

**eClover: Darke County 4-H News****February 3, 2023**

**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.

**Volunteer Update Meetings:** Reminder: all current Darke County 4-H volunteers must attend an update meeting. To see the days/times and to register: [go.osu.edu/23darkeupdate](https://go.osu.edu/23darkeupdate)

**News You Can Use – 4-H:**

1. **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>
2. **Volunteer Background Checks:** letters went out in November to over 70 Darke County 4-H volunteers who are required to complete their background check for 2023. Background checks for returning volunteers must be completed by February 15, 2023. If you wish to be reimbursed, please bring the form included in your letter, along with your receipt, to our office.
3. **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)
4. **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.
5. **Win two Corriedale ewes to start your flock:** Sponsored by the Corriedale Club. Applications are available from our office and are due by February 20, 2023. Contact our office for a copy of the application.
6. **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)

7. ***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.
8. ***Darke County 4-H General Livestock Judging Team***: The newly formed General Livestock Judging Team will hold their first meeting on Sunday, Feb 12, 7-9 pm, in the Community Room at Arcanum High School. At this practice they will be going over an introduction to livestock judging and will be reviewing the practice schedule. Please contact Mike Fearon (937-545-9735 – [mike@fearoninsurance.com](mailto:mike@fearoninsurance.com)) if you have any questions or need additional information.
9. ***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>
10. ***State-wide Virtual 4-H Officer Training*** will be held February 27 from 7:00pm – 8:30pm. To register: <https://go.osu.edu/officer>
11. ***The Ohio 4-H Conference*** is the largest gathering of 4-H volunteers and teens in the country. It will be held Saturday, March 11 in Columbus at the Convention Center. All 4-H volunteers and teens age 14 and over are invited to participate. The Darke County 4-H Committee will pay the registration fee for current Darke County 4-H volunteers who would like to attend. Visit the website for the registration booklet and registration forms. Registration forms should be submitted to our office by February 10 so we can register you for the conference. <https://ohio4h.org/events/ohio-4-h-conference>
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](http://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 contacting 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/>

### Upcoming Meetings:

Monday, February 6 – Poultry Committee, 7:00pm, Extension Office

Tuesday, February 7 – Goat Committee, 7:30pm, Steam Threshers Building, Fairgrounds

Monday, February 13 – Rabbit Committee, 7:00pm, Extension Office

Tuesday, February 14 – Horse Committee, 7:30pm, Extension Office

*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)*

