Camp information will be available next week!

New meeting guidelines:

- 4-H clubs can now meet as a larger group, as long as you adhere to COVID precautions – physical distancing, properly worn face masks, frequent hand hygiene, self-monitoring for symptoms.
  - Buffets or potlucks are still not permitted.
  - Local health department determinations must be followed (e.g., smaller group sizes, etc.)
- 4-H fundraisers and community service projects may also take place. These 4-H events must follow physical distancing, masking, and sanitizing guidance.
  - Food booths are permitted with local health department approval.
  - For other fundraisers involving food, food must be pre-packaged and having dine-in/sit-down dining is still not permitted.
- Complete guidelines: https://ohio4h.org/sites/ohio4h/files/imce/Families/Ohio%204-H%20Planning%20Guide%20for%20In-person%20Meeting-%20Updated%204-27-21-FINAL.pdf

News You Can Use:

1. **Attention 4-H Members graduating with the Class of ’21!** We want to recognize you for this milestone accomplishment! Please complete this survey so we can put you in our Senior Spotlight! go.osu.edu/21senior

2. **4-H Committee Scholarship Application**: The completed application is due to the Extension Office on June 15, 2021. See the website for details and a copy of the application. https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/darke-county-4-h-scholarship

3. **TSC Paper Clover**: Customers of TSC will have the ability to purchase a paper clover from April 28 to May 9. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to our local 4-H program.

4. **Community Service Grant Funding** available: ServeOhio - along with partners American Electric Power Foundation and AmeriCorps - is pleased to announce the availability of grants to support community service projects organized for ServeOhio Day on June 19, 2021. ServeOhio Day coincides with the summer solstice - the day with the longest period of daylight in the year - providing the most ample opportunity to volunteer annually. Grant awards will range between
$500 to $2,000.

For the application and instructions, visit the ServeOhio website. The application deadline is May 18, 2021 at 11:59 PM. https://serve.ohio.gov/.../National-Days-of-Service-Funding

5. **Research Participants needed**: A public health professor at OSU is working on a large, online research study on the health behaviors of youth in Ohio. Their goal is to recruit 1000 adolescents and young adults (aged 15-24) from Ohio.

People who participate can earn up to $55 in Amazon gift cards. They will obtain parent/guardian permission before enrolling minors. Participants in the cohort will be eligible for additional paid studies, both in person and online. Interested youth (or their parents) can take a screener survey to indicate interest and see if they are eligible. http://www.go.osu.edu/EAHP

6. **Artwork Contest**: Find your crayons, markers and colored pencils and get to work! The Ohio 4-H Foundation wants your best design for the Send S'more Kids to 4-H Camp fundraising campaign. Find the details at go.osu.edu/4Hart and send in your entry by May 12.

7. **Miss Chick Pageant Registration**: This contest is open to females 16 years of age by the day of the contest, and no older than 19 years of age. Limited to High School underclassmen and 2021 graduates. Contestants must reside in Darke County or a contiguous county (Miami, Mercer, Montgomery, Shelby, Auglaize, Preble, Jay, Randolph and Wayne). Register at VersaillesPoultryDays.com.

8. **Ohio 4-H STEM Blog**: Interested in learning more about Ohio 4-H STEM resources? Check out the Ohio 4-H STEM Blog: https://u.osu.edu/ohio4hstem/

9. **Poultry Committee T-Shirt Contest**: Rules for the contest: 1) Exhibitor must plan to show poultry at the 2021 Darke County Fair, 2) You must be an active Jr. Fair member in Darke County, 3) The design should be for the front of a t-shirt only and needs to incorporate the words 2021 Darke County Junior Fair Poultry Department and reflect the projects exhibited in the poultry barn, 4) the design can be hand drawn or computer generated 5) please do not fold your design when turning it in 6) the design is due June 1st and needs to be turned in to Senior Fairboard Office to Beth Martin's attention and 7) the winner will be awarded $50.00 in cash.

10. **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

11. **Quality Assurance**: Two options remain for 2021: Virtual QA or YQCA. Complete information is available online: go.osu.edu/21darkeqainfo
12. **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)

13. **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)

14. **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.

15. **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!)

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