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TO BOONE CO. 4-H



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Welcome to Boone County 4-H

We want to extend a warm welcome to you and congratulate your family for choosing to make 4-H a part of your life. 4-H is a youth development program that is a part of the United States Department of Agriculture and administered in Indiana by the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service. Locally, the Boone County office of the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service and the Boone County 4-H Club, Inc. administers the Boone County 4-H program. Included in this family guide is some information we hope will be helpful and will provide the tools necessary for your family to have a positive start with your 4-H career. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this information after you have read it.



Extension Educator
4-H Youth Development

Office Location & Hours

The 4-H Youth Extension Educator and 4-H Program Assistant manage the county 4-H program on a daily basis. Feel free to use any of the means listed below to contact us with any questions that may arise throughout the year.

The Purdue Extension - Boone County Office is located at the 4-H Fairgrounds in Lebanon. The office is in the east wing of the Boone County Farm Bureau Inc Community Building. Address: 1300 East 100 South, Lebanon IN 46052

Office Hours are:

Monday – Friday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Closed County Government Holidays

Voice mail is available during non-business hours

Visit the Extension Office web site at <http://extension.purdue.edu/boone> for the most up-to-date information about Boone County 4-H.

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Purpose of this Guide

This guide is intended to help families new to Boone County 4-H become familiar with our program. It should serve as a valuable resource for members and parents to better understand the terms, nomenclature, structure, and operations of the 4-H program. While some families new to Boone County 4-H may have transferred from another county, it is important to understand that each county in Indiana has its own way of doing things. Therefore, just because it happened one way in “xyz” county, doesn’t mean it will be the same in Boone County. Please do not hesitate to contact the Extension Office at any time throughout the year.

The Extension Office staff is here to serve your educational needs and wants your family to be successful in our local youth development program.

WHAT IS 4-H?

4-H is an extracurricular, volunteer led, family-oriented program. 4-H includes activities for youth in grades 3 through 12. With Mini 4-H being for youth in grades K, 1 and 2.

Mission

The Indiana 4-H Youth Development mission is to provide real-life educational opportunities that develop young people who will have a positive impact in their communities and the world. 4-H has three main mission areas: Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM); Healthy Living; and Civic Engagement.

Motto

“To make the best better.”

Emblem

The 4-H emblem is the four-leaf clover with the letter “H” on each leaf. The Hs stand for Head, Heart, Hands, and Health.



Colors

The 4-H colors are green and white. Green symbolizes nature’s most common color and represents life, springtime, and youth. White symbolizes purity.

4-H Pledge

I pledge

My **head** to clearer thinking
My **heart** to greater loyalty
My **hands** to larger service, and
My **health** to better living
For my club, my community,
my country, and my world.

Membership

More than 6 million youth are 4-H members throughout the United States. In Indiana, there are more than 250,000 youth who are 4-H members. Boone County has an enrollment of around 1,200 each year.

What Makes 4-H Different?

4-H is unique because it is the only youth organization tied to the research base of our nation’s land-grant university system. This connection allows Purdue Extension Staff and the volunteers they work with to receive training based on the most up-to-date research on youth development theory and practice.¹

In Indiana, 4-H can be found in all 92 counties as delivered through *Purdue Extension*. Purdue Extension is the outreach link between local communities, the land grant universities, and the

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Since 1914, this educational system has assisted in the well-being and productivity of people throughout the United States.

HOW DOES LEARNING HAPPEN IN 4-H?

Since young people learn best when they are actively involved in the learning process, 4-H programs are designed to provide hands-on educational experiences that are reinforced through personal and group reflection and application – “do-reflect-apply.” This research based educational methodology is called “Experiential Learning.”¹
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THE 4-H YEAR

A new 4-H year starts October 1 and concludes in September of every year. In October, Boone County hosts a 4-H Project Fair to educate the public about our 4-H Program. Youth are welcome to enroll at the Project Fair or by visiting in.4honline.com at any time after October 1.

