

Dear Friend in 4-H,

The groundhog saw his shadow so maybe winter will actually arrive at some point. Sounds like this weekend will be back to higher temperatures. Spring is on the way!

1. **4-H Open House:** Monday, February 13, 6:20[m-8:00pm, All Seasons Place. Please have your display set up by 6:15pm. See YOU there!
2. **OSU Junior Swine Day:** Saturday, March 25, OSU Columbus or OSU ATI at Wooster. See the attached flyer for details.
3. **Hands Across the Darke:** next meeting is Tuesday, March 14, 7:00pm, Extension Office.
4. **Clover Confidence:BFFs:** a program designed for females in grades 5 to 8. You do not have to be a 4-H member to attend. Flyer attached.
5. **Annual Volunteer Training:** all Darke County 4-H volunteers are required to attend one of the scheduled update meetings in order to maintain their volunteer status for 2017. Refer to the web site: <http://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-volunteerclub-update> for the days/times. You must pre-register to attend so that in the event of inclement weather, I know who to contact. Also, if no one signs up for a particular session, then I'm not there. Please do not assume that you can just "show-up". Included in the update is the mandatory Policy 1.50 training.
6. **Spring Kick Off and Recognition:** Sunday, March 5, 2:00pm, All Seasons Place. Each club is asked to provide one or two non-perishable items for door prizes. Door prizes may be dropped off at our office or brought the day of the event (preferred).
7. **Project #507 Robotics:** If you have a 4-H member interested in this project, but they do not have the funds to purchase the robot, remember that we have two kits available for loan from our office. Contact our office for a copy of the rental use application. Completed applications must be submitted to our office by March 15.
8. **Turkey Orders:** Cooper Farms is once again offering turkey poults to interested 4-H and FFA youth. Orders must be turned in to my office by Friday, March 3. NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED. Letters with complete information have been sent to every club.
9. **e990 postcards:** as of last year, 4-H clubs no longer need to file their own e990 postcards.
10. **4-H Volunteer Applications** are now available. Anyone interested in becoming a 4-H volunteer in 2017 must complete the volunteer application process. See the web site for details. <http://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/2017-4-h-volunteer-application-information> Completed applications must be submitted to our office by February 17 in order to allow enough time to complete the application process by April 1, 2017.