

**eClover: Darke County 4-H News****May 4, 2018**

Dear Friend in 4-H,

This weekend is tagging for both sheep and goats. See below for specific information.

**4-H Camp Fundraiser:** Join us on Saturday, May 19, 10am-1pm, at the Extension Office for a LuLaRoe pop-up boutique fundraiser. All proceeds will be used to offset the cost of 4-H camp. [https://darke.osu.edu/sites/darke/files/imce/Program\\_Pages/4H/4-H%20Fundraiser%20flyer.pdf](https://darke.osu.edu/sites/darke/files/imce/Program_Pages/4H/4-H%20Fundraiser%20flyer.pdf)

The fifth and final **Quality Assurance** session in Darke County will be held Saturday, May 12, 10am, Youth Building, Fairgrounds. Plan to arrive by 9:45am in order to sign in. Program begins promptly at 10am. NO LATE ARRIVALS WILL BE ADMITTED. QA must be completed by June 1 in order to be eligible to exhibit and sell.

1. **2018 4-H Camp information** has been posted to the website. Final camp registrations are due June 1. Early bird registration is May 18. See the website for details. <https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/2018-darke-county-4-h-camp>
2. **Attention 4-H members with market goat projects:** May 6th - Jr. Fair Goat Tagging, 1-4 p.m. south end of Goat Barn; May 8th - 6:00-7:00 p.m. Goat Barn
3. **Attention 4-H members with market lamb projects:** May 5th - Jr. Fair Sheep Tagging, 9-11 a.m. north end of Sheep Barn; May 8th - 7:00-8:00 p.m. Sheep Barn
4. **Preparing for 4-H Project Evaluation Day:** Save the date: Thursday, May 31, 7pm-8:30pm, Extension Office. Come and learn what is expected as you prepare to bring a project to county or state fair judging. Pre-Registration is required and a form will soon be available.
5. **Darke County 4-H Committee Scholarship:** Attention 4-H members in high school graduating with the Class of '18: the Darke County 4-H Scholarship application is now available. Deadline to apply is May 31, 2018. <https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/darke-county-4-h-committee-scholarship-0>

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6. **Public Speaking Contest:** Rules and guidelines for the 2018 Public Speaking Contest have been posted. The contest is scheduled for Monday, June 4, 7pm, Extension Office. Registration deadline is May 18, 2018. <https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/2018-darke-county-4-h-public-speaking-contest>
7. **Attention 4-H members with Poultry projects:** Check out these videos of different poultry breeds. <https://ohio4h.org/poultrybreeds>
8. **Attention 4-H members enrolled in Insect Adventures projects:** The publication of 644R Insect Collection Guide has been delayed. Until it is published, please refer to this website for resources and information to help you with your project. <https://ohio4h.org/insects>
9. **Paylean and your 4-H Project:** The use of Paylean is legal to use according to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) under certain guidelines that they have set forth: Paylean must be fed to pigs weighing at least 150 lbs. body weight for their final 45 to 90 lbs. of weight gain, regardless of final weight at slaughter. (For example if the desired marketing weight is 260 lbs., Paylean supplemented feed could be fed from a starting point of 170 to 215 lbs. all the way to market at 260 lbs. body weight.) At an inclusion rate of between 4.5 to 9 grams of active ingredient per ton of complete feed with a minimum crude protein level of 16%. This label adjustment makes use of Paylean more compatible with typical marketing strategies for commercial hogs.  
  
Ultimately, the decision to use Paylean will vary depending on individual production situations. Specifically, for each pig genotype and production situation, the cost of using Paylean would need to be completely covered by returns associated with improved growth and feed utilization and packer premiums for improved carcass leanness.  
  
