

eClover: Darke County 4-H News**April 7, 2023**

Thank you to everyone for submitting enrollments in a timely manner. I am currently working through the queue waiting for approval and hope to finish next week. I will be emailing roster copies to each organizational volunteer so you can check for errors. Stay tuned....

Reminder: turkey pick up is Tuesday, April 11, 12nn to 4pm, Extension Office. Everyone who ordered should have received a letter with instructions, including a biosecurity form, which must be signed and returned when picking up poult.

News You Can Use – 4-H:

1. **Cloverbud Volunteer Training:** All 4-H volunteers who work with the Cloverbud program must complete a separate training session specifically for Cloverbud volunteers. Cloverbud training will be held Saturday, April 15, 1:00pm (after the New 4-H Volunteer Orientation) or Monday, April 17, 7:30pm. Please email Rhonda, williams.418@osu.edu, and let me know if you plan to attend one of these sessions.
2. **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>
3. **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>
4. **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
5. **Junior Fair Poultry Clinic:** scheduled for Saturday, April 29, beginning at noon. A free lunch will be served. The clinic will include information about showmanship, poultry nutrition, skillathon, and more. Register online at go.osu.edu/23darkepoultryclinic before April 15th. Questions? Contact one of the following: Dena Wuebker at 937-423-2369, Cindy Mayo at 937-417-2296 or Amy Addis at 937-216-2107 or email at dena.wuebker@vtigers.org, cmayo217@hotmail.com or amyjoaddis@centurylink.net



6. **White's Show Supply:** 40th Anniversary Customer Appreciation Day, Saturday, April 15, Preble County Fairgrounds. Educational clinics, discount on show supplies, and more. Contact Roy White, 740.225.0698 for additional information. (Provided for informational purposes only. Endorsement of White's Show Supplies by Darke County 4-H, Ohio 4-H, OSU Extension, or The Ohio State University is neither intended nor implied.)
7. First ever **Buckeye Young Shepherds' Expo:** Exciting, hands-on sessions around a variety of sheep and lamb topics. Complete your Quality Assurance requirements, take a look at a real lamb carcass and the cuts of meat, work on your ear tagging/tail docking/injection skills, and learn about careers in the livestock industry. Plus, visit with old friends and make new ones! The cost is \$15 for youth and adults, which includes lunch. Youth participants receive a FREE t-shirt. Register by April 8 at <http://ohiosheep.org/lead-buckeyeyoungshepherdsexpo.html> Registration will be capped at 200 participants, so register early!
8. **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.
9. **4-H Master Clothing Educators** will hold online **Textile and Clothing Trainings for 4-H members** on three different dates. Beginning Level – April 18; Intermediate Level – April 27; Advanced Level – May 4. Contact our office for the registration links.
10. 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.
11. **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
12. The **Junior Fairboard** has two spots open for **Youth Building 4-H** representatives. Contact Rhonda williams.418@osu.edu if you are interested in applying.
13. **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.
14. **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



15. **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. **Junior Fair Poultry Clinic:** scheduled for Saturday, April 29, beginning at noon. A free lunch will be served. The clinic will include information about showmanship, poultry nutrition, skillathon, and more. Register online at go.osu.edu/23darkepoultryclinic before April 15th. Questions? Contact one of the following: Dena Wuebker at 937-423-2369, Cindy Mayo at 937-417-2296 or Amy Addis at 937-216-2107 or email at dena.wuebker@vtigers.org, cmayo217@hotmail.com or amyjoaddis@centurylink.net
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6. **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/>
7. **Junior Fairboard has openings** in the following departments. Contact Rhonda williams.418@osu.edu if you are interested in an open slot. Cats (1), Family & Consumer Sciences (3), Youth Building 4-H (2), Girl Scouts/Boy Scouts (1), and FCCLA (1).

Upcoming Jr. Fair Meetings:

Tuesday, April 11 – Horse Committee, 7:30pm, Extension Office
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

