copy of the form is included in your club's enrollment packet. If you would like this form emailed to you, let me know.
10. **OSU Junior Swine Day** is March 30, 2018. Pre-registration by March 22.  
[https://ohio4h.org/sites/ohio4h/files/imce/animal\\_science/intranet/2019%20Jr%20%20swine%20day%20brochure%20%28003%29.pdf?fbclid=IwAR35gnzp2MzqgtqWr3WA6mesPRCqAz9R2iS6ZIEr27xr9pgavUKwc0TSThE](https://ohio4h.org/sites/ohio4h/files/imce/animal_science/intranet/2019%20Jr%20%20swine%20day%20brochure%20%28003%29.pdf?fbclid=IwAR35gnzp2MzqgtqWr3WA6mesPRCqAz9R2iS6ZIEr27xr9pgavUKwc0TSThE)
11. **Poultry Clinic** on April 6<sup>th</sup> in Youth Building: starting at Noon to 2:30pm in the Youth Building at the Darke County Fair. The clinic will immediately follow the April 6<sup>th</sup> Quality Assurance Program.

A free lunch will be served at the start of the clinic sponsored by Cooper Farms. The poultry clinic will focus on nutrition, animal care, animal health, processing, showmanship and fair selection and biosecurity. Also at the clinic information and updates will be provided on mandatory skillathon for all poultry exhibitors, information about outstanding poultry exhibitors awards, sale process and updates about poultry barn rules changes, poultry barn scholarship opportunities, opportunities to serve on junior for board representing the poultry department and Darke County Poultry Royalty program. Please RSVP by calling Dena Wuebker at 937-423-2369 or Cindy Mayo at 937-417-2296, Amy Addis-937-216-2107 or email Dena at [dena.wuebker@vtigers.org](mailto:dena.wuebker@vtigers.org) or Cindy Mayo at by April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

12. **Ohio 4-H Conference:** Saturday, March 9, Columbus Convention Center. Registration is \$40.00 and is due February 8, 2019. The Darke County 4-H Committee will pay your registration fee. All we ask is that you give us a \$40.00 deposit. Your deposit will be returned to you after

you attend the conference. This conference is a great opportunity to meet volunteers from across the state and share information. Over 100 sessions covering a variety of topics are available. Open to both youth (recommend age 14 and over) and adults! Check it out!

<https://ohio4h.org/events/ohio-4-h-conference>

13. **Plowboy Prom:** Saturday, March 9, 6pm-9pm, Ohio 4-H Center. \$5.00 admission. Questions should be directed to [osuc4h@gmail.com](mailto:osuc4h@gmail.com)
14. **2019 Calendar:** Don't miss any of the fun. Our 2019 calendar is available online: [https://darke.osu.edu/sites/darke/files/imce/Program\\_Pages/4H/2019%20calendar%20.pdf](https://darke.osu.edu/sites/darke/files/imce/Program_Pages/4H/2019%20calendar%20.pdf)
15. As you shop online, remember that you can shop and also donate to the Darke County 4-H Program via **Amazon Smiles**. Here's the info: When you shop online at [smile.amazon.com/ch/31-1056844](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/31-1056844), Amazon donates to Darke County 4-H Committee (listed as The Ohio State University). Thank you for your support!
16. **Darke County 4-H has a blog!** Check it out at <https://u.osu.edu/darke4h/> You can also subscribe to receive email updates once a week. Simply enter your email address in the *Subscribe by Email* block on the left hand side of the page.
17. **New officer books** will be posted to the website on February 1. If that's too late for your club, continue to use the current books that are available on the officer book website. <https://ohio4h.org/families/members/officer-resources>
18. **2019 Family Guides** are now available from our office. Or, you can view the Family Guide online: <https://ohio4h.org/familyguide>
19. **Darke County 4-H Volunteer Application packet:** can be obtained in hard copy from our office or via the website: <https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/2019-darke-county-4-h-volunteer-application-information> Completed applications are due to the Extension Office by February 15, 2019.

Have a great weekend!