

**eClover: Darke County 4-H News****July 19, 2019**

It's hot! Check on your animals frequently throughout the day. Be sure that they have fresh water, have proper ventilation, and protection from the sun. Work with your animals early in the morning or late at night to avoid heatstroke or heat exhaustion. Proper animal care is YOUR responsibility!

Here's what's happening:

1. **State Fair and County Rosette Winners:** Congratulations to everyone who was selected to represent Darke County at the Ohio State Fair, or who received a County Rosette.  
<https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/2019-state-fair-delegates-and-county-rosette-winners>
2. **Feast on the Farm, hosted by the Darke County Farm Bureau** will be held Friday, August 9 at Winner Farms. Proceeds from the event will be donated to the Darke County 4-H Program. A limited number of tickets are on sale for \$50.00 and can be purchased at [feastonthefarm2019@eventbrite.com](mailto:feastonthefarm2019@eventbrite.com). Thank you to the Farm Bureau for supporting our 4-H program!
3. The Ohio State Fair is hosting a **Sensory-Friendly Morning** on July 31, 2019, 10:00am–1:00pm. Fairgoers will have the opportunity to ride the rides with no flashing lights or music, visit the Fair's many educational activities, take a break in the OCALI Quiet Room, and explore the many activities in the shade of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Park.  
<https://www.ocali.org/project/OhioStateFairSensory-FriendlyMorning?fbclid=IwAR2Y15788zOqMgGoJnDCEozfSQRNY28YYQr9UbJmh3p4MIC29sppIYWSNSI>
4. **Use of fairgrounds contracts:** 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.

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5. **The Steak and Chop Tent** at the fair has openings for volunteers.  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e044fa4a82aa4fc1-2019>
6. **Jr. Fair related information:** <http://darkecountyjrfair.com/index.html>
7. **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>
8. 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.  
[https://darke.osu.edu/sites/darke/files/imce/Program\\_Pages/4H/%287%29Fundraising%20Form.pdf](https://darke.osu.edu/sites/darke/files/imce/Program_Pages/4H/%287%29Fundraising%20Form.pdf)
9. 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](https://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!