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In case of bad weather: Listen to Canton 1480
AM WHBC for 4-H/Extension cancellations.

4-H Motto: *"To make the best better"*

SAVE ACME receipts for 4-H. Please turn in receipts to the Extension Office thru March 08. You, the volunteers make our Stark County 4-H Youth Program strong! Thanks and keep up your great work!!

13th Annual Stark County 4H Swiss Steak Dinner: Sat., April 19 at Nimishillen Grange, 4:30pm-7pm. Tickets available for purchase. This is the largest fundraiser of the year. Come out and support your Stark County 4-H Program.

2008 4-H Club Enrollment Packets: were sent to organizational advisors. Included in packet will be computer print out of members & advisors, & registration materials. Contact the Extension office if you have not received a packet or if you have questions 330-830-7700 x102 or x115. Deadline to enroll is March 15th annually.

4-H Volunteer Selection & Age Guideline Review: All adults who help with youth two or more times or are ever alone with the club MUST complete the OSUE Volunteer Process, including application, reference checks and official fingerprint background check. **4-H Ages:** youth from ages 5 AND in kindergarten to eight years old may join as Cloverbud members; **4-H Project/Club age:** youth 9 years old (or 8 yrs in 3rd grade) to age 19 (last year of 4-H is the year in which the youth attains the age of 19).

4-H Book Orders: orders must be placed on order form, check payable to OSUE must accompany order. Please allow for 2 weeks for book orders due to limited storage space and reduced budget. Books must be picked up at office. Please call the office before your trip to pick up items. Due to our small staff, office may not be

opened all times due to illness, meetings, etc. Thanks!!

4-H Advisor Registration: Please make sure to list and enroll ALL your 4-H Club Advisors who help with your 4-H Club on your club enrollment advisor list. Remember that any adult who helps consistently, 2-3 times a year, or is ever alone with 4-H youth MUST complete the OSU Volunteer Selection procedure and background check.

4-H Dog Committee: next meeting Tuesday, Feb 5; 7:45 PM Walsh Univ. TNSC Room 014 **Everyone is welcome to share ideas about the dog project?**

4-H Dog Information Meeting-Mon., April 21 at 6:30pm. At Extension Office. **Lucinda Miller**, State Companion Animal 4-H Leader will visit with us and review the Dog Program, state fair, new resource materials and other companion animal questions.

4-H Home Economics Committee: Meeting April 9 6:30pm at North Branch library-25th St.; **Home Economics Workshop Day** -March 1, see flier--pg 3 foods, clothing & cake decorating, **NEW** Cloverbud activities.

Ohio 4-H Volunteer Conference, Sat, March 8, 2008, registration form due by **February 15, 2008 to Extension office.** 30 scholarships available. Location: The Columbus Convention Center.

Ohio 4-H Teen Conference, Sat, February 16, 2008, registration form due to the Extension Office by **Feb 1, 2008.** 30 scholarships available. Contact David for info if interested in either conference at The Columbus Convention Center.

Thanks to The Stark County 4-H Advisory Committee for their annual sponsorship of scholarships for 4-H Teen and Volunteer Conferences!!

Help A Soldier: We have learned how we CAN show our support. See the websites below-thanks to Marlene Grant, 4-H Advisor
<http://www.anysoldier.com/index.cfm>
<http://www.treatanysoldier.com/CarePackages.cfm>

4H Dog Clinic & Fun Show: The Kool Kats 4-H Club will be hosting an educational dog clinic and fun show on Saturday, May 3 in the Art Hall at the fairgrounds. The clinic is tentatively scheduled to begin at 10 am. The fun show will be in the afternoon, following the lunch break. The concession stand will be provided by the Kool Kats. A limited number of fund raising tables will be available to 4-H clubs wishing to sell dog crafts, 4-H related items, etc. To reserve a table or for more information on the clinic/show contact Laura Miller (330) 875-1538 or [Kool-kats4hclub@aol.com](mailto:kools4hclub@aol.com)

4H Horse Committee- This year we are planning at least 2 open shows, possibly a PAS show, and the fair show. Dates will be confirmed very soon. We need volunteers to help with these shows !!! If anyone has a special interest for a horse activity please come to the committee meetings, we always need fresh ideas. Junior and Senior members are still welcome to join the horsebowl teams. We will have hippology, judging, and groom and clean teams forming. There is also horse public speaking. Committee meetings are the 1st Wednesday of the month at the Harmont/Rt 62 McDonalds at 7:30, next meetings are Feb 6 and March 5. Parents and advisors are welcome to attend. Please call Gail Phares - 330-488-1268 or e-mail shiloh@neo.rr.com Dates for the 2007 Summit County PAS State Qualifier will be June 23 & 24 2007 (Sat & Sun). **The Courage to be Humble** "The courage to be human is the courage to be humble. It takes a lot of courage to admit that you aren't always right, that you can't always anticipate every possibility, that you can't envision every future, that you can't solve every problem, that you can't control every variable, that you aren't always congenial, that you make mistakes, and that you are, well, human. It takes courage to admit all these things to others, but it may take even more courage to admit them to yourself. If you can find humility to do that, however, you invite others into a courageous conversation. When you let down your guard and open yourself to others, you invite them to join you in the creation of something that you alone could not create. When you become more modest, and unpretentious, others have the chance themselves to become visible and noticed." (Kouzes & Posner, 2006, p. 156-157) Reference: Kouzes, J.M., & Posner, B.Z., (2006). A leader's legacy. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass.

2008 Stark County Junior Fair Updates

Market Beef Home Visits: Saturday, March 1, 2008. Please make sure your animals are penned up so the committee can check them.

