

**eClover: Darke County 4-H News****February 17, 2023*****Ohio 4-H Week is March 5-11, 2023. How will your club celebrate the week and promote 4-H?***

Encourage your members to talk with their friends about joining 4-H!

Join us for our annual **4-H Skating Party!** Tuesday, March 7, 6:00pm – 8:30pm at Skate Zone 805. Admission is free and skate rental will be paid by the Darke County 4-H Committee. Encourage your club members to wear their club t-shirts as the three clubs with the highest percentage of club members in club t-shirts will receive a cash award for their club!

**News You Can Use – 4-H:**

1. ***Spring Recognition and Kick Off Program:*** Sunday, March 5, 2:00pm, Radiant Lighthouse. All 4-H members and their families are invited to attend. We will be recognizing outstanding officer books, honor clubs, leadership and achievement awards, premier member awards, county medal winners, and more. Each club is asked to donate one or two non-perishable items for door prizes. Please bring them the day of the event.
2. ***2023 Enrollment: 4-H Online*** is now open and accepting enrollments for 2023. Volunteers and members can login and reenroll at any time. Volunteers who have to complete a background check should enroll as soon as possible. That way when background check results are received by OSU-HR, they can connect the results of your background check to your 4-H Online profile. You should login using your family email and password. If you have forgotten your password, use the Forgot Password link. If you are unsure of your family email, or it needs changed, contact our office. **DO NOT CREATE A NEW PROFILE** if you were enrolled in 4-H in 2022. Help is available online: <https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-online>
3. ***Ohio Youth Poultry Clinic*** will be held Saturday, March 18, 8:15am-4:15pm, The Ohio State University ATI, Wooster. Registration deadline is Tuesday, March 7. Cost is \$20 for youth and \$25.00 for adults. For additional information or to obtain the registration form: <https://ohio4h.org/events/2023-ohio-youth-poultry-clinic>
4. The ***Junior Fairboard*** has two spots open for ***Youth Building 4-H*** representatives. Contact Rhonda [williams.418@osu.edu](mailto:williams.418@osu.edu) if you are interested in applying.
5. ***Memorial Day Parade*** on May 29, 2023, at 1:00pm. The Veterans Services Commission is partnering with The City of Greenville for the parade and are inviting community organizations to participate in the parade. The theme is patriotic. If your club is interested in participating, contact our office for a copy of the parade entry form.
6. ***Cooper Farms*** is once again offering five free turkey poults to 4-H members interested in taking turkeys as a project. Orders are due March 1 and can be ordered at this link: [go.osu.edu/23darketurkeyorder](https://go.osu.edu/23darketurkeyorder) No late orders will be accepted.



7. **Take the Leap Career Readiness Day:** Open to 4-H members ages 13-18. Saturday, April 1, 9:30am-4:00pm, Ohio 4-H Center, Columbus. Visit the link for details and to register: [go.osu.edu/taketheleap](https://go.osu.edu/taketheleap)
8. **Quality Assurance** will be held in-person five times beginning in April. Check the website for details and a link to the registration site. [go.osu.edu/23darkequalityassurance](https://go.osu.edu/23darkequalityassurance)
9. **The Plowboy Prom** will be held Saturday, March 11, 6p m-8pm, Ohio 4-H Center, Columbus. Join them in celebrating 100 years of Collegiate 4-H at Ohio State. Open to all 4-H members; \$5.00 admission fee.
10. **The Ohio 4-H Forestry and Wildlife Conservation Camp** will be held April 28-30, 2023 at Canter's Cave 4-H Camp near Jackson, OH. Camp is for youth in grades 7-11. The registration fee is \$110.00. Deadline to register is April 1. This camp typically fills quickly, so don't procrastinate! To register please visit <https://ohio4h.org/camp/forestry-and-wildlife-conservation-camp> For more information visit <https://ohio4h.org/camp/forestry-and-wildlife-conservation-camp>
11. **State-wide Virtual 4-H Officer Training** will be held February 27 from 7:00pm – 8:30pm. To register: <https://go.osu.edu/officer>
12. **2023 Activity Fee:** The Darke County 4-H Committee has voted to waive the county activity fee for the fourth year in a row. You may still charge an activity fee for your club, but you will not be paying a county fee this year.
13. **The Darke County 4-H Committee** has openings for both youth and adults. Slots are open for four adult 4-H volunteers, three 4-H youth (age 14 and over), and 3 business or community representatives (do not need to be currently involved in 4-H. Contact Rhonda if you are interested or would like further information.
14. **Project Book Price Increase:** Effective October 1, the cost of 4-H books that are currently \$6.00 will be increased to \$8.00. This is a result of increased printing costs associated the current economic environment. It's been several years since the price of books has been increased.
15. **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. Thank you to everyone who designates their pledges to us. It means a lot to our program!

### News You Can Use – Junior Fair:

1. **Junior Fair Website:** A new junior fair website is available at [go.osu.edu/darkejuniorfair](https://go.osu.edu/darkejuniorfair). The 2023 Junior Fair Calendar can be found on that page. New items will be added as they become available.

2. **Junior Fair Poultry Clinic:** scheduled for Saturday, April 29, beginning at noon. A free lunch will be served. The clinic will include information about showmanship, poultry nutrition, skillathon, and more. RSVP before April 15<sup>th</sup> by conducting Dena Wuebker at 937-423-2369, Cindy Mayo at 937-417-2296 or Amy Addis at 937-216-2107 or email at [dena.wuebker@vtigers.org](mailto:dena.wuebker@vtigers.org), [cmayo217@hotmail.com](mailto:cmayo217@hotmail.com) or [amyjoaddis@centurylink.net](mailto:amyjoaddis@centurylink.net).
3. **Darke County Junior Fair** has a new Facebook page. Search for Darke County Junior Fair and follow us for up-to-date information.  
<https://www.facebook.com/darkecountyjuniorfair/>
4. **Junior Fairboard has openings** in the following departments. Contact Rhonda [williams.418@osu.edu](mailto:williams.418@osu.edu) if you are interested in an open slot. Cats (2), Family & Consumer Sciences (3), Youth Building 4-H (2), Girl Scouts/Boy Scouts (1), and FCCLA (1).

**Upcoming Jr. Fair Meetings:**

Wednesday, March 1 – Senior Fairboard, 7:30pm, Secretary's Office, Fairgrounds

Thursday, March 2 – Swine Committee – 7:00pm, Location to be determined

*Reminder: The best way to reach me is by using the phone number or email below. Do not utilize Facebook Messenger as I have removed the App from my phone due to spam/scam messages. I do not spend a lot of time on Facebook so I often miss messages until days after they have been sent. Contact Rhonda at 937-569-5003 or [williams.418@osu.edu](mailto:williams.418@osu.edu)*

