

eClover: Darke County 4-H News**April 5, 2019**

Thank you to everyone who turned in enrollment forms in a timely manner. We appreciated your cooperation. Reminder: in 2020, everyone, with the exception of first year members, will be completing their 4-H enrollment online.

Here's what's happening:

1. **Cloverbud Volunteer Training:** A training for new Cloverbud Volunteers is scheduled for Tuesday, April 16, 7pm, Extension Office. Any current 4-H Volunteer who is interested in becoming a Cloverbud Volunteer should attend. Please contact our office to register.
2. **Quality Assurance:** Information regarding Quality Assurance for 2019 has been posted to the web. Includes test-out information, as well as a link to the QA study guide to help with test preparation. <https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/quality-assurance?fbclid=IwAR1Y-LellSWPff3GBk3N6JysFz2MRTirbNV2nEZmkyRaLm9Nlr4u6YkhQgc>
3. **Quality Assurance test out option:** QA tests can be scheduled at the Extension Office on Friday, April 19 at 10am or 2pm. Contact our office to preregister. If a member would like to attempt the test-out but isn't available on April 19, contact our office to schedule an alternative date.
4. **Ohio State Fair Beef Exhibitor Opportunity:** The Beef Department has added a **Crossbred Breeding Heifer Division**, and will show in the 2nd session. Arrival – Friday, July 26 Show – Sunday, July 28 Released – Sunday, July 28. These animals will be eligible for the Overall Top 5 Heifers during the Final Drive on Saturday, August 3 at the state fair. Crossbred breeding heifers must be owned by May 1 and will be verified by their 15 digit 840 RFID tag number and DNA submission to the Ohio State Fair by May 1, 2019. Must be born after January 1, 2018, and make entries into the state fair by June 1. DNA kits may be requested by email only from Stacey French, s.french@expo.ohio.gov and must be submitted to Stacey French, Agriculture Department - Crossbred Heifer DNA, 717 East 17th Avenue, Columbus OH 43211, by May 1. If anyone wants to pick up and/or drop off DNA kit, contact Stacey French by email first, stating request, and when they want to come and pick up and/or drop off.
5. **Raise Your Hand Campaign:** National 4-H is conducting the Raise Your Hand campaign from April 1 until May 15. Go online to raise your and vote for Ohio. Ohio has won \$20,000 for the

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past two years. Help us earn a three-peat! A portion of the \$20,000 is returned to the Ohio counties that have the most people vote.

6. Because of your generosity, ***Hands Across the Darke was able to deliver over 100# of donations*** to Grace Resurrection, Fish Food Pantry, Ansonia Food Pantry, and Rustic Hope last week. Homeless shelter donations will be delivered soon. Thank you for supporting Hands Across the Darke and their projects!
7. **From our friends at Grace Resurrection Food Pantry:** They are in need of laundry detergent, toilet paper, and hygiene items. Donations can be taken directly to Grace or brought to the Extension Office and Hands Across the Darke will deliver.
8. Our friends in the Ag program at Edison Community College are ***collecting items for flood victims in Iowa***. Contact our office for additional information. If your club would like to donate, please take your items to Edison. Delivery will happen on April 25.
9. Camp this summer at the Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center. **4-H Camp Tech** is from June 5-7 for youth entering grades 6, 7 and 8. You'll explore all things tech-y from programming with Google to virtual reality to robotics and more! Details at <http://go.osu.edu/CampTech>.
10. Learn about life in another culture and learn about making a difference at **4-H Global AgriCULTURE Camp**, from June 10-14. Youth entering grades 8, 9 and 10 will spend three days at OSU discovering how agriculture can impact global food issues, then travel to Howell, Michigan for an over experience at the Heifer Global Village. Find out more at <http://go.osu.edu/GACamp>.
11. **JOANN stores** are helping 4-H bring more hands-on programs to local communities across the nation to inspire kids to lead lives with their head, hands, and hearts. Visit your local JOANN store, March 1 – April 30, 2019, and ***purchase a clover tear away*** at the register for either \$1 or \$4. \$4 purchases come with a \$4 off coupon for a later purchase. The more money that is raised, the more that will come back to the Ohio 4-H program. In addition, JOANN wants to support individual 4-H'ers involvement by providing a rewards card for 4-H members, leaders, staff, and parents. The rewards card gives holders 15% off their purchase every day. To sign up go to <https://www.joann.com/4-h/>
12. ***Hands Across the Darke*** is collecting a variety of items for a variety of projects. They are in search of cleaning supplies (homeless shelter), non-perishable food items (local food pantries), pet supplies (animal shelter), bird seed (sunflower seeds, suet) for the park district and fragrant-free lotions, puzzle books, plain chap stick (cancer patient care packages). Look for a flyer with the info which will be coming out soon. In the meantime, items may be brought to the Extension

Office. Thank you!

https://darke.osu.edu/sites/darke/files/imce/Program_Pages/4H/Items%20for%20Projects.pdf

13. As you shop online, remember that you can shop and also donate to the Darke County 4-H Program via **Amazon Smiles**. Here's the info: When you shop online at smile.amazon.com/ch/31-1056844, Amazon donates to Darke County 4-H Committee (listed as The Ohio State University). Thank you for your support!

Have a great weekend!