Below are some events that take place in Boone County throughout our 4-H Year:

<p>October</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrollment Begins • 4-H Project Fair • Jr. Leader Kick Off Event 	<p>November</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indiana Youth Leadership Summit • 4-H Accomplishment Trip (7-12) grade 	<p>December</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4-H Scholarship Workshop
<p>January</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 15 –enrollment date • Club Meetings Start 	<p>February</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New 4-H Family Orientation • Trip Applications Due • 4-H members start selling BBQ Tickets. 	<p>March</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4-H Trainings • Beef Tag-in • Project Workshops Begin • 4-H Shooting Sports training for 1st year members
<p>April</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Camp Counselor Boot Camp • Volunteer Week • April 1 – Beef Steer Info Due on 4-HOnline • Mini 4-H Monthly meetings begin • YQCA Training Begins • 4-H BBQ 	<p>May</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 15 – Drop/Add Deadline • May 15 – Livestock Identification Deadline on 4-HOnline • Livestock Tag-in • Camp Counselor Trainings 	<p>June</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4-H Camp (3rd-6th grade) • 4-H Academy (9th-12th grade) • State Jr. Leader Conference • 4-H Round Up (7th-9th grade) • 4-H Chorus/Band
<p>July</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boone County 4-H Fair! • Pre-fair judging • Achievement Awards Program 	<p>August</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indiana State Fair 	<p>September</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation for New 4-H Year • Fall 4-H Trip Applications Due

Several programs are also held monthly throughout the year including Club meetings, Jr. Leader programs, Mini 4-H events, and workshops. Be sure to read your emails for more info!

STAY IN THE KNOW WITH 4-H INFORMATION

Purdue Extension- Boone County Website

The Extension Office maintains a web site at <http://extension.purdue.edu/boone> that is updated continuously. It is a way for the office to be open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. All the forms, applications, news information, record sheets, and county fair information are available on the web site. There are also a number of links that provide educational resources to 4-H members and their families.

Online Calendar of Events

A master calendar of events for Boone County 4-H activities, workshops, and meetings are maintained on the Extension Office web site. Check the online events for the latest information about 4-H workshops and club meetings.

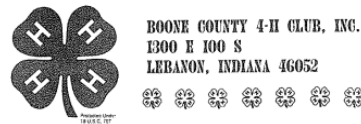
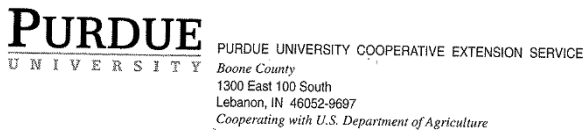
Social Media

Follow the latest news from the Purdue Extension Office all year long on Facebook at “Purdue Extension- Boone County”

The 4-H Fair Board has created a “Boone County 4-H Fair” Facebook page and Twitter account. It is mainly to keep you updated during the 4-H Fair, but there are posts throughout the year reminding you of important deadlines and events.

4-H Mailings/Emails

The Extension Office uses email as our main source of communication with 4-H volunteers and families. This allows the Extension Office to get information out to you in a faster manner. If you do not have email then we will send you the same information via the postal service. There is some information that is sent snail mail to all 4-H families (such as livestock enrollment forms). If you do receive mail through the post office from us it will have one of these return addresses, it is not junk mail and should be opened immediately.



Text Messaging

The Purdue Extension Office will occasionally send out text messages to remind families of major deadlines and/or cancellations of events. To get text messages you must go into your 4HOnline Account and put in your cell phone number, use the drop down menu to select your cell phone provider and check the box in front of the “@” sign.

Weather Cancellations

Often times in the winter and spring the weather creates a travel safety hazard or does not permit an outdoor activity to occur as scheduled. Weather related cancellations will be posted on the online county calendar, sent via text and an email will be sent to 4-H families. Winter weather related cancellations may be submitted to local television. Finally, the best way is to contact the adult leader in charge of the activity. Under no circumstance should a child or family put themselves in harm’s way just to attend a 4-H meeting.

