



The Scoop



Boone County 4-H Newsletter

A close-up photograph of snow-covered branches. The branches are bare, with a few red, possibly frozen, berries hanging from them. The snow is bright white and appears to be melting slightly on the branches.

Happy January

Wishing you a month filled with fresh starts,
new opportunities, and positive vibes.

Coming Up

January 25th

4-H scholarship Deadline

Turn into the Purdue Extension Office- Boone County

January 28th

New Member Orientation

Boone County 4-H Fairgrounds

5:30 - 6:30 PM

April 25

Beef ID Day

Boone County 4-H Fairgrounds- Cattle Barn

May 7

Feeder Calf ID Day

6:00 - 7:00 PM

Boone County 4-H Fairgrounds- Cattle Barn

July 26th- August 1st

2026 Boone County 4-H Fair

Schedule Here

August 7th-23rd

2026 Indiana State Fair

ENROLL Now!



Youth Enrollment is open!
Target Enrollment date is January 15th

Volunteer Enrollment is open!
Target Enrollment date is January 15th

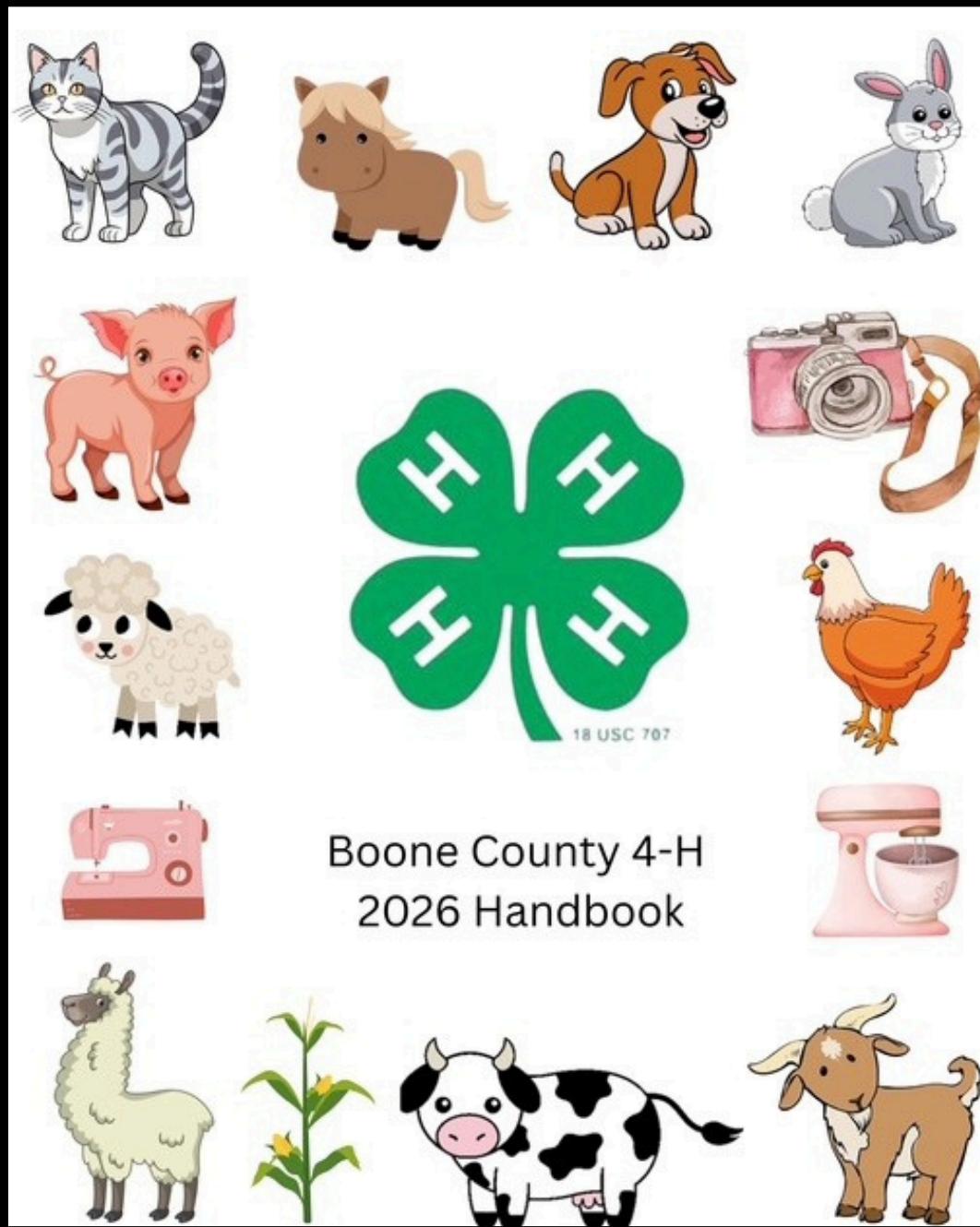
2026 BOONE COUNTY 4-H FAIR SCHEDULE!

