

eClover: Darke County 4-H News**February 8, 2019**

Only a few opportunities remain for current 4-H volunteers to attend one of the mandatory update meetings. Register today: <http://go.osu.edu/4hupdatemeetings>

Here's what's happening:

1. **Darke County 4-H Volunteer Application packet:** can be obtained in hard copy from our office or via the website: <https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/2019-darke-county-4-h-volunteer-application-information> Completed applications are due to the Extension Office by February 15, 2019.
2. **Ohio State Fair Scholarships** are available. Contact our office for a hard copy of the application or visit the website: <https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/scholarship-information>
3. **Ohio 4-H Night at the Dayton Dragons:** Darke County has had the honor of throwing out the opening pitch due to selling the most tickets for the past two years. Can we do a three-peat??? Ticket orders are due March 29. See the website for a copy of the flyer. <https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/ohio-4-h-night-dayton-dragons>
4. **Clover Confidence: BFFs** has been rescheduled for Friday, March 15, 6:30pm-9:00pm, All Seasons Place, Greenville. Registration information will be available soon! Open to all girls in grades 5-8.
5. The Arcanum Wayne Trails Historical Society has been gifted some **stamp collecting books**. They are not sure what they are going to do with them. If there is a 4-H member who might be interested, contact the Extension Office.
6. **Hands Across the Darke** is collecting a variety of items for a variety of projects. They are in search of cleaning supplies (homeless shelter), non-perishable food items (local food pantries), pet supplies (animal shelter), bird seed (sunflower seeds, suet) for the park district and fragrant-free lotions, puzzle books, plain chap stick (cancer patient care packages). Look for a flyer with the info which will be coming out soon. In the meantime, items may be brought to the Extension Office. Thank you for your help!

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7. Congratulations to the **newly elected officers of Hands Across the Darke!** President Raylea Richards, Co-Vice Presidents Jaimee Holscher and Maria Mangen, Secretary/Reporter Kylee Winner, Treasurer Kennedy Hughes, Assistant Treasurer Wyatt Hughes.
8. Congressman Warren Davidson is proud to invite all 4-H members and their families to attend the 2019 **Farm Forum**. His staff is collecting **4-H table centerpieces** for display at the event. If you are interested in submitting a centerpiece, please let our office know. There are specific requirements for this project. Centerpieces must be no larger than 1 cubic foot and a 4-H or agricultural theme is preferable. Your 4-H club name should be on the centerpiece. Displays will be picked up by Congressman Davidson's staff from our office on February 27. For additional details contact our office.
9. **Quality Assurance:** Information regarding Quality Assurance for 2019 has been posted to the web. Includes test-out information, as well as a link to the QA study guide to help with test preparation. <https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/quality-assurance?fbclid=IwAR1Y-LeIISWPff3GBk3N6JysFz2MRTirbNV2nEZmkyRaLm9Nlr4u6YkhQgc>
10. **Turkey Order** forms were mailed to organizational advisors. Orders must be submitted by March 1. NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED. Pick up is Friday, April 5 at the Extension Office from 11am-3pm. See your club leader for details.
11. **Second Annual 4-H Skating Party** is scheduled for Tuesday, March 5, 6:30pm-9:00pm at The Skate Place in Greenville. New this year: wear your 4-H club t-shirt. The club with the most shirts present will win a prize. Admission is free but we are accepting a donation of non-perishable food to be donated to local food pantries. And lastly, you will be responsible for paying the \$2.50 skate rental. See your club leader to order tickets. https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/second-annual-darke-county-4-h-skating-party?fbclid=IwAR3hVqZkHHhf_jpycP0SbCJqIGdsAfg7OPWcrCSWpeUCpb-TOlIODFqJ0Zo
12. **Spring Recognition and Kick-Off** is Sunday, March 3, 2:00pm, All Seasons Place. Each club is asked to provide one or two non-perishable door prizes. Bring your door prizes the day of the event or drop off at the Extension Office by Friday, March 1. No charge to attend but we are accepting non-perishable food donations to be given to local food pantries OR any of the items listed in #6 of the document. <https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/future-leaders-under-construction-spring-kick-and-recognition>
13. Save the Date: The **Youth Poultry Clinic** (formerly known as Bi-State Youth Poultry Clinic) will be held Saturday, April 13, at ATI, Wooster. This clinic will include a statewide Youth Quality Assurance training. Registration information and the schedule of sessions will be posted at www.poultry.osu.edu in February.

14. **OSU Junior Swine Day** is March 30, 2018. Pre-registration by March 22.

https://ohio4h.org/sites/ohio4h/files/imce/animal_science/intranet/2019%20Jr%20%20swine%20day%20brochure%20%28003%29.pdf?fbclid=IwAR35gnzp2MzqgtqWr3WA6mesPRCqAz9R2iS6ZIEr27xr9pgavUKwc0TSThE

15. **Poultry Clinic** on April 6th in Youth Building: starting at Noon to 2:30pm in the Youth Building at the Darke County Fair. The clinic will immediately follow the April 6th Quality Assurance Program.

A free lunch will be served at the start of the clinic sponsored by Cooper Farms. The poultry clinic will focus on nutrition, animal care, animal health, processing, showmanship and fair selection and biosecurity. Also at the clinic information and updates will be provided on mandatory skillathon for all poultry exhibitors, information about outstanding poultry exhibitors awards, sale process and updates about poultry barn rules changes, poultry barn scholarship opportunities, opportunities to serve on junior for board representing the poultry department and Darke County Poultry Royalty program. Please RSVP by calling Dena Wuebker at 937-423-2369 or Cindy Mayo at 937-417-2296, Amy Addis-937-216-2107 or email Dena at dena.wuebker@vtigers.org or Cindy Mayo at by April 2nd.

16. As you shop online, remember that you can shop and also donate to the Darke County 4-H Program via **Amazon Smiles**. Here's the info: When you shop online at smile.amazon.com/ch/31-1056844, Amazon donates to Darke County 4-H Committee (listed as The Ohio State University). Thank you for your support!

Have a great weekend!