Beef Committee Clinic & Quality Assurance Clinic-- Thurs., Feb. 28, 2008 7pm. At RG Drage

Stark County Junior Fair Theme ideas for 2008 are due to the Junior Fair office by February 29, 2008. You can e-mail your ideas to Pam at starkjrfaircoord@aol.com or send them to PO Box 80279, Canton, OH 44708. Theme will be picked in early March.

DEADLINE FOR JUNIOR FAIR ENTRIES IS JULY 25, 2008. Entries should be mailed to PO Box 80279, Canton, OH 44708 or delivered to the Junior Fair Coordinator's office at the fairgrounds. Please make sure the entries are filled out in blue or black ink! I have received them done in pencil and colored ink, and they do not copy well. That makes a major problem for stall assignments! Thanks!

Changes for 2008:

NO BEDDING WILL BE SUPPLIED FOR THE SHEEP, GOATS, OR HOGS AT THE FAIR THIS YEAR! Everyone will be responsible for their own bedding this year! Make sure you plan on this for the fair.

Stark County Quality Assurance Program for 4-H Clubs: In 2008, there will be 4-H Club Quality Assurance Kits available for required "in-club" Quality Assurance Program. There will NOT be a county wide QA workshop. Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) Guidelines state ALL 4-H Advisors who teach the QA Curriculum MUST be "certified" in teaching the QA program. If you are certified in 2007, you are certified for 3 years. There will be kits available for advisors to use available from 4-H office or Junior Fair office. Please plan to contact other 4-H advisors and plan to hold multi-club QA training. As in the past, youth MUST attend and have proof of participation/name on list of a Quality Assurance Program. All state/BEST Show or other Extension 4-H County sponsored QA programs will be accepted as completion. A signed letter by QA Coordinator MUST be submitted to Pam Baad, Junior Fair Coordinator. 2008 deadline for Quality Assurance Program completion for Stark County Junior Fair participants is June 30, 2008. NO EXCEPTIONS ARE PERMITTED! Questions, suggestions, comments, problems, contact Pam at starkjrfairco-ord@aol.com or (330) 455-7856.

New Junior Fair & 4-H Website will be coming soon.....WATCH FOR INFORMATION!!!

Dairy/Market Goat: A clinic for anyone interested in taking dairy or market goat, is scheduled for Saturday, March 1 at 10:00 am at the fairgrounds. This is an informative clinic for anyone interested in taking a goat project. Topics to be covered will be: selection of your goat, feed, hoof trimming, etc. **The skillathon for Dairy/Market Goats is scheduled for April 26 at 10:00 am at the fairgrounds.**

Poultry: A clinic for poultry project members is scheduled for April 17 at 7:00 pm at the fairgrounds. This will be an information clinic for first and second year project members, but all participants are welcome to attend. **Skillathon for the poultry is scheduled for May 15, at 7:00 pm at the fairgrounds. This is MANDATORY for anyone taking a poultry project. The \$15.00 Broiler project fees are also due at this time.**

TAG-IN: Tag in for hogs, sheep, market goats and dairy feeders is Saturday, June 7. Please make sure you mark your calendars now!

Hogs: Project members in their 1st, 2nd, or 3rd year of a market hog project can tag in 3 (three) hogs this year --BUT-- ONLY ONE can be brought to the fair and one to carcass. The only thing that has changed is the number of hogs that can be tagged in. **Erysipelas vaccinations will NOT be available at tag-in as in the past, erysipelas vaccination IS highly recommended.**

Items needed for the Stark County 4-H Swiss Steak Dinner:

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4-H Day at Cedar Point will be held Friday, June 27th. On this day, 4-H members, volunteers, and friends can visit Cedar Point at a reduced rate. Flyer at: <http://www.ohio4h.org/youth/EventsandOpport/index.html>

Ohio 4-H Website: <http://www.ohio4h.org/> Visit often to keep updated

Ohio 4-H Events & Opportunities Hand book & State 4-H Calendar: <http://www.ohio4h.org/youth/EventsandOpport/index.html>

OSU Animals Science-Livestock-Horse-Companion Animal-Dog links: <http://www.ag.ohio-state.edu/%7E4hansc/>

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**Please contact Phyllis for club registration changes/updates, reserving 4-H Tub of Books, & 4-H Book Orders.

Let's have a GREAT 2008 Stark County 4-H Project year!! Volunteers are the Heart of our 4-H Program- Thank you for all your dedication, leadership and commitment- You are GREATLY appreciated!!

4-H Club/Member/Advisor Registration Deadline:

Stark County– March 15, 2008

Stark County 4-H Swiss Steak Dinner:

Saturday, April 19, 2008

Stark County Junior Fair Entries Due:

July 25, 2008 to Jr Fair Office

Stark County Fair Dates:

August 26– September 1, 2008

Quality Assurance Program Completion deadline:

June 30, 2008

Ohio State Fair:

July 30 - August 10, 2008

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Thank you volunteers!!

You are greatly appreciated!

**“Tell me & I forget; Teach me & I remember;
Involve me & I Learn!” Ben Franklin.**

Happy New Year 2008!

2008 Stark County 4-H Judging Events

Thurs., July 17, 2008: Clothing Project Judging-9:30am The Chapel in Marlboro; Style Revue-July 12 7:30pm at The Chapel in Marlboro

Sat., July 19, 2008: Food/Nutrition-Extravaganza-Cloverbud Sharing-9am-; 4-H Dog Project Judging/Activity -at Fairgrounds Art Hall.

Tues., July 15, 2008 Demonstrations at Extension Office, Richville Drive SE, 9am-noon.

**Thank you Stark County Commissioners for your
continued support!!**

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Check out 4-H Volunteer fact sheets at: <http://ohioline.osu.edu/lines/kids.html#4HS>

Ohio 4-H Clubs Advisor On-line Handbook: <http://advisorshandbook.ohio4h.org/>

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