

**Reminder: TURKEY PICK UP: Monday, April 3, 11am-3pm, Extension Office. (This is a date change from the date that was originally announced.) Please bring a box and a signed/completed copy of the Biosecurity Form.**

Dear Friend in 4-H,

Enrollment deadline is tomorrow (Saturday) April 1. Forms may be put in the drop box to the left of the building entrance over the weekend. Please be sure that forms are completed in their entirety, including all signatures. Also due is your club calendar for the year, activity fee (check payable to Darke County 4-H Committee), club charter, and a copy of your By-Laws. Reminder: all 4-H members must enroll in at least one project in order to be in a 4-H club. Thanks for your help in getting our 4-H members enrolled for 2017!

1. **State FFA / 4-H Meat Judging Contest** – April 29: The State FFA/4-H Meat Judging Contest will be held on April 29<sup>th</sup> at the OSU Animal Sciences Building. Registration begins at 8.15am and contest starts at 9.00am. For any questions contact Lyda Garcia: [garcia.625@osu.edu](mailto:garcia.625@osu.edu). \$10.00 per student.

**Meat Judging Practice at The Department of Animal Sciences** – April 8: Dr. Lyda Garcia welcomes all meat judging teams to practice on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at OSU Animal Sciences in preparation for April 29 state contest. Doors open at 7.30am and close at 3.00pm. For questions, contact Lyda Garcia: [garcia.625@osu.edu](mailto:garcia.625@osu.edu). Please notify Dr. Garcia you will be coming.

2. **Raise Your Hand:** Ohio is currently in the lead and hoping to secure \$20,000 for 4-H programming in Ohio. Please forward this information to all 4-H alumni and ask them to raise their hand to support Ohio 4-H! Are you a 4-H Grown Alum? Raise your hand to pay it forward at [www.4-H.org/RaiseYourHand](http://www.4-H.org/RaiseYourHand)
3. **Ohio 4-H Day of Service:** 4-H members of all ages, parents, and advisors are invited to the Ohio 4-H Day of Service! This event, hosted by the Ohio 4-H Teen Leadership Council, will offer

participants a renewed sense of service in their communities through hands-on projects and youth-led activities! Join us on Saturday, May 6, 2017 at the Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. There is no fee to attend and there will be a break for participants to bring their own picnic-style lunch. Register by visiting <http://go.osu.edu/DayOfService>. **Registrations are requested by April 26, 2017.** For more information, visit <http://www.ohio4h.org/events/day-service-hosted-ohio-4-h-teen-leadership-council>

4. **Ohio 4-H Special Needs Camp:** July 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at Canter's Cave 4-H Camp. This event targets youth ages 8-19 who have needs that cannot be accommodated for at traditional 4-H Camps. Ohio 4-H Special Needs Camp is designed with individual youth in mind and is tailored to their needs. It gives youth a chance to try new things in a safe environment while building relationships. <http://4hcantercave.osu.edu/home/experience-it/special-needs-camp>
5. **Spring Rabbit Show:** Sunday, April 2, Darke County Fairgrounds. Flyer attached.
6. **2017 Poultry Clinic:** April 29, 10am, Darke County Fairgrounds. Flyer attached.
7. **Hands Across the Darke:** Next meeting: Tuesday, April 4, 7pm, Extension Office. Open to all youth in grades 5-8. Please bring any clean, old t-shirts as we will be making dog tug toys.
8. **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&espy=2&ie=UTF-8#q=painted+rocks+in+communities&\\*>](https://www.google.com/webhp?sourceid=chrome-instant&ion=1&espy=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!

9. **Ohio 4-H Night at the Dayton Dragons:** Saturday, May 13.

**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. For those planning to exhibit market animals, lactating dairy, or lactating goats.