Mark your calendars, the 2026 4-H Pre-Fair and Fair Schedule is ready!

2026 4-H Fair Schedule

This schedule ONLY has 4-H events. The Fair Board is working on adding all the other events and will publish those once they are finalized.

The 2026 4-H Handbook is Ready!



Boone County 4-H
2026 Handbook

Click Here to See!



YOU CAN NOW



MAKE YOUR

4-H BOOSTER



DONATION

ONLINE!

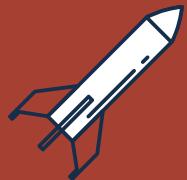
CLICK HERE to make your online donation!



PROJECTS LOOKING FOR LEADERS



Aerospace



Fine Arts



Shooting Sports



Woodworking



Scrapbook



Vet Science



Health

4-H Council

4-H Fair Board



**If you are interested in volunteering, email [Stephanie Gay](mailto:Stephanie.Gay@purdue.edu),
4-H Youth Extension educator at sfoerder@purdue.edu.**

Boone County 4-H 10 Year Members

Please fill out the below survey by **April 1st** to receive recognition at the 2026 Boone County 4-H Fair, social media and other events during our 2026 fair year.

<https://forms.gle/mVpRAvovaBNg1iXk8>

Note- Please upload Senior Picture (no selfies and must be appropriate for public display). This will be used for publicity purposes and in various places throughout the fair and social media.

Please upload a horizontal photo. *If requirements are not met, an additional photo submission will be requested. If unable to submit photo in survey email the photo to
bvickery@purdue.edu

Congratulations, Ella!



“Ella placed Top Ten at the Miss Indiana State Fair Pageant—Boone County’s first time since 2020!

You did an incredible job, and we are so proud of you and your love for Boone County.”

2026 4-H State Robotics Contest!

Boone County 4-H will have a team(s) competing in the 2026 4-H State Robotics Contest on March 14th @ the Indiana State Museum. All 4-H youth grades 3-12 are eligible.

If you are interested in being a part of our Boone County team, please reach out to directly to Mark at mBattisti@QPointRobotic.com or phone at 937-313-3233.

[Click Here for contest information.](#)



*Once we know who is interested, Mark will communicate more information on practice dates/time and other information.

*Participation in the 4-H Robotics project is not required for this opportunity.

Livestock Judging 2026

Learn to evaluate livestock, improve your decision making skills, increase your communication skills, and have a lot of fun!



What Parents Need to Know

First Practice is Tuesday, January 6th from 3:15-5:30 at Webo with a parent information meeting to follow as well as Thursday, January 8th from 3:15-5:30 with a parent information meeting to follow. Later practice times can be available for kids involved with sports on as needed basis. Families can choose which night to attend. Contact us with questions or for more information.

WHAT DO WE DO?

Our livestock judging teams learn to judge cattle, hogs, sheep, and meat goats. We work to learn the parts of the animals, terminology for describing the animals, and presenting oral reasons to justify our placings of the animals.

CONTESTS?

The primary livestock judging season is in the spring with contests from March until the State Contest Saturday May 3rd 2026., with extra contests in October and one in December. Most contests occur on Saturdays. A schedule will be provided the first week of practice. Judging team members are not required to attend all contests.

WHEN IS PRACTICE?

We will practice at Western Boone again this year. We will practice on Tuesdays from 3:15-5:30 and Thursdays from 3:15-5:30. Both nights are not required, but rather are designed to offer different options for families, and for kids at different competitive levels.

