

eClover: Darke County 4-H News

February 2, 2018

Dear Friend in 4-H,

Reminder: ALL Darke County 4-H Volunteers must attend one of the mandatory update meetings in order to retain volunteer status for 2018. Thirteen dates remain. Pre-registration is required – if no one signs up then I'm not there. <https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/2018-volunteerclub-update-meetings>

1. **Spring Kick Off and Recognition Program:** Our annual spring kick-off will be held Sunday, March 4, 2:00pm at All Seasons Place. Each club is asked to provide one or two door prizes (non-perishable items only, please). Door prizes may be brought to the Extension Office prior to the event or brought to All Seasons Place the day of the event (preferred).
2. **Healthy Living Challenge:** If your club participated in the Healthy Living Challenge (materials were sent to organizational advisors), all paperwork is due by Friday, February 16 so that we may recognize those who participated during our Spring Kick Off. The Healthy Living Challenge will continue in 2018 so feel free to continue to use the materials throughout this year.
3. **Youth Conservationist Program:** April 1, 2018 is the deadline to apply to be considered for the possibility of receiving a ewe from a heritage breed of sheep. Contact our office for a copy of the instructions.
4. **Plowboy Prom:** Are you ready to rock around the clock?! It's a flashback to the Fabulous Fifties with the 2018 Plowboy Prom hosted by College 4-H at The Ohio State University. Join us on Saturday, March 10 (after the 4-H Conference) from 6-10 p.m. at the Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center for an evening of dancing, games and prizes. All ages are welcome; admission is \$5 each or \$3 with a BuckID. Grab your saddle shoes and be there!
5. **Wilmington Collegiate 4-H Little International:** will be held on April 7th. This event will be located at the Wilmington College Equine Center. Registration will be from 7:00AM-8:00AM. From 8:00AM-9:00AM they will have demonstrations on how to show each species, with the contest starting promptly to follow. Contact our office for a copy of the registration information.
6. **Quality Assurance Test-Out Opportunity:** Youth ages 12-14 and 15-18 have the opportunity to test-out of Quality Assurance. I will be offering the test at 10:00am and 2:00pm on Good Friday, March 30. If you have members interested in taking the test that day, please have them call or email me: [williams.418@osu.edu](mailto:williams.418@osu.edu). I need to know their age as of 1/1/18 and whether they will be taking the Small Animal (rabbits, poultry) Test or the Large Animal Test.
7. **Rabbit & Cavy Youth Fun Show:** Saturday, May 12, Champaign County Fairgrounds. For a copy of the flyer, contact our office or visit their website: <https://champaign.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-animal-projects> Scroll down to the Cavy section and look for the 2018 Rabbit and Cavy Clinic Flyer.



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8. ***From Farm Gate to Dinner Plate:*** This is a Mini 509 Workshop sponsored by the Ohio State University Department of Animal Sciences and Ohio 4-H Youth Development. The February 17th workshop will include, but not limited to, the following topics: Animal Welfare, Feeding Practices, Live Animal Evaluation, etc. The February 24th workshop will include: Carcass Grading and Fabrication, Retail Identification, Hands-on Grilling, Food Safety. OSU Animal Sciences Building, 2029 Fyffe Court, Columbus, Ohio. The targeted audience is youth 14-18 years old, Agriscience Teachers, and 4-H Advisors. The deadline to register for either or both days is February 2. Visit their website for registration information <https://ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/animal-sciences/ohio-4-h-meats-judging>
9. ***2018 Ohio Beef Expo Livestock Judging Contest:*** Registration deadline: March 10. The contest is Friday, March 16. <https://www.ohiobeefexpo.com/Media/OHBeefExpo/Docs/obe-judging-contest-flyer-20181-fillable.pdf>
10. ***Master 4-H PetPALS Volunteer Leader Training:*** Sunday, February 25, 1pm-6pm, Miami County Fairgrounds. Cost to register is \$15.00. Contact me for a copy of the registration form (due February 16). Check the 4-H Family Guide for information regarding the PetPALS program.
11. ***JOANN Fabrics Sewing Construction Contest:*** The contest is open to 14-19 year olds as of Sept 1, 2017 who are currently enrolled in the 4-H program in their state. Entries (photos) can be submitted Feb. 3- Feb 23' 2018. Contact our office for a copy of the rules.
12. ***Science Saturday:*** May the Force be With You: Sound Science will be held at the Ohio 4-H Center on Saturday, February 3. Participants will learn about sound waves and electromagnetic fields. Check the website for registration information. Deadline to register is January 31. <https://ohio4h.org/events/science-saturday-1>
13. ***Cloverbud Connections:*** is transitioning to a blog format. To visit the new blog and enroll, visit the website: <http://u.osu.edu/cloverbudconnections/>
14. ***Family History Treasure Hunt*** project books will be \$10.00 instead of \$6.00. The book has been reprinted and will cover six years of project work! This price is different than what is listed in the Family Guide and on the Project Book Order Form, so plan accordingly.
15. ***Darke County 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 are available from the Extension Office. Organizational volunteers: you will be receiving a ticket order form in the mail next week for your club. All you need to do is record the 4-H family name and how many tickets they need. This form can then be brought to the office so you can pick up the tickets and distribute. Thank you in advance for your help.
16. ***Turkey Orders for 2018:*** Cooper Farms is offering turkey poults for 4-H and FFA projects in 2018. A letter with complete instructions and the order form was sent to organizational volunteers this week. Orders will be due by March 2, with pick up on Friday, April 6. NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.
17. ***Quality Assurance information for 2018*** has been posted to the web. Please note: in 2018 all Darke County youth must complete QA by June 1, 2018 in order to be eligible to exhibit and sell their animal. <https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/2018-quality-assurance>

18. **Youth Opportunity:** Congressman Davidson is inviting 4-H members to submit table centerpieces of their own design for display at his Farm Forum on Saturday, March 3 at Edison in Piqua. The centerpieces should be no larger than 2 cubic feet, and they are leaving the artistic discretion up to members. They do ask that there be a 4-H or agricultural theme to the centerpiece, and they would like members to send an index card with a short explanation of their work. His aide will be collecting the centerpieces on Friday, March 2nd.  
There is no limit on the amount of entries per county. Members can either work together on centerpieces, or individually.  
Farm Forum Centerpiece Project
- Can be 2 or 3 dimensional, No larger than 2 cubic feet
  - Should be 4-H or Agricultural theme
  - Include index card explaining the centerpiece
  - Can be produced by groups or individual students
  - Submissions will be picked up at County Extension Offices on Friday, March 2nd and returned during the following week
- Please let the Extension Office know if you are interested in submitting a centerpiece.
19. **Ohio 4-H Conference:** will be held Saturday, March 10, Greater Columbus Convention Center. The 4-H Committee will pay your \$35.00 registration to attend. They ask for the \$35 from you as a deposit and once you attend, your check is shredded or returned to you. Early bird registration deadline is February 8. Hard copies of the registration booklet are available from our office or you can find it online: <https://ohio4h.org/events/ohio-4-h-conference>
20. **Officer Books:** Please be sure that your club is using the correct 4-H officer books. Officer books are resources are available online: <https://ohio4h.org/families/members/officer-resources>
21. **Poultry Resources:** 4-H members taking poultry projects will find a vast array of poultry resources available on our website: <https://ohio4h.org/poultryresources>
22. **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)
23. **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>
24. **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/>
25. **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.

26. **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.

27. **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.

Best Wishes,

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