Memorial Day weekend is upon us which means summer is not far behind! Summer means lots of different 4-H opportunities for your members: communications contest, camp, bake-a-rama workshop, project presentation day, and more! Are you sharing this information with your 4-H club? Please encourage your members to take advantage of these opportunities. 4-H is so much more than just attending meetings and going to the fair!

The final camp registration deadline is Tuesday, May 31 at 4:30pm. Encourage your members to join our stellar team of counselors!

Interested in learning more about the Bake-a-Rama held during the fair? Check out #4 below for information about an upcoming workshop.

Today is the deadline to register for our Communications Contest. New this year: a category for Cloverbud participation! See #5 below for details.

Project Presentation Day information (what it is, how to prepare, the interview time sign-up form, etc.), will be available next week. Friday, July 8 is the day of this event. Members who are enrolled in non-livestock projects can compete for the opportunity to receive a county rosette or to represent Darke County 4-H at the state fair. There is also a Show & Tell opportunity for your Cloverbud members.

**News You Can Use:**

1. **Darke County 4-H Camp** information is now available! Join us June 13-16 at Indian Hills for Winter Wonderland! See the website for information and forms. 
   [go.osu.edu/22darke4hcamp](go.osu.edu/22darke4hcamp) Share this link with your 4-H families who may have youth interested in attending camp.

2. **Darke County 4-H Committee Scholarship Application** is available on the website. Open to 4-H members who are graduating from high school with the Class of ‘22. Completed applications are due by 4:30pm on June 15. 
   [go.osu.edu/22darke4hscholarship](go.osu.edu/22darke4hscholarship)

3. **Quality Assurance**: all in-person meetings have been held. The final virtual session is Tuesday, May 31 at 7pm. No make-up sessions will be held. If you cannot attend the remaining virtual session, you can complete the YQCA online course. QA should be completed by June 1 as no QA sessions will be held in Darke County after May 31.

4. **So, You’re in the Bake-a-Rama?** This workshop will be held Tuesday, June 21 and is open to anyone who would like to know more about preparing to participate in the Bake-a-Rama at the fair. To register: [go.osu.edu/bakearama](go.osu.edu/bakearama)

5. **Darke County 4-H Communications Contest**: guidelines and entry information are now available. The contest will be held Monday, June 6, 7pm, Extension Office. NEW this year: Cloverbuds may participate by coming and saying the 4-H Pledge. Cloverbuds will receive a 4-H prize for participating. All other contest divisions have cash awards. Deadline to enter is May 27. For details, visit website: [https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/2022-darke-county-4-h-communications-contest](https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/2022-darke-county-4-h-communications-contest)
   To register, go to: [go.osu.edu/22communicationscontest](go.osu.edu/22communicationscontest)
6. Download your officer books from this website: https://ohio4h.org/officerresources Be sure that you are using current and up-to-date officer books for your club records.

7. **Hands Across the Darke** is a community service club open to youth in grades 5-8. They meet the first Tuesday of each month at the Extension Office at 7:00pm. Their next meeting is June 7. Join us!

8. **Amazon Smile**: As you complete your online shopping, don’t forget to designate the 4-H program to receive a donation through Amazon Smile. Shop at 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!)

9. **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. Thank you to everyone who designates their pledges to us. It means a lot to our program!

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