

Dear Friend in 4-H,

A big THANK YOU to everyone who turned in their 4-H enrollment forms by the deadline. Jo and Kelly have been busy updating our data base and only have seven more clubs to enter.

Thank you to everyone who picked up their turkeys in a timely manner on Monday. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

Reminder: Quality Assurance is mandatory for any youth planning to exhibit market animals, lactating dairy or lactating goats. The first session is tomorrow (April 8), 10am, Youth Building, Fairgrounds. Program starts promptly at 10am. Late arrivals will not be admitted.

Here's what's happening:

1. **Darke County 4-H Committee Scholarship:** Available to a Darke County 4-Her graduating with the Class of '17. Deadline to apply is May 31. Form is attached.
2. **E990 Postcard:** I have filed the e990 postcard for all Darke County clubs. All but two clubs were accepted and the State 4-H Office feels it has corrected the issue with the IRS and those two clubs. Great news!
3. **Cloverbud Connections:** The latest edition is available. <http://www.ohio4h.org/families/cloverbuds/ohio-4-h-cloverbud-connections>
4. **Pollinator Study:** The Gardiner Lab at The Ohio State University Department of Entomology is seeking Citizen Scientists to aid in the study of insect pollination this summer! The goal is to measure the amount of pollination provided to gardens in rural, suburban and urban landscapes. Measuring pollination is one way to gauge the health of the bee community. All that is required is a small garden space where you will be able to grow four sweet pepper plants and the willingness to follow an experimental protocol this summer!

Information on the Pollination Investigators experiment and details on how to sign up can be found at: <http://u.osu.edu/pollinationinvestigators/background/>

5. **Oklahoma 4-H Wildfire Relief:** Assist Oklahoma families affected by the devastating wildfires that occurred in Oklahoma as well as Kansas and Texas. Oklahoma 4-H is asking for donations in the form of pre-paid gift cards. Donations can be mailed to: Oklahoma 4-H: Wildfire Relief, 205 4-H Youth Development Building, Stillwater, OK 74078
6. **Engaging with Insects** is a 5-day summer camp in which young entomologists will learn about the little creatures that really rule the world. The camp is based at the Ohio 4-H Center on the Ohio State University campus with field activities at the Chadwick Arboretum North and trips to the Ohio State Insectary and the Triplehorn Insect Collection. The camp is from June 26-30 at the Ohio 4-H Center, Columbus. For more information: <https://insects.osu.edu/engaging-insects-summer-day-camp>
7. **Clover and Canvas:** Our next session will be Saturday, May 6, 2017, 10am, Extension Office. Flyer is attached.
8. **Project Book Survey: Print or Digital:** Express your preference for print or digital project books. Survey closes April 14. https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0HzfJni2Y40TAGJ
9. **TSC Great Neighbor Essay Contest:** Tractor Supply is asking 4-H and FFA members to submit essays in response to the following question: "What does 4-H/FFA mean to you, and how has your organization allowed you to be the best neighbor you can be in your community?" Entry deadline is April 24. To submit an essay, review contest rules and regulations, visit: http://www.tractorsupply.com/landing-pages_events_fair-tour
10. **4-H Public Speaking Contest:** Monday, June 5, 7pm, Extension Office. Rules and registration information attached.
11. **Ohio 4-H Day of Service:** 4-H members of all ages, parents, and advisors are invited to the Ohio 4-H Day of Service! This event, hosted by the Ohio 4-H Teen Leadership Council, will offer participants a renewed sense of service in their communities through hands-on projects and youth-led activities! Join us on Saturday, May 6, 2017 at the Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. There is no fee to attend and there will be a break for participants to bring their own picnic-style lunch. Registrations are requested by April 26, 2017. For more information, visit <http://www.ohio4h.org/events/day-service-hosted-ohio-4-h-teen-leadership-council>
12. **State FFA / 4-H Meat Judging Contest** – April 29: The State FFA/4-H Meat Judging Contest will be held on April 29th at the OSU Animal Sciences Building. Registration begins at 8.15am and contest starts at 9.00am. For any questions contact Lyda Garcia: garcia.625@osu.edu. \$10.00 per student.

