

eClover: Darke County 4-H News

March 23, 2018

Dear Friend in 4-H,

REMINDER: the last volunteer update is scheduled for Monday, March 26, 7pm, Extension Office. This is the 17th and final update to be offered in 2018. Failure to attend an update meeting will result in the termination of 4-H volunteer status for 2018.

The Extension Office is hiring an Office Associate (30 hours/week). Apply online:

<https://www.jobsatosu.com/postings/85236>

The online application closes on March 25.

Congratulations to Molly Hunt who is a state achievement winner in the Personal Development category. She will attend National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, GA this fall.

1. **Ohio Military Kids** has many exciting opportunities for kids of military families. Ohio Military Kids is a partnership between Ohio State Extension 4-H Youth Development and Family Readiness with Ohio National Guard. Through this partnership, Ohio Military Kids puts on events all around the state of Ohio. These events range from one day events, to overnights, to weekend camps, and week-long residential camps. If you are a part of a military family, please consider joining one of the many events. All active, reserve, and national guard families are welcome! <https://ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/operation-military-kids/upcoming-events>
2. **Ohio 4-H Skillathon Team:** Ohio 4-H is putting together a skillathon team to compete in the national contest in Louisville, KY. If you would like to know more about this opportunity, attend an information session: Sunday, April 15 or Sunday, April 22. Both sessions will be held from 2pm-4pm at the Ohio 4-H Center in Columbus. Skillathon content is related to beef, goat, sheep, and swine projects. For additional information contact Margo Long (long.1632@osu.edu) or Andrea Rees (rees.139@osu.edu)
3. **Darke County 4-H Committee Scholarship:** Attention 4-H members in high school graduating with the Class of '18: the Darke County 4-H Scholarship application is now available. Deadline to apply is May 31, 2018. <https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/darke-county-4-h-committee-scholarship-0>
4. **Public Speaking Contest:** Rules and guidelines for the 2018 Public Speaking Contest have been posted. The contest is scheduled for Monday, June 4, 7pm, Extension Office. Registration deadline is May 18, 2018. <https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/2018-darke-county-4-h-public-speaking-contest>
5. **2018 Project Completion Requirements:** Each 4-H project has specific guidelines as to what is required to complete the project. Each project also has display requirements for Project Presentation and Evaluation Day and State Fair competition. <https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/2018-4-h-project-completion-requirements>



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6. **Ohio State Fair Non-Livestock information:** to view the Ohio State Fair non-livestock judging schedule or to view the State 4-H Non-Livestock Guidebook visit the website:
<https://ohio4h.org/nonlivestockguidebook>
7. **Kentucky Kingdom and Hurricane Bay:** bigger, better and wetter than ever! With more than 70 thrilling rides, 2 wave pools, water slides, steel and wooden roller coasters, lots of children rides, plus food, games and shows, we've got something to delight every member of the family! Come visit us during our 2018 Summer Season and enjoy our 80% off admission opportunity! For more information and a video...purchase your tickets online.
<https://www.kentuckykingdom.com/partners/ohiopartners/>
8. **OSU Livestock Judging Camp:** June 4-6; \$250 camp fee. Deadline to register is May 1, 2018. Contact our office for a copy of the flyer.
9. **4-H Urban Immersion Project:** Teens ages 15-18 may apply for this 4 day service-learning experience. This trip is structured to build skills and abilities to prepare youth for success in a diverse workplace while building cultural understanding of those who are different. The cost of the experience is only \$150. Application deadline – August 3, 2018 <https://warren.osu.edu/news/2016-4-h-urban-immersion-dc>
10. **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.
11. **Ohio 4-H International Program opportunity:** Looking for some new fun and educational excitement this summer? How about hosting a boy or girl from Japan in your home for 3½ weeks? (July 23 – Aug. 17) The Ohio 4-H International Program is offering hosting opportunities to 75 families around the state, and Japanese youth on the other side of the world are anxiously waiting to learn who their new family might be! Host families should have their own child aged 10-15 who will serve as the main host sibling. Families will be matched with a Japanese youth of the same gender and approximate age. Special trips and activities are not required. The focus is on everyday family life. Host families provide lodging, meals, and any family activities. Medical insurance is provided. Youth bring money for personal spending (gifts, souvenirs, etc.) For more information, please visit www.ohio4h.org/youth/international or contact thalheimer.1@osu.edu
12. **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.

13. 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>)
14. **Darke County Youth Rabbit Raisers Spring Show:** April 15, 2018. Contact Holly Daugherty (hollyjboho@hotmail.com) for details.
15. **Ohio State Fair Scholarships:** deadline to apply is April 1. Once the website is updated, applications will be available there: <https://ohiostatefair.com/scholarships/>
16. **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.
17. **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.
18. **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.
19. **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.
20. **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.
21. **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.
22. **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>
23. **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>

24. **Poultry Resources:** 4-H members taking poultry projects will find a vast array of poultry resources available on our website: <https://ohio4h.org/poultryresources>
25. **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
26. **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/>
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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