

eClover: Darke County 4-H News

March 30, 2018

Dear Friend in 4-H,

Reminder: **All 4-H enrollments must be submitted to our office by 4:30pm on Monday, April 2.** A big THANK YOU to those clubs who have already turned in their forms.

The first **Quality Assurance** session will be held Saturday, April 7, 10am, Youth Building, Fairgrounds. <https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/2018-quality-assurance>

Turkey pick up is Friday, April 6. All youth who ordered turkeys should have already received an information letter in the mail. Letter includes pick up instructions, as well as the Biosecurity Form which must be submitted when turkeys are pick up.

1. The **Dog Committee is raising funds** for a new barn on the fairgrounds. You can help by purchasing RADA cutlery - reasonably priced and good quality merchandise. 100% of the proceeds go to the new barn fund. <https://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=1140080.cfd6fc>
2. **Darke County Photo Club** would like to invite all youth with an interest in photography to check out their club. The next meeting is Saturday, March 31, Shawnee Prairie, 9am-12nn. To learn more about their group, contact them via email: darkecountyphotoclub@gmail.com
3. **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>
4. **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)
5. **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>
6. **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>



7. **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>
8. **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>
9. **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/>
10. **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.
11. **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>
12. **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
13. **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.

14. 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>)
15. **Darke County Youth Rabbit Raisers Spring Show:** April 15, 2018. Contact Holly Daugherty (hollyjboho@hotmail.com) for details.
16. **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.
17. **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.
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. **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/>
22. **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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