COACHES

The teams this year will be coached by Tyler and Mandy Trent as well as FFA advisor Makayla and Todd Smith.

FOR UPDATES AND REMINDERS Follow us on facebook @ Western Boone County Livestock Judging

Contact Us At tmrrent2002@yahoo.com Tyler Trent (765)894-2351 Mandy Trent (765)426-7495

4-H JUNIOR LEADER MEETINGS

2026

January 11th @ 2-4 pm: Ice Skating Call Out
(Carmel Ice Skadium)

January 26th

7-8 pm @ Witham Pavilion

Project Spotlight & Demonstrations:
Leathercraft, Robotics, & MORE

Don't miss the Hot Chocolate refreshments!



February 23rd

7-8 pm @ Farm Bureau Bld. Auditorium

Iron Chef / Foods / Cake Decorating Activities

No meeting the month of March!

April 27th

7-8 pm @ Witham Pavilion

Service Projects: Tie Blankets, Potted Plants, & Goodie Bags for Crown Point



May 11th

Field Trip: Games @ Crown Point

June 22nd

7-8 pm @ Witham Pavilion

Officer Elections and a Leadership Demonstration: State FFA Speaker



July 20th

Set up the Junior Leaders Stand for the fair

7-8 pm @ Jr. Leader Stand

Be sure to catch the Ice Cream refreshments!

Fair Dates: July 26th – August 1st



SAVE THE DATE

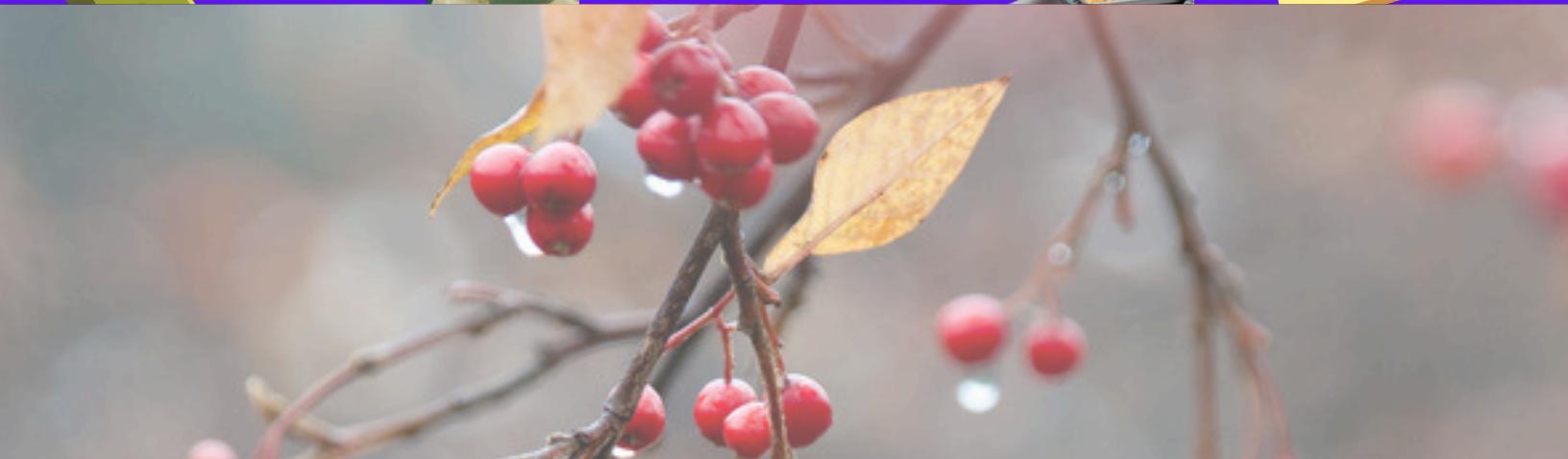
■ CHEF UNIVERSITY SPARK CLUB!

Date: March 31ST & April 2ND | Time: 8:30-1:00pm | Cost: \$40

Location: Boone County 4-H Fairgrounds in the Witham Pavilion

Chef University

3rd - 5th graders are invited to join us in learning about food from around the world while practicing preparing unique food dishes and learning kitchen safety!



ROBOTICS CAMP!

