

eClover: Darke County 4-H News

March 9, 2018

Dear Friend in 4-H,

Thank you to everyone who attended our County 4-H Recognition and Kick-Off Program on March 4. Congratulations to our Friend of 4-H recipients Senator Bill Beagle and Greenville Ace Hardware. Congratulations to I Dare You Award recipients Alex Weiss and Faith Wilker. SHOUT OUT to the 4-H clubs that donated door prizes!

Thank you to everyone who attended our First Annual Darke County 4-H Skating Party! We had a great turn-out and a great time. Save the date for 2019 and the Second Annual Darke County 4-H Skating Party: Tuesday, March 5, 2019.

1. **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
2. **Dairy Judging Clinic** on March 17th at the Animal Science Building and State Contest held on Thursday, March 29th in conjunction with the Ohio Spring Dairy Expo. <https://ohio4h.org/events/youth-dairy-judging-clinic>
3. **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.
4. **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.
5. **Reminder: ALL Darke County 4-H Volunteers must attend one of the mandatory update** meetings in order to retain volunteer status for 2018. Only a few opportunities to attend 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>



6. 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 duffyjd@msn.com.
7. 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>)
8. **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>
9. **Darke County Youth Rabbit Raisers Spring Show**: April 15, 2018. Contact Holly Daugherty (hollyjboho@hotmail.com) for details.
10. **Ohio State Fair Scholarships**: deadline to apply is April 1. Once the website is updated, applications will be available there: <https://ohiostatefair.com/scholarships/>
11. **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.
12. **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.
13. **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.
14. **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.
15. **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.

- 16. 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.
- 17. 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>
- 18. 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>
- 19. 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>
- 20. Poultry Resources:** 4-H members taking poultry projects will find a vast array of poultry resources available on our website: <https://ohio4h.org/poultryresources>
- 21. 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
- 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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