If you have any specific questions contact your feed supplier or local veterinarian.
10. **Hands Across the Darke:** next meeting, Tuesday, May 1, 7pm, Extension Office. ALL youth in grades 5-12 are welcome.
11. **Miss Annie Oakley Contest:** See the website for details. <http://www.annieoakleyfestival.org/>
12. **Miss Chick Contest:** Visit their website for information on how to enter the contest. <http://www.versaillespoultrydays.com/>
13. **Youth Welding Workshop:** Saturday, June 2, Ag Engineering Building on OSU Main Campus. Deadline to register is Friday, May 18. <https://ohio4h.org/events/youth-welding-workshop>

14. The **Raise Your Hand campaign** ends May 15. [We are asking all 4-H alumni & friends to raise their hand by voting for Ohio.](https://4-h.org/raise-your-hand/?utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook&utm_campaign=RaiseYourHand&utm_content=sf186752945&sf186752945=1) The state with the most hands raised wins \$20,000 for youth programming. Ohio won last year, and we're determine to win again this year! Please help by raising your hand and asking friends and family to do the same. [https://4-h.org/raise-your-hand/?utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=facebook&utm\\_campaign=RaiseYourHand&utm\\_content=sf186752945&sf186752945=1](https://4-h.org/raise-your-hand/?utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook&utm_campaign=RaiseYourHand&utm_content=sf186752945&sf186752945=1)
15. For **4-H members enrolled in goat projects**: check out the Ohio 4-H Goat project resource page. <https://ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/animal-sciences/goat/goat-resources>
16. **Coffee Fundraiser Opportunity**: Ohio 4-H clubs have a new fundraising opportunity – COFFEE! Clubs can sell 12 oz. bags of either ground or whole bean coffee grown, in part, by 4-S members in Nicaragua (4-S is roughly 4-H translated into Spanish). Sip and support youth! Contact Dustin Homan, 4-H Program Manager, at: [homan.64@osu.edu](mailto:homan.64@osu.edu) or 614.247.8305 if interested.
17. The **Dog Committee is raising funds** for a new barn on the fairgrounds. You can help by purchasing RADA cutlery - reasonably priced and good quality merchandise. 100% of the proceeds go to the new barn fund. <https://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=1140080.cfd6fc>
18. **2018 Project Completion Requirements**: Each 4-H project has specific guidelines as to what is required to complete the project. Each project also has display requirements for Project Presentation and Evaluation Day and State Fair competition. <https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/2018-4-h-project-completion-requirements>
19. **Ohio State Fair Non-Livestock information**: to view the Ohio State Fair non-livestock judging schedule or to view the State 4-H Non-Livestock Guidebook visit the website: <https://ohio4h.org/nonlivestockguidebook>
20. **4-H Urban Immersion Project**: Teens ages 15-18 may apply for this 4 day service-learning experience. This trip is structured to build skills and abilities to prepare youth for success in a diverse workplace while building cultural understanding of those who are different. The cost of the experience is only \$150. Application deadline – August 3, 2018 <https://warren.osu.edu/news/2016-4-h-urban-immersion-dc>
21. **Rabbit & Cavy Youth Fun Show**: Saturday, May 12, Champaign County Fairgrounds. For a copy of the flyer, contact our office or visit their website: <https://champaign.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-animal-projects> Scroll down to the Cavy section and look for the 2018 Rabbit and Cavy Clinic Flyer.
22. **Poultry Resources**: [4-H members taking poultry projects will find a vast array of poultry resources available on our website: https://ohio4h.org/poultryresources](https://ohio4h.org/poultryresources)

**23. Joann Fabrics Reward Card:** JOANN Fabrics has partnered with the National 4-H Council to bring more hands-on 4-H programs to youth. Current members, parents and volunteers can sign-up for the JOANN 4-H Rewards Card and receive 15% off total in-store and online purchases. JOANN will give a minimum of 2.5% of every eligible transaction to support 4-H programs. Find the details at <http://www.joann.com/4-h/>

**24. United Way:** 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 donation form. Thank you for your support.

Best Wishes,

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