

eClover: Darke County 4-H News

March 2, 2018

Dear Friend in 4-H,

Join us for our first ever 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, 6:30pm – 9:00pm, 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).

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. The **Ohio Corriedale Club** will award two Corriedale ewes to a 4-H or FFA member interested in starting a flock of Corriedale Sheep. The application is due by March 25 to Jodie Duffy, Ohio Corriedale Club. Contact our office for a copy of the application. Completed applications should be sent to Jodie at duffyvj@msn.com.
4. Are you ready to geek-out at **4-H Camp Tech**? Join us for this overnight program from June 13-15 on the OSU campus in Columbus where you'll learn coding, robotics, engineering design and more. This camp is open to youth entering grades 6,7 or 8 in fall 2018. Camp Tech is based at the Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center with overnight accommodations in an OSU. Dorm. Find the details at [4-H Camp Tech!](https://ohio4h.org/events/camp-tech-0) (<https://ohio4h.org/events/camp-tech-0>)
5. **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>
6. **Darke County Youth Rabbit Raisers Spring Show:** April 15, 2018. Contact Holly Daugherty (hollyjbohio@hotmail.com) for details.
7. **Ohio State Fair Scholarships:** deadline to apply is April 1. Once the website is updated, applications will be available there: <https://ohiostatefair.com/scholarships/>
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



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include showmanship, first aid and health, and selecting meat pens along with some hands on activities.

9. **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.
10. **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.
11. **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.
12. **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.
13. **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. 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.
14. **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.
15. **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>
16. **Cloverbud Connections:** is transitioning to a blog format. To visit the new blog and enroll, visit the website: <http://u.osu.edu/cloverbudconnections/>
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. **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>
19. **Poultry Resources:** 4-H members taking poultry projects will find a vast array of poultry resources available on our website: <https://ohio4h.org/poultryresources>

20. 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

21. 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>

22. 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/>

23. 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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