WHO'S WHO IN 4-H

LOCAL LEVEL

4-H Member	Any child currently in grade 3 through grade 12 who has completed the enrollment process for 4-H
Mini 4-H Member	Any child currently in grades K through 2 who has completed the enrollment process for 4-H.
Club Leader	An adult volunteer who is responsible for the organizational aspects of the club. All 4-H volunteers go through a stringent screening process which includes a background check before being allowed to work with 4-H members.
Junior Leader	A 4-H member who is in grade 7 through 12 that has selected to be part of the Jr. Leader project. Jr. Leaders have monthly meetings, perform community service projects, and sponsor various events.
4-H Parents/Guardians	Important to the success of the child in 4-H. Parents are ENCOURAGED to attend club meetings as well as county-wide events with their child.

COUNTY LEVEL

4-H Youth Council	The 4-H Council meets monthly and is the policy-making organization for Boone County 4-H. This group also operates a year-round event complex that benefits all Boone County residents. Membership consists of township representatives, Junior Leader representatives, 4-H leader representatives, community representatives, and at-large positions.
4-H Fair Board	The purpose of the Fair Board is to produce a successful annual 4-H County Fair. They meet monthly and membership consists of 4-H volunteers throughout the county.
Project Advisor/Leader	A volunteer who answers questions a 4-Her may have about a project. This person is often a 4-H parent with special expertise in a particular subject area. Project Advisors/Leaders are expected to hold 3 workshops a year based on their projects.
Extension Educators	They are professionals who help to carry out the 4-H program and serve as a source of research-based information. Our county has one 4-H Educator: Pandora Woodward.

STATE LEVEL

Purdue University	Purdue is a land grant college that has the responsibility for taking education to the people of the state. The 4-H program is part of that directive and has a state 4-H Office located on campus.
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State 4-H Program	The State 4-H Program has the responsibility for 4-H programming at the State Level. The 4-H Program has employees based at Purdue University.
State Specialist	State Specialists have responsibility for the 4-H program on a statewide basis. Each one has a specific part of the total 4-H program. They are based at Purdue University and are under the direction of the State 4-H Program Leader.
Indiana 4-H Foundation	A nonprofit organization that works to provide additional resources for the 4-H program. They sponsor scholarships, funding for county and state programs, finance the State 4-H Leaders recognition, trips for outstanding youth to National 4-H Congress, as well as underwrite the cost of many 4-H trips offered on the state level. Forms for donation are available at the County Extension Office. They also sponsor the 4-H license plate program. Contact the Extension Office for information about license plates for your vehicles.

What is 4-H and the Cooperative Extension Service?

4-H is a non-formal educational program provided by the United States Department of Agriculture and is delivered through its Cooperative Extension Service, (CES). The Cooperative Extension Service is administered in Indiana through its land grant university, Purdue University. CES offers educational programs in the areas of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Consumer and Family Sciences, Leadership and Community Development, and 4-H and Youth Development. In Boone County, Extension Educators receive program direction and support from the Extension Board that is comprised of a cross-section of people throughout the county.

4-H provides youth in grades 3-12 educational programs through their participation in project and club related activities. Boone County 4-H offers programming through 71 different projects and has 17 different 4-H clubs. 4-H project workshops provide members with technical training that each member needs to be successful not only in that discipline, but also with lifelong technical skills. 4-H club work provides members with lifelong leadership and social skills that will be of benefit to every member in career preparation.

Cooperative Extension Service Mission

The mission of the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service is delivering practical, research-based information that transforms lives and livelihoods.

Indiana 4-H Mission

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Equal Opportunity/Equal Access

It is the policy of the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service that all persons have equal opportunity and access to its educational programs, services, activities, and facilities without regard to race, religion, color, sex, age, national origin or ancestry, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, disability or status as a veteran. Purdue University is an Affirmative Action institution. Materials may be available in alternative formats. If you have special needs, please indicate on the registration form, or call us prior to the meeting at: 765-482-0750.

