

eClover: Darke County 4-H News**July 12, 2019**

Reminder: 4-H Volunteers: Requests for use of the fairgrounds for events and activities must be made at least 6 weeks in advance. Contracts for space use at the fairgrounds must be sent to OSU Legal for approval and they request a minimum two-week notice. In addition, we frequently have to wait a month for a fairboard meeting so they can approve contracts on their end. Failure to request space in advance may result in your club not being approved to use the fairgrounds. Plan ahead! You can actually make requests this fall for any space needed in 2020.

Here's what's happening:

1. Darke County fair is looking for someone to ***sing the National Anthem during the fair's opening ceremony***. Rules are easy: 1. Post a video of yourself singing or playing the national anthem. 2. Tell all your friends to like that video. The top three liked videos will be selected to move on to the final round. Contest closes July 19th. See the related post on the fair's Facebook page to enter.
2. ***The Steak and Chop Tent*** at the fair has openings for volunteers. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e044fa4a82aa4fc1-2019>
3. ***4-H's Got Talent!*** July 27 at the Ohio State Fair. Individuals or groups may apply to be one of the 12 featured acts. Registration deadline is July 15. <https://ohio4h.org/events/4-hs-got-talent>
4. ***Jr. Fair related information:*** <http://darkecountyjrfair.com/index.html>
5. ***Ohio State Fair Skillathons:*** 4-H and FFA youth can show what they know about 9 different animal species through 10 skillathon events during the Ohio State Fair (see the schedule below). Skillathons are free, registration is the day of the event (an adult must accompany the youth), youth can come anytime between the hours listed, and youth do not have to be a state fair exhibitor or be enrolled in an animal project in order to complete. Youth vying for the Outstanding Market Exhibitor (OME) award for goat, sheep, poultry, swine, and beef must participate in the Skillathon, showmanship, and live animal show in order to qualify. Rules, study resources (including the station topics for each species), and other information are available on the web. <https://ohio4h.org/animalsciences/ohio-state-fair-skillathon-information>
6. If your club is having a ***fundraiser, it must be preapproved***. Please complete the fundraising form and submit for approval, at least two weeks prior to your anticipated start date.

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https://darke.osu.edu/sites/darke/files/imce/Program_Pages/4H/%287%29Fundraising%20Form.pdf

7. As you shop online, remember that you can shop and also donate to the Darke County 4-H Program via **Amazon Smiles**. Here's the info: When you shop online at smile.amazon.com/ch/31-1056844, Amazon donates to Darke County 4-H Committee (listed as The Ohio State University). Thank you for your support!

Have a great weekend!