

eClover: Darke County 4-H News**April 21, 2023**

April is Volunteer Appreciation month. Darke County 4-H is fortunate to have so many wonderful 4-H volunteers who help 'to make the best better'! Thank you for your continued dedication to our local 4-H program. If you didn't receive your gift of appreciation (4-H storage container) during the recent update meetings, stop by our office and get yours soon!

See the end of this newsletter for a note from the goat committee.

News You Can Use – 4-H:

1. **2023 Project Requirements** – Not sure what is needed for project display or for Project Presentation Day? Guidelines have been posted to the web:
<https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/forms-and-resources>
2. **Ohio State Fair Non-Livestock Project Judging:** requirements for Ohio State Fair 4-H non-livestock project judging are available on the web:
<https://ohio4h.org/nonlivestockguidebook>
3. **Darke County 4-H Camp Registration** is now open! 4-H Camp will be June 19-22, 2023 at Indian Hills 4-H Camp in Miami County. Camp is open to all youth completing grades 3-8 this academic year. Registration fee is \$165.00 if registered by May 19. After May 19 the fee increases to \$175.00. Camp size is limited due to the number of counselors. Visit the website for details and registration information:
<https://go.osu.edu/23darke4hcamp>
4. **Darke County 4-H Campership** forms are due April 28. A limited number of camperships are available for Darke County 4-H members who require financial assistance to attend camp. See the website for the application.
<https://go.osu.edu/23darke4hcamp>
5. **Spirit EMS Bootcamp:** Attention high school juniors and seniors: Spirit Medical is offering an EMS Bootcamp, July 24-28, 2023, for those interested in learning more about a career in EMS. Activities include CPR, EMT Skills Training, Stop the Bleed, Ambulance Driving, and more! The cost is \$40.00 but financial assistance may be available. For additional information, email swolf@spiritmedicaltransport.com
6. **4-H Event Youth Assistant (4HEYA) applications** are now available! This is an opportunity for teens 13-18 as of January 1 to get a short-term leadership experience at the state level. Applications are available at go.osu.edu/4HEYAapp and are due by May 15, 2023. **Visit the website at <https://go.osu.edu/4HEYA> for additional information.**
7. This is **Ohio 4-H! Photo Contest** is being sponsored by the Ohio 4-H Foundation. There are two age divisions, Junior and Senior, and entries are due by May 17. Contact our office for details.



8. **4-H Club News Reporters:** email club news to these local websites that share county news. rberry@aimmediamidwest.com amiller@mycountylink.com and finally, editor@countynewsonline.org
9. **Memorial Day Parade** on May 29, 2023, at 1:00pm. The Veterans Services Commission is partnering with The City of Greenville for the parade and are inviting community organizations to participate in the parade. The theme is patriotic. If your club is interested in participating, contact our office for a copy of the parade entry form.
10. **Quality Assurance** will be held in-person five times beginning in April. Check the website for details and a link to the registration site.
go.osu.edu/23darkequalityassurance
11. **Darke County United Way:** Did you know that you can designate your United Way on the designation line. Thank you to everyone who designates their pledges to us. It means a lot to our program!

News You Can Use – Junior Fair:

1. **EID Tags:** are now available for swine, goats, and sheep. All tags must be in the animal's ear and forms and money turned in by June 1, 2023. Tags are \$3.00 each. If you need tags for your club members, email Rhonda, williams.418@osu.edu and place your order. You will be contacted by return email when your order is ready to be picked up.
2. **Junior Fair Website:** A new junior fair website is available at go.osu.edu/darkejuniorfair. The 2023 Junior Fair Calendar can be found on that page. New items will be added as they become available.
3. **Junior Fair Lease Agreements** have been posted to the Junior Fair Website. Forms are different than they have been in the past, so be sure you are using the most current forms. Dogs are due April 1, dairy – April 15, all others June 1. See the Junior Fair Website for details or to download the forms.
4. **Quality Assurance** will be held in-person five times beginning in April. Check the website for details and a link to the registration site.
go.osu.edu/23darkequalityassurance
5. **Darke County Junior Fair** has a Facebook page. Search for Darke County Junior Fair and follow us for up-to-date information.
<https://www.facebook.com/darkecountyjuniorfair/>

Upcoming Jr. Fair Meetings:

Quality Assurance, Youth Building, Fairgrounds: April 24, 27, 29; May 1, 4
Monday, May 1 – Poultry Committee, 7:00pm, Extension Office
Tuesday, May 2 – Goat Committee, 7:30pm, Location to be determined
Monday, May 8 – Rabbit Committee, 7:00pm, Extension Office
Tuesday, May 9 – Horse Committee, 7:30pm, Extension Office

Thursday, May 11 – Junior Fairboard, 7:30pm, Extension Office

Reminder: The best way to reach me is by using the phone number or email below. Do not utilize Facebook Messenger as I have removed the App from my phone due to spam/scam messages. I do not spend a lot of time on Facebook, so I often miss messages until days after they have been sent. Contact Rhonda at 937-569-5003 or williams.418@osu.edu

From the Goat Committee:

EVERY goat that exhibited at the fair needs a scrapie tag! This includes market and breeding stock. If your breeding stock has registration papers AND a matching tattoo, then you do not need a scrapie tag. Every market goat needs a scrapie tag AND an 840 tag.

Dr. Preston Deeter is willing to help 4-H members with this requirement. He will be present at the GOAT BARN on MAY 20 from 1 - 3 PM. The cost is \$3 for a scrapie tag.

Dr. Deeter will be available to put in a scrapie tag, an 840 tag, or tattoos. Additionally, he will help with LaMancha tagging issues.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Dr. Deeter or Aaron Mullins.