SAVE THE DATE



 **March 30th - April 2nd**

 **12:00 - 3:00 pm each day**

 **3rd - 8th graders**

 **Boone County 4-H Fairgrounds**

\$ 205.00



**Build & program 5-7 real robots!
Take a robot home with you after camp!
More information & sign up coming soon!**





NEW PROJECT ALERT!



2026 new project — the 1/16 Model Tractor Pull!
This project lets youth learn about power, precision,
and competition on a smaller scale.
To sign up for this great project select- 1/16 Model
tractor Pull in the project section!





BOONE COUNTY 4-H IS

HIRING SUMMER ASSISTANT

LATE MAY TO EARLY AUGUST



If you have a passion for 4-H, love planning, organizing and working with others, apply to be our 2026 4-H Summer Assistant!



\$5000 for the summer!



Send your Cover Letter, Resume and References to Stephanie Gay at stephanieg@purdue.edu or turn into the Purdue Extension office- Boone County

[Click Here for Application](#)

MARCIAS RETIRING!

LAST DAY January 30, 2026!

Join the Card Train!!



Help us celebrate 26 amazing
years of Marcia's dedication to
Purdue Extension-Boone
County and 4-H!

Drop off or send a card to
share your thanks, memories,
and best wishes as she heads
into retirement.

Marcia is in the office Tuesday-Thursday, so
plan to stop by then — or mail your card to:
Purdue Extension-Boone County
1300 E. 100 S., Lebanon, IN 46052

Purdue Extension is Hiring Administrative Assistant

Check out the county website below
for more details!



[Administrative Assistant - Job Description](#)

State and National Events!

4-H offers many exciting state-level opportunities, and we strongly encourage eligible members to participate. These events help you make new friends, build leadership skills, and explore potential career paths. Many Boone County 4-H members who have attended in the past highly recommend the experience.

Participating in these opportunities can also increase your chances of earning future scholarships and awards.

Thanks to the generous support of the Boone County 4-H Booster Club, sponsorships are available to help make these trips accessible to any Boone County 4-H member. To be considered, please complete the short application by February 16.

Application

Trips for sponsorships on this form include:

4-H Academy
4-H Round Up

More information about each trip can be found on the application at the link above.



4-H Academy



4-H Round Up

INDIANA 4-H

TEEN LEADERSHIP WEEKEND

Where: Camp Tecumseh
When: March 27-29, 2026
Ages: Grades 7-12

CONFERENCE INFO

The Teen Leadership Weekend is an exciting opportunity for 4-H members to build their leadership skills, connect with peers from across the state, and prepare to make a positive impact in their communities. Held annually, this conference is designed for youth in grades 7-12 who are ready to take their leadership journey to the next level. Participants engage in hands-on workshops, interactive team activities, and inspiring sessions led by experienced mentors and fellow 4-H members. With a focus on personal growth, teamwork, and service, the weekend empowers youth to step into leadership roles, develop practical skills, and create lasting memories!



CONTACT YOUR
LOCAL PURDUE
EXTENSION OFFICE
TO LEARN MORE
AND REGISTER





4-H DAY AT THE STATEHOUSE



7th-12th grade youth are invited to join Indiana 4-H Day At The Statehouse. Youth will tour the building, learn about legislative processes, meet with legislators, and experience Indiana history.



SAVE THE DATE!
FEBRUARY 10TH 2026

**REGISTRATION
INFORMATION COMING
JANUARY 2026**



SPRING 2026 MASTER GARDENER BASIC TRAINING

Applications will be made available on our website December 1, 2025 and accepted through January 14, 2026 or while space is available. Only 30 applicants will be accepted into the Spring Boone County program.

Interested in being notified about the Master Gardener Class?!
Scan the QR code and let us know!



SAVE THE DATES!

FEBRUARY - MAY 2026: Hybrid Class

6:30 PM-8:30 PM

Every Tuesday Required Virtual Class

-AND-

Alternating Thursdays Required In-Person Lab
(2/12, 2/26, 3/12, 3/26, 4/9, 4/23, 5/7, 5/21)

If you are in need of accommodations to attend this program, please contact us at 765-482-0750 and booneces@purdue.edu 2 weeks prior to program.
If you need an interpreter or translator, please contact us at 765-482-0750 and booneces@purdue.edu 2 weeks prior to program.

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