

Dear Friend in 4-H,

April 1 is just one week away. Please be sure to turn in your enrollment forms by that date. Forms should be signed and completed in their entirety. All 4-H members must be enrolled in at least one project in order to be in a 4-H club. Also due on April 1 is your club program for the year, a copy of your club By-Laws, and your club's activity fee (check made payable to the Darke County 4-H Committee).

**Annual Volunteer Training: all Darke County 4-H volunteers are required to attend one of the scheduled update meetings in order to maintain their volunteer status for 2017. Only one date remains: update #16 will be held on Monday, March 27, 7pm, Extension Office. THIS IS YOUR LAST OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND AN UPDATE MEETING. Every 4-H volunteer is required to complete the Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect training (Policy 1.50) on an annual basis. Any volunteer who does not attend an update meeting will have their 4-H volunteer status rescinded, as per the State 4-H Office.**

- 1. *Hands Across the Darke:*** A LuLaRoe fundraiser will be held Saturday, March 25, 10am-1pm, Extension Office. The second Clover and Canvas fundraiser will be held Saturday, May 6, 10am, Extension Office (flyer attached). All proceeds from both of these events will go towards the community service projects being implanted by this group.
- 2. *Umbarger Show Feeds Clinic:*** Monday, April 3, 7pm at the Castine Church of the Brethren (flyer attached). Provided for informational purposes only. Endorsement of Umbarger Feeds by Darke County 4-H, Ohio 4-H, OSU Extension or The Ohio State University is neither intended nor implied.
- 3. *Spring Rabbit Show:*** Sunday, April 2, Darke County Fairgrounds. Flyer attached.
- 4. *PBS Animal Health 4-H/FFA Discount:*** See the flyer for details. Forms (available at PBS) need to be filled out on each 4-H participant, signed by the participant and a parent. The 5% off is on all supplies for their fair project. The 4-H club that purchases the largest amount will win a pizza party. Provided for informational purposes only. Endorsement of pbsAnimalHealth by Darke County 4-H, Ohio 4-H, OSU Extension or The Ohio State University is neither intended nor implied.
- 5. *Raise Your Hand!:*** Ohio is currently trailing Indiana in our quest to win \$20,000 from National 4-H via the Raise Your Hand promotion. Are you a #4HGrown Alum? Raise your hand to pay it forward & help the next generation of #TrueLeaders: [www.4-H.org/RaiseYourHand](http://www.4-H.org/RaiseYourHand) Please share this link with 4-H alumni and ask them to raise their hand for Ohio 4-H.

6. **4-H Cloverbud Rocks!** Check out this new initiative being implemented in the Darke County 4-H program – not just for Cloverbuds! We are embarking on a new project designed to promote community unity and be inspirational, as well. The plan is to paint rocks with messages and pictures and leave them in places across the county for people to find. When you find one, we ask that you take a picture and post it on the Darke County 4-H Cloverbud Rocks! Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/278793642533944/>) so we can see where the rocks travel to! After you find a rock and post a picture, please find a new fun spot to place the rock so that someone else can have fun finding them as well!

This is meant to be a fun project for all of our 4-H members. Here are some stories related to how this project has been inspirational and fun around the country: [https://www.google.com/webhp?sourceid=chrome-instant&ion=1&espv=2&ie=UTF-8#q=painted+rocks+in+communities&\\*>](https://www.google.com/webhp?sourceid=chrome-instant&ion=1&espv=2&ie=UTF-8#q=painted+rocks+in+communities&*>)

See the attached flyer for details. Our thanks to 4-H Volunteer, Andria Haworth, Canine Capers for starting the movement to Rock Darke County!

7. **Avian Influenza Outbreak:** Please be aware that there have now been two outbreaks of Avian Influenza in Tennessee and one in Wisconsin. Ohio is not taking any action at this time. Be proactive and practice proper biosecurity procedures with your backyard flock.
8. **Ohio 4-H Night at the Dayton Dragons:** Saturday, May 13.
9. **Quality Assurance, Youth Building, Fairgrounds:** April 8th - 10:00am; April 10th - 7:00pm; April 20th - 7:00pm; May 13th - 10:00am; May 16th - 7:00pm.