Annual 4-H Enrollment/Re-Enrollment

Members must enroll in 4-H each year. The deadline to enroll in Boone County 4-H is January 15th. 4-H enrollment is open to youth in grades 3-12 for a maximum of 10 consecutive years. Members enrolled in livestock and animal projects must also submit a completed livestock enrollment form designating animals that are eligible to show at the county and state fair. Livestock enrollment forms are due May 15th each year.

4-H RESOURCES

4-H Handbook

This year's 4-H handbook can be found on the Purdue Extension Website, <http://extension.purdue.edu/boone>. The handbook contains all policies, both state and county, relating to the 4-H program. It is important that every 4-H member and parent/guardian read this book. Not only does it have the general requirements for all 4-H exhibits, but it also has the exhibit requirements for each individual project. Judges at the 4-H Fair are provided with these exhibit requirements and critique exhibits based upon these requirements.

4-H Volunteers

4-H leaders, both club and project, can be your greatest resource. Their telephone numbers are listed in your 4-H handbook. It is suggested that in the event that 4-H members are unable to attend a project workshop or 4-H club meeting, they contact their leader to find out what they missed. 4-H leaders should be contacted with questions regarding clarification of exhibit requirements and 4-H activities.

Club Meetings

There are 13 4-H clubs in Boone County, each supervised by adult volunteers. Families can choose which 4-H club they want to belong based upon the activities, requirements, meeting times, and location that best suits their needs. Club membership can cross township, county, or state lines, but being geographically close to meetings makes participation easier. Club leaders supervise the officers who plan and conduct activities at their meeting that are designed to teach leadership, citizenship, and life skills among the members. Clubs also complete at least one community improvement project throughout the year to teach teamwork and the importance of philanthropy. Parents are invited and encouraged to attend club meetings with their child. Clubs are non-gender based.

4-Hers may change membership to another club if they wish. It is important to change your club information on 4-HOnline and notify the leaders of both clubs (the one you are leaving and the one you are joining).

Project Workshops

Each project is led by at least one adult volunteer project leader. Project leaders will offer workshops throughout the year that are designed to teach members technical skills related to that project. Educational activities are designed using the experiential learning model so that as members learn skills in their project, they can take that same information or process and apply it to other areas to further teach life skills through 4-H. Parents are invited and encouraged to attend project workshops with their child.

Attendance at Project Workshops and Club Meetings

While attendance at club meetings and project workshops are not required, we always say that you get out of 4-H what you put in. These opportunities allow youth to develop stronger life skills and keep them up to date on important 4-H information. If for some reason a member is not able to attend a 4-H meeting or workshop, it is important for them to contact their club leader or project leader to find out what they will miss.

Manuals

Every member also receives a manual for almost all project he or she is enrolled. Some projects do not have manuals. Manuals are distributed to members by their club leader and serve as a resource for technical information relating to that particular project. Please note that many of the project manuals have activities to enhance the learning process. Many of the projects require completion of three activities in this project manual in order to be able to exhibit at the 4-H Fair. Requirements with regards to manual activities can be found in the 4-H Handbook.

Record Sheets

A record sheet is designed for each project. Record sheets are a way for members to describe in writing what they learned about that project throughout the year. It also teaches members record keeping skills. In order to complete a project, it is necessary for the member to submit a completed record sheet to their project leader. If for some reason a child is not able to finish their 4-H exhibit to display at the county fair, they can still complete the project by turning in a completed record sheet. Record sheets can be found online at <http://extension.purdue.edu/boone> If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the Extension Office for copies.

FAIR TIME

Exhibit Requirements

Every 4-H project must not only meet the general exhibit requirements, but also its own project exhibit requirements. Again, these requirements can be found in your 4-H Handbook. Some projects require that 3 activities be completed in the project manual and turned in with the member's exhibit before it can be exhibited at the fair. In addition, a project record sheet must accompany every 4-H exhibit. Remember, exhibiting at the 4-H Fair is a privilege of 4-H membership, not a right.

