New meeting guidelines, 4/26/2021:

- 4-H clubs can now meet as a larger group, as long as you adhere to COVID precautions – physical distancing, properly worn face masks, frequent hand hygiene, self-monitoring for symptoms.
  - Buffets or potlucks are still not permitted.
  - Local health department determinations must be followed (e.g., smaller group sizes, etc.)
- 4-H fundraisers and community service projects may also take place. These 4-H events must follow physical distancing, masking, and sanitizing guidance.
  - Food booths are permitted with local health department approval.
  - For other fundraisers involving food, food must be pre-packaged and having dine-in/sit-down dining is still not permitted.
- Complete guidelines: https://ohio4h.org/sites/ohio4h/files/imce/Families/Ohio%204-H%20Planning%20Guide%20for%20In-person%20Meeting-%20Updated%204-27-21-FINAL.pdf

News You Can Use:

1. **4-H Camp Information:** Due to current guidelines related to COVID and overnight camping, the camp counselors have decided to offer day camps instead of a residential camp this year. Following OSU’s current health advisory guidelines, everyone at camp will be required to wear a mask and campers will travel with the same group of 10 for the duration of the day. Sanitation will be conducted on a regular basis, and everyone will practice regular handwashing and distancing.
   
   June 22 – grades 3-4 – 9am-5pm  
   June 23 – grades 5-6 – 9am-5pm  
   June 24 – grades 7-8 – 9am-9pm

   Complete registration information will be released on Monday, May 10.

2. **Kids Baking Championship**: The Food Network is looking for kids between the ages of 8-13 who bake and want to put their skills to the test. To view the entry form, go to https://bakingchampionshipcasting.castingcrane.com/
3. **Ohio Birds:** Are you taking the Ohio Birds project this year? Join the Friends of Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge on May 22 from 10-11 a.m. for a virtual presentation designed just for 4-H'ers! You'll learn about backyard birds, attracting and feeding birds, way to view and record them, and more. You'll get help with planning your own learning activity and the leadership/citizenship activity. Pre-register and find details at https://www.friendsofottawanwr.org/seek-refuge-days.html

4. **4-H Communications Contest:** The 2021 4-H Communications Contest will be an in-person event on Monday, June 7, 6:30pm. Registration due by May 24, 2021. For complete information, visit the website: https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/member-resources/communications-contest?fbclid=IwAR1a3RKQO6RdV0CXsPbRE7u-yw7ELlUDqgZRm4h1wPkJ8MyeElGRXfKQ_Lc

5. **Project Completion Requirements:** Need to know what is required in order to complete your non-livestock project? Go to the project resources page on our website. Check out the 2021 Project Requirement and Fair Completion Guidelines.

   For those of you interested in competing at County Project and Evaluation Day for the honor of representing Darke County 4-H at the state fair, be sure to follow the state fair project evaluation guidelines. Check out the link to the state fair non-livestock guidebook.

   https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/project-resources?fbclid=IwAR1gaQtFOyz4Tfr4r-m1GOTXnFNA39gJPlAV2jgbemyVvE9sGsIpWkJMhf0

6. **Attention 4-H Members graduating with the Class of ’21!** We want to recognize you for this milestone accomplishment! Please complete this survey so we can put you in our Senior Spotlight! go.osu.edu/21senior

7. **4-H Committee Scholarship Application:** The completed application is due to the Extension Office on June 15, 2021. See the website for details and a copy of the application. https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/darke-county-4-h-scholarship

8. **Community Service Grant Funding** available: ServeOhio - along with partners American Electric Power Foundation and AmeriCorps - is pleased to announce the availability of grants to support community service projects organized for ServeOhio Day on June 19, 2021. ServeOhio Day coincides with the summer solstice - the day with the longest period of daylight in the year - providing the most ample opportunity to volunteer annually. Grant awards will range between $500 to $2,000.

   For the application and instructions, visit the ServeOhio website. The application deadline is May 18, 2021 at 11:59 PM. https://serve.ohio.gov/.../National-Days-of-Service-Funding
9. **Research Participants needed**: A public health professor at OSU is working on a large, online research study on the health behaviors of youth in Ohio. Their goal is to recruit 1000 adolescents and young adults (aged 15-24) from Ohio.

People who participate can earn up to $55 in Amazon gift cards. They will obtain parent/guardian permission before enrolling minors. Participants in the cohort will be eligible for additional paid studies, both in person and online. Interested youth (or their parents) can take a screener survey to indicate interest and see if they are eligible. [http://www.go.osu.edu/EAHP](http://www.go.osu.edu/EAHP)

10. **Artwork Contest**: Find your crayons, markers and colored pencils and get to work! The Ohio 4-H Foundation wants your best design for the Send S'more Kids to 4-H Camp fundraising campaign. Find the details at [go.osu.edu/4Hart](http://go.osu.edu/4Hart) and send in your entry by May 12.

11. **Miss Chick Pageant Registration**: This contest is open to females 16 years of age by the day of the contest, and no older than 19 years of age. Limited to High School underclassmen and 2021 graduates. Contestants must reside in Darke County or a contiguous county (Miami, Mercer, Montgomery, Shelby, Auglaize, Preble, Jay, Randolph and Wayne). Register at [VersaillesPoultryDays.com](http://VersaillesPoultryDays.com).

12. **Poultry Committee T-Shirt Contest**: Rules for the contest: 1) Exhibitor must plan to show poultry at the 2021 Darke County Fair, 2) You must be an active Jr. Fair member in Darke County, 3) The design should be for the front of a t-shirt only and needs to incorporate the words 2021 Darke County Junior Fair Poultry Department and reflect the projects exhibited in the poultry barn, 4) the design can be hand drawn or computer generated 5) please do not fold your design when turning it in 6) the design is due June 1st and needs to be turned in to Senior Fairboard Office to Beth Martin's attention and 7) the winner will be awarded $50.00 in cash.

13. **Project Books**: all 4-H project books may be purchased from our office. Please submit your orders in advance so that we have time to assemble your order prior to pick up. Orders can be emailed to Sherry at pearson.437@osu.edu

14. **Quality Assurance**: Two options remain for 2021: Virtual QA or YQCA. Complete information is available online: [go.osu.edu/21darkeqainfo](http://go.osu.edu/21darkeqainfo)

15. **Club News**: (Thank you to the clubs who have already submitted reports!) Check out our club news page: [https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/eclover-darke-county-4-h-news/4-h-club-news-reports](https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/eclover-darke-county-4-h-news/4-h-club-news-reports) Do you have club news reports from your reporter that you would like to share? This is a great opportunity to share what your club is doing, as well as obtain publication credit for your club reporter. Email any reporter stories to williams.418@osu.edu
You can also email 4-H club news to emartin@aimmediamidwest.com Erik is the editor of Darke County Media (formerly the Greenville Daily Advocate and The Early Bird)

16. **Club Officer Resources**: Several resources are available online for your club officers – from training videos to the actual officer books. Please share these resources with your club officers. https://ohio4h.org/officerresources

17. **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.

18. **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!)

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