

eClover: Darke County 4-H News

April 28, 2017

Dear Friend in 4-H,

May 1 is just around the corner which means summer is not far away. Summer = 4-H Camp! Campership applications are due to our office May 5.

Here's what's happening:

1. **Early Bird Reporter News:** Please remind your reporters to send your club's reports to the Early Bird by the last business day of each month. Reports should be 150 words or less and emailed to Ryan Berry: editor@earlybirdpaper.com Our 4-H news page will be published the second Sunday of the month.
2. **Volunteer Opportunity at the Brethren Retirement Community:** Janet Ashworth, Volunteer Coordinator at BRC, is in need of youth willing to volunteer during the summer months. Responsibilities include such things as taking residents to group activities, helping with fishing, taking residents to and from the beauty parlor, etc. Volunteers must have completed the sixth grade. If you are interested in volunteering or for more information, please contact Janet at the BRC – (937) 547-7682.
3. **Firecracker Lamb Classic:** the Darke County Sheep & Lamb 4-H Club is sponsoring the Firecracker Classic on Sunday, July 2 at the fairgrounds. Contact Jim McDade (937-459-0219), or view the flyer posted on the Darke County 4-H Facebook page, for details and registration information.
4. **Youth Welding Workshop:** Saturday, June 3, 9:00am-4:00pm, Agricultural Engineering Building, The Ohio State University, 590 Woody Hayes Drive, Columbus. The Youth Welding Workshop provides a unique opportunity for youth ages 10-18 to develop **arc welding** (stick or SMAW) skills or **oxyacetylene** welding and cutting skills. With one-on-one assistance, students begin at their own level and progress in their skills throughout the day. All participants attend a safety session and then spend the rest of the day in the welding lab. Cost to attend is \$90.00. Contact our office for a copy of the registration information.
5. **Kentucky Kingdom and Hurricane Bay:** Celebrate the return of summer with a discount that's sure to thrill! **Get Two Parks. Two Days + Free Fountain Drinks**, all for **19.95**. Buying ticket packages could not be easier. Simply navigate to <https://www.kentuckykingdom.com/partners/ohio4h> to access the Discount Ticketing Portal.



6. **4-H Dog Bowl Contest:** Saturday, June 17 – Postmark deadline for teams to enter, pay the \$30.00 team entry fee, and submit questions is Wednesday, May 17. Objective of Dog Bowl: The primary objective of the Dog Bowl Contest is to provide an opportunity for youth involved in 4-H dog projects to demonstrate their knowledge of canine-related subject matter in a competitive setting where attitudes of friendliness and fairness prevail. The Dog Bowl Contest should provide an educational experience for both participants and spectators.
http://www.ohio4h.org/sites/ohio4h/files/imce/2017%20Dog%20Bowl%20Rules_Entry%20Form.pdf
7. **4-H Dog Expo:** Dog Expo is an opportunity for 4-H members (AND their dogs) to learn skills to help them be more successful with their 4-H dog projects. Teamwork between the 4-H member and his/her dog is emphasized throughout the skills sessions. Dog Expo is open to all 4-H dog project members and their dogs, whether this is their first-year or they have been taking dogs for several years. Experienced 4-H dog volunteers and resource people will be present to help 4-H members work with their dogs. There will be a session for advisors to ask questions and learn how to better help 4-H'ers with their dog projects. Dog Expo will be held at the Fairfield County Fairgrounds, Lancaster. Registration postmark deadline extended to May 3.
<http://www.ohio4h.org/sites/ohio4h/files/imce/2017%20Dog%20Expo%20Registration%20and%20Info%20Ext%20Deadline.pdf>
8. **Darke County 4-H Camp, June 19-22:** Campership application and registration information is available on the website: <https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/2017-darke-county-4-h-camp> Campership application deadline is May 5, 2017.
9. **4th H for Health Challenge:** Those of you who attended the Spring Kick Off may remember Molly Hunt, Ohio 4-H Health Hero, talking about this event. This would be a great activity for your club's Health officer to lead. Clubs that complete the challenge and send their tracking sheet to the State 4-H Office will receive a certificate and be entered into a drawing for prize kits. The counties with the highest percentage of clubs completing the challenge will be recognized at the Ohio 4-H Conference in 2018. Here is the link to the materials:
<http://www.ohio4h.org/4thHChallenge> We will be sending each club a packet of information in the coming days.
10. **4-H Public Speaking Contest:** Monday, June 5, 7:00pm, Extension Office. See the website for details and registration information. Registration deadline is May 19. <https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/darke-county-4-h-public-speaking-contest>

11. **Darke County 4-H Committee Scholarship:** Application is now available. Deadline to apply is May 31, 2017. <https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/darke-county-4-h-committee-scholarship>
12. **Darke County 4-H Cloverbud Rocks!:** <https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/darke-county-4-h-cloverbud-rocks>
13. **Quality Assurance, Youth Building, Fairgrounds:** Two opportunities remain: May 13th - 10:00am; May 16th - 7:00pm. For those planning to exhibit market animals, lactating dairy, or lactating goats.

Best Wishes,

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