It is critical that 4-H members and their parents/guardians read and follow the exhibit requirements outlined in the 4-H Handbook. Exhibits are judged at the county fair by a judge who grades them based on the requirements outlined in the online 4-H Handbook.

Fair Judging

All projects exhibited at the fair will be judged on its own merits by a judge familiar with 4-H. It is important to read the fair catalogue to find out when exhibits are to be checked-in, judged, and released.

Livestock exhibits are evaluated by the judge and ranked by the judge from most desirable to least desirable, based on the animal's characteristics and ribbons are awarded 1st place through 10th place. Most of the livestock shows will include a class for showmanship and the judge evaluates how well the child is working with his/her animal as well as the showing and grooming techniques being used to exhibit that animal. 4-H members will be presented a separate ribbon for showmanship.

Non-livestock exhibits uses the Danish system of ribbon awards. In this system, the ribbon placings are defined as follows:

Grand Champion.....	Best Overall Award for a particular project.
Reserve Grand Champion.....	Second Best Overall Award for a particular project.
Division Champion.....	Best Overall Award for a particular division of a project.
Division Reserve Champion.....	Second Best Overall Award for a particular division of a project.
Blue Honor.....	Project is eligible to compete for Division Champion.
Blue.....	Exceeds project requirements.
Red.....	Meets average project requirements.
White.....	Below average of the project requirements
Green.....	Participation

All projects are judged in an open format. Open judging allows the judge to talk with the 4-H member about his/her exhibit and how it was prepared for the fair. This allows for an educational atmosphere for both the members and parents.

Completion Requirements

Ideally, every 4-H member will be able to complete an exhibit for every project they are enrolled and prepare an exhibit for each project to display at the 4-H Fair. Realistically, this does not happen for a number of reasons. Maybe the rabbit escaped from its cage and didn't return, or maybe the yeast rolls just wouldn't rise, or maybe a 4-H member just ran out of time and didn't

get their exhibit prepared. Regardless, even though a member may not have been able to exhibit their project at the fair, the member still was able to learn something about that project throughout the year. That is why the only requirements to complete a project is enrollment in the project, completion of a project record sheet, and completion of the project manual activities if required by that project.

4-H ACTIVITIES AND AWARDS

Achievement Program

Each year members are presented with a variety of prestigious awards at the Achievement Program. Local and state awards are presented to members based on their overall accomplishments. This event occurs during the 4-H Fair, usually on the last day of the fair.

4-H Camp

Boone County 4-H participants in a 3-day, 2-night camp with three other counties at Shakamak State Park. There is a fee for camp. Extension Educators, trained adult staff and 4-H camp counselors (4-H members grade 9-12) oversee the camp. Youth, grades 3-6, enjoy three days of hands-on activities, swimming, nature and making new friends. Information on camp will be emailed to eligible members in February/March.

Trips

Boone County 4-H, Indiana 4-H, and the National 4-H offer members a variety of awards, trips, and incentives. A summary of these is on the Purdue Extension-Boone County Website. In addition, businesses and individuals who have contributed to the 4-H Booster Club sponsor these locally. Therefore, it is necessary for members wishing to be selected for these trips and awards to complete an application and submit it to the awards committee. These applications are found on our website: <http://extension.purdue.edu/boone>

SPARK Programs

Short term programs designed to “spark” interest of youth in a specific topic area. These vary in topics and have a minimum of six hours of education throughout a time period. The program ends with a culminating project where youth showcase what they learned. Exhibit at the Fair is not required.

Officers’ Training

This is held for current officers of 4-H Clubs to give them ideas and helpful hints about their jobs and responsibilities. This event is held every other year.

4-H Scholarships

Youth as young as 10th grade can start to apply for Indiana 4-H Scholarships. Boone County also offers a scholarship program for High School Seniors and those post High School who are continuing their education. Applications can be found on the Purdue Extension –Boone County webpage. Most scholarships are due January 25th.

