PAPER CRAFTING AND LED LIGHT WORKSHOP

O.S.U. Extension, Miami County will be offering a series of programs focused on S.T.E.A.M. – science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics. The first Discover 4-H S.T.E.A.M. workshop will be 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. on **Saturday, January 12, 2019**, in the Extension Meeting Room, located on the first floor of the Old Courthouse in Troy. Explore card making, and create an origami LED light project. This program is for children in grades 3-5. The cost is $7 for non 4-H members and $5 for 4-H members. The registration and payment deadline is **January 4**. Register at go.osu.edu/DSCVRprcrft.

JANUARY 4-H VOLUNTEER ORIENTATIONS

We will have 2019 Policy 1.50 Training followed immediately by New 4-H Volunteer Orientation and Cloverbud Volunteer Orientation on **Monday, January 14**, at 6:00 p.m. All sessions will be in the Extension Meeting Room. To sign up, please email Demetria at woods.372@osu.edu.

OHIO STATE FAIR BEEF DEADLINE

The Ohio State Fair requires all market beef entered in the 2019 Ohio State Fair to have individual DNA samples taken from each animal that may potentially be entered. These DNA samples must be in the possession of the Ohio State Fair by **January 15, 2019**. DNA sample collection kits are available in the Extension Office.

Before an Extension Professional can sign the DNA hair sample collection envelope: you must have completely fill out the required information on the envelope, collected the hair sample, sealed the collection envelope, affixed the OSF sticker across the sealed envelope and signed your name across the seal. After an Extension Professional has signed it, please place the collection envelope in a separate envelope and mail it to the Ohio Expo Center and State Fair. (Directions are included in the sample collection kit.) The Extension Office will be closed December 24, 25, and January 1 for the holidays.

THE OHIO 4-H HORSE PROGRAM ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS AND STATE 4-H HORSE ADVISOR VOLUNTEER TRAINING SESSION

Registrations are due **January 15** for the Ohio 4-H Horse Program Achievement Awards and State 4-H Horse Advisor Volunteer Training Session on **Saturday, January 26**. The program will be held at the Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center in Columbus. The cost is $20. Topics will include updates for the 2019 4-H Horse Program and presentations on horse managements. The year-end achievement awards presentation will be held during the advisor training lunch. For further details, and the State 4-H Horse Calendar, visit [https://ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/animal-sciences/horse/horse-calendar-events](https://ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/animal-sciences/horse/horse-calendar-events).

HELP STILL NEEDED TO SORT PLASTIC LIDS

If you are looking for a service project for your school year or would like to contribute service hours to your 2019 4-H project(s) – we have something for you! Join us for the second plastic lid sorting party for the Cusac Memorial Bench. We will meet on **Saturday, January 19, 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.** in the Extension Meeting Room. Sign up for one hour or more. Refreshments will be provided. Please email Demetria at woods.372@osu.edu by Thursday, January 17, if you can attend.
TEEN OPPORTUNITIES

Older Youth Trip Scholarships

State and national trip scholarships are now available! Trip applicants need only submit a “resume” and interview. The resume format and trip descriptions can be found at https://go.osu.edu/MC4Hforms. Resumes are due January 22. Interviews are at 6:30 p.m., Monday, January 28, in the Extension Meeting Room.

Ohio 4-H Achievement Record

The county deadline to submit the Ohio 4-H Achievement Record is Tuesday, January 22, 2019. Submit this form to apply for Ohio State Jr. Fair Board, the National 4-H Dairy Conference, State Achievement Awards, and more. Youth must be at least 14 as of January 1, 2019. Visit https://ohio4h.org/awardsandscholarships for the Achievement Record form and criteria.

Ohio 4-H Scholarships

Ohio 4-H Scholarships are due February 15. For more information visit: https://ohio4h.org/families/just-teens/awards-scholarships/ohio-4-h-scholarships.

CLOVERBUD ADVISORS MEETING

The Miami County 4-H Cloverbud Advisors Meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 31, in the Extension Meeting Room. Please be prepared to share club meeting ideas and brainstorm activities for the year.

REMINDERS FROM THE MIAMI COUNTY FAIR

Market Steer/Market Heifer

Miami County Fair Market Steer/Market Heifer entry forms are available in the Secretary’s Office. The Office is open Wednesday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. The deadline to return the entry forms along with a DNA envelope is Friday, January 4, at 5:00 p.m. The drop box will be checked at 5:00 p.m.

The weigh-in for the Miami County Fair Market Steers and Market Heifers will be on Saturday, January 19, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in the Goat Barn. It is mandatory. Ear tagging will also be done on this date for the rate of gain. If you have any questions, please call the Secretary’s Office at 335-7492.

Swine Committee Meeting

The Miami County Fair Swine Committee will be meeting Monday, January 21, at 7:00 p.m. in the Secretary’s Office at the Miami County Fairgrounds. For questions, please call the Secretary’s Office at 335-7492.

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

4-H Organization Advisors can pick up club enrollment packets and 2019 Family Guides in the Extension Office. 4-H Online Enrollment is now open for returning Miami County 4-H members and volunteers! New members must complete the hard copy enrollment form. For questions, please contact the Extension Office.