We made it! Thank you for diligently working to ensure that your 4-H families completed their enrollment prior to the April 1 deadline. I appreciate your help!
I am still working on finalizing enrollments so I do not have numbers to report today. It looks as though we will be down slightly from last year, but that’s to be expected. Stay tuned next week for an update.

MEETING GUIDELINES UPDATE as of March, 2021

Has your club resumed in-person meetings? In-person meetings are acceptable as long as they are educational in basis. Please follow the state guidelines when planning your club meeting. These guidelines include, but are not limited to:

- Hosting virtual meetings and events is preferred.
- If activities are critical/essential and are in-person, they must be education-focused.
- Group cannot be larger than 50 people, including adults, youth, presenters, etc.
- Face masks are required. This includes inside AND outside at all times. Program participants and parent/guardians ages five and older must wear a mask. Medical conditions or disability exceptions are permitted.
- Potlucks and buffets are not permitted – no sharing of snacks
- Do not share items among participants. For example: do not pass around a sign in sheet for enrollment. One person needs to track attendance of everyone who is present at the meeting (parents, guests, members, volunteers)

Before hosting an in-person club meeting, take a few minutes to review the complete guidelines: http://go.osu.edu/meetingguidelinesmarch2021

Failure to follow these guidelines could result in the termination of your volunteer status.

News You Can Use:

1. **Turkey Pick-Up:** April 9 at the fairgrounds. Everyone who ordered turkeys should have received a letter this week with instructions and the required Biosecurity Form. Please bring you completed form with you to pick up. You do not need to bring a box. Thanks to a donation from Rural King, we have boxes to use. This will reduce our chance of cross contamination.
2. **Quality Assurance:** Two options remain for 2021: Virtual QA or YQCA. Complete information is available online: [go.osu.edu/21darkeqainfo](go.osu.edu/21darkeqainfo)

3. **4-H SPIN CLUB: SPEAK UP, SPEAK OUT!** Interested in improving your skills related to public speaking? Check out this new opportunity: 'Speak Up, Speak Out! SPIN Club' - open to all youth in grades 6-12. Registration deadline is April 7 (or when maximum number of participants is reached - whichever comes first). Register at [go.osu.edu/speakupspinclub](go.osu.edu/speakupspinclub)

4. **Club News:** *(Thank you to the clubs who have already submitted reports!)* Check out our club news page: [https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/eclover-darke-county-4-h-news/4-h-club-news-reports](https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/eclover-darke-county-4-h-news/4-h-club-news-reports) Do you have club news reports from your reporter that you would like to share? This is a great opportunity to share what your club is doing, as well as obtain publication credit for your club reporter. Email any reporter stories to williams.418@osu.edu

You can also email 4-H club news to emartin@aimmediamidwest.com Erik is the editor of Darke County Media (formerly the Greenville Daily Advocate and The Early Bird)

5. **4-H Cloverbud Volunteers:** Check out the Cloverbud Connections blog, designed specifically for 4-H Cloverbud Volunteers. The page features twice monthly posts as well as available resources. Check out the new Reading Adventures activities. To visit the blog: [https://u.osu.edu/cloverbudconnections/](https://u.osu.edu/cloverbudconnections/) On the blog page, you can sign up to receive email notifications when new content is posted.

6. **Project Books:** all 4-H project books may be purchased from our office. Please submit your orders in advance so that we have time to assemble your order prior to pick up. Orders can be emailed to Sherry at pearson.437@osu.edu

7. **Club Officer Resources:** Several resources are available online for your club officers – from training videos to the actual officer books. Please share these resources with your club officers. [https://ohio4h.org/officerresources](https://ohio4h.org/officerresources)

8. **Darke County United Way:** Did you know that 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 designation line.

9. **Amazon Smile:** Shop at [smile.amazon.com/ch/31-1056844](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/31-1056844) and Amazon donates to the Darke County 4-H Committee. (It comes up as The Ohio State University, but donations go to our 4-H program!)

Please reach out if you have questions or concerns. For now, the best way to reach me is via email: williams.418@osu.edu. You may also call our office 937-548-5215 or my direct line 937-569-5003.