RECORD KEEPING IN 4-H

4-H Project Manuals and Record Sheets

4-H members are expected to keep all manuals and record sheets for the entirety of their 4-H career. While the Extension Office does record all grades and ribbon placings, mistakes do happen. If there is ever a discrepancy between your records and ours, all you have to do is provide the Extension Educator with the original paperwork with the grade on it and the issue can usually be resolved. All manuals and record sheets are returned to Club Leaders at the Project Fair and 4-H members are expected to pick them up from Club Leaders in a timely manner.

4-H Achievement Project

This is a project special to Boone County. It helps 4-H members keep their 4-H records in an orderly fashion while also giving them an opportunity to reflect on what life skills they gained the past year in 4-H as well as create a memory book of sorts. Those youth in grades 9-12 also get a jump-start on 4-H scholarships by completing this project.

My Record of 4-H Achievement

This card provides a means for members to keep track of the projects they were enrolled, exhibit placing, county 4-H activities, and 4-H club activities. It is important that this card be updated each year because when the 4-H member becomes older he or she will be eligible to apply for scholarships, trips, and awards not only in the county, but also those offered on a state and national basis. By keeping this record of achievement card updated it simplifies the completion of these applications later in their 4-H career. Additionally, 4-H members are encouraged to compile an achievement record book with pictures that highlights what they have learned by their participation in 4-H projects and club activities.

Permanent Record Card

The Extension office maintains a Permanent Record Card for every 4-H member in Boone County. This record card contains a listing of every 4-H project that a member has been enrolled, their exhibit placing, their record sheet and manual grades, as well as the trips and awards they have received and participated in. The county Awards Committee and Scholarship Committee utilizes this information when selecting 4-H members for awards and scholarships.

Getting Involved as a 4-H Parent

Booster Club

The Booster Club has been established to provide financial support for the 4-H program in Boone County. This annual fund drive collects money to help offset educational trip expenses for 4-H members to attend statewide science workshops and leadership conferences. Additionally, sponsorship of trophies and banners awarded at the county fair come from the booster club.

4-H Parents Can Help By...

1. Learn about 4-H: what it stands for, how it operates, how it is funded.
2. Advise your child in selecting 4-H projects.
3. Show your interest and enthusiasm for the projects selected. Find out what is suggested for the members to do and learn.
4. See that when a project is started, it is also completed.
5. Encourage your 4-Her when he/she succeeds and provide even more encouragement when he/she fails.
6. Be an example! Help your 4-Her to be a good sport, and appreciate the successes of others.
7. Keep informed about 4-H through information that comes to members of your family. Be a 4-H booster in your community.
8. Make 4-H Club work FAMILY work, but, let the boys and girls do their work and carry their own jobs to completion. Be their guide only.
9. Provide transportation to local meetings and county events in which your child and others of the club are interested. Or, provide refreshments for meetings or special functions. Don't wait to be asked; just volunteer this help!
10. Attend 4-H meetings and other special events.
11. Help your 4-Her find a way to participate in special events that interest him/her such as county contests, camps, Fairs, displays, or shows.
12. Support your local 4-H leaders. Get acquainted with them. Let them know you appreciate their efforts.
13. Offer your services to assist the local leaders. You have knowledge and skills that are needed in 4-H.
14. If the need arises, help find local leaders for your 4-H Club. Several kinds of leaders are needed: organization, project, and activity leaders. Consider helping in one of these ways yourself. Volunteer applications are available in the Extension Office.
15. Remember that the real object of 4-H is to develop your sons and daughters into finer citizens. The way they work on projects, participate in meetings, and conduct themselves at competitive events, etc., will help set work and character standards for the rest of their lives.

Become an Official 4-H Volunteer

The Indiana 4-H Youth Development Program has a variety of involvement opportunities available. We rely heavily on adults who care about the development of youth across the state in order to deliver positive youth development experiences to our youth. All volunteers must pass a background check and participate in training provided by your County 4-H Educator.

