

eClover: Darke County 4-H News

February 23, 2018

Dear Friend in 4-H,

**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). Club volunteers should notify those members who were selected to receive Leadership and Achievement Awards from their club. See YOU there!

1. **IMPORTANT REMINDER: EVERY CHILD in 4-H is required to complete a project book** for every project they take on an annual basis. This has always been 4-H policy and any club not following this policy is in violation. Each club's enrollment packet for the year includes a project book order form – use it to order books for your club. Or, families may come to the Extension Office and purchase books individually.
2. **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>
3. **Ohio 4-H Night with the Blue Jackets:** Thursday, March 22 vs. the Florida Panthers. See the website to order tickets: <https://groupmatics.events/event/Ohio4h2>
4. **Darke County Youth Rabbit Raisers Spring Show:** April 15, 2018. Contact Holly Besecker ([hollybohio@hotmail.com](mailto:hollybohio@hotmail.com)) for details.
5. **Ohio State Fair Scholarships:** deadline to apply is April 1. Once the website is updated, applications will be available there: <https://ohiostatefair.com/scholarships/>
6. **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). See your organizational advisor to order tickets.
7. **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.**
8. **Rabbit, Cavy and Equipment Auction:** Lima Rabbit Breeders Association cordially invites you to this event on April 14, 2018 at the Allen County Fairgrounds in Lima, OH. Check-In for auction sellers begins at 11 am and closes at 2 pm. The auction begins at 3 pm. Lima RBA also hosts a rabbit clinic that includes quality assurance presented by 4-H advisers from Allen County, Other topics for the clinic include showmanship, first aid and health, and selecting meat pens along with some hands on activities.



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9. **Homestead Feed & Supply:** is holding a project rally on March 10, 2018. QA will be offered to the first 125 registrants. See the website for details. (Provided for informational purposes only: Endorsement of Homestead Feed & Supply by Darke County 4-H, Ohio 4-H, OSU Extension, or The Ohio State University is neither intended nor implied.)<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0948a4ab2cabfe3-homestead>
10. **Standardbred 4-H Club forming:** If you know of a child who might be interested in taking the Standardbred Horse 4-H Project, a new club is forming centered around Standardbreds. Contact our office if you have someone interested in joining.
11. **Poultry Clinic, Saturday, April 7:** The Poultry Committee is conducting a poultry clinic at the fairgrounds, from noon to 2:30pm in the Youth Building on the fairgrounds. RSVP to Dena Wuebker (937-423-2359) or Cindy Mayo (937-471-2296) by April 2.
12. **Youth Welding Workshop:** Saturday, April 14, Agricultural Engineering Building, OSU Columbus Campus, provides a unique opportunity for youth ages 10-18 to develop arc welding or oxyacetylene welding and cutting skills. Registration fee is \$90. Deadline to register is March 30. Contact our office for registration information.
13. **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.
14. **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!
15. **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.
16. **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.
17. **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.
18. **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>

- 19. Cloverbud Connections:** is transitioning to a blog format. To visit the new blog and enroll, visit the website: <http://u.osu.edu/cloverbudconnections/>
- 20. 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>
- 21. 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>
- 22. Poultry Resources:** 4-H members taking poultry projects will find a vast array of poultry resources available on our website: <https://ohio4h.org/poultryresources>
- 23. 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)
- 24. 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>
- 25. 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/>
- 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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