

eClover: Darke County 4-H News

May 19, 2017

Dear Friend in 4-H,

School is almost out which means 4-H camp is not far away! Check the website for registration information. Early bird registration ends today (May 19). Final registration deadline is June 2.

For those of you who shop on Amazon, the Darke County 4-H Committee is now part of the AmazonSmile charitable donation list. Here is our unique identifier: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/31-1056844> Even though it comes up as The Ohio State University, you will be supporting the Darke County 4-H Committee. Feel free to share this with family and friends who shop on Amazon.

Here's what's happening:

1. **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>
2. **Sewing Camp:** July 10, 11, 12. Offered by Sherrie Kirkpatrick, Darke County 4-H Volunteer and Master Clothing Educator. <https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/2017-sewing-camp>
3. **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>
4. **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>
5. **4-H Presentation and Evaluation Day** (formerly known as county judging): Friday, July 14, All Seasons Place. Visit the website for details and to download the schedule for the day. <https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-project-presentation-and-evaluation-day>
6. **Quality Assurance:** Any Darke County exhibitor who still needs to complete QA should plan to attend an out-of-county session. Contact our office for options. Do not procrastinate as opportunities dwindle as we head into June. Attendance at QA is mandated by the Ohio Department of Agriculture.



7. **2017 Project Completion Requirements:** <https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/2017-4-h-project-completion-requirements>
8. **USDA-APHIS Poultry Resources:** 4-H members with poultry projects should implement biosecurity practices in order to protect your flock. For more information visit the website: <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/animal-disease-information/avian-influenza-disease/birdbiosecurity>
9. **Darke County Shootout:** 4-H members with **swine** projects have the opportunity to participate in a local jackpot show that is part of the OH Pigs Summer Jackpot Series. Show will be held June 17-18, at the Darke County Fairgrounds, in the cattle barn. Youth can bring barrows or gilts with no minimum weight limit so you can show the same pigs you will show at the county fair. Entry fee is \$25 per pig per day. For more information, see the flyer posted to the Darke County Facebook page or contact Mike Fearon, 937-545-9735.
10. **Darke County Fair Steak and Chop Tent:** sign up to help: [go.osu.edu/steakandchop](http://go.osu.edu/steakandchop)
11. **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](mailto:editor@earlybirdpaper.com) Our 4-H news page will be published the second Sunday of the month.
12. **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.
13. **Darke County 4-H Cloverbud Rocks!:** <https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/darke-county-4-h-cloverbud-rocks>

Best Wishes,

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