Volunteer positions that may be available:

1. Help with a one time event/program (examples: fair, workshops, etc.)
2. Lead a 4-H Club (organize meetings and speakers, provide assistance to youth club leaders)

3. Help with a specific 4-H project or serve as a Project Advisor
4. Help with an afterschool program
5. Help with a short term program (SPARK, Summer programs, etc.)
6. Sit on the 4-H Council and represent your township
7. Volunteer on the Fair Board

The process of becoming a 4-H Volunteer includes the following steps:

1. Complete 4-H Volunteer Application (available online and at Boone County Extension Office).
2. We complete a background check and connect with your references listed on your Volunteer Application. You must have 2 of the 3 references come back positive before being able to move on in the process.
3. After the application is complete, you will sign an Adult Behavioral Expectation Form (ABE).
4. Complete a 4-HOnline Profile and take the Purdue-mandated Youth Safety Training video.
5. Once all of the above steps are complete, you will meet with the 4-H Youth Development Extension Educator to discuss your placement within the 4-H Program.
6. Once placed in a volunteer position, you will annually renew your 4-HOnline profile and complete an ABE on 4-HOnline. Every other year, you will complete the Youth Safety Training video.

Contact the Extension Office to find out more information about volunteer opportunities today!

4-H Terms Used in Boone County

4-H BBQ Our annual 4-H fundraiser that generates funds to help with small facility projects on the fair grounds. 4-H members sell tickets to the dinner and 4-H members, parents and volunteers donate their time to help during the event. A chicken and a pork chop meal is served on a Saturday in April every year.

4-HOnline: A website designed as an enrollment and data management system for 4-H throughout Indiana. Members must enroll in 4-H and pay a \$35 program fee in order to be in 4-H in Boone County. The 4-HOnline website allows youth and parents to sign up for projects, change contact information, and receive access to any information from the Extension Office. 4-H members must enroll on 4-HOnline before the advertised deadline!

4-H Handbook: May be found on the web and it describes all projects, many activities and awards. It contains all the rules for non-livestock projects and should be used as a reference throughout the year. Read EVERYTHING related to your projects so you will not be disappointed on judging day.

Achievement Award Program: A banquet held after fair to celebrate the accomplishments of all of our 4-Hers. It is open to any 4-H families.

Adult Leader: A person who volunteers their time to recruit, plan, organize, counsel, encourage, compliment, redirect, and whatever else it takes to make sure members have a great 4-H experience. These people are not paid, so please be considerate of their time and let them know how much they are appreciated.

Boone County 4-H Booster Club: This is our annual fundraising campaign to raise money to pay for trips, scholarships, fair trophies and banners. Every person who donates is automatically a Booster Club member.

Boone County 4-H Fair: The culmination of the 4-H year! Members display their projects, show livestock, and participate in special events throughout the week.

Community Service Project: Each club is encouraged to complete a service project that helps their community.

Drop/Add Deadline: If you would like to add a project or delete one that you had signed up for by May 15. You may drop/add projects until May 15th. Dropping a project after this date, or not completing the project, will result in lost points on your 4-H record.

E-Mail Blasts: We send out e-mails with important reminders and program information. This is our primary way of communicating with 4-H Families. We will never give out this information to third parties.

Extension Educator: The title given to a professional employed by Purdue University to coordinate the 4-H program on the local level.

Fair Board: The Boone County Fair Board plans and organizes the entire fair such as North Track Events livestock shows

FairEntry: FairEntry is a secondary website to 4-HOnline. This website is used for 4-Hers to specify exactly what projects/livestock they are bringing to fair. This data-tracking system also keeps record of ribbon placements and other awards for the 4-Her.

Fashion Revue: A public fashion show for members in the clothing project who choose to participate. 4-Hers are judged on modeling, style, accessorizing, and fit. Consumer Clothing members **MUST** participate to complete their project.

Indiana 4-H Foundation: A statewide “4-H booster” association that provides funds for trips, scholarships, materials and grants for programs all over the state.

Indiana State Fair: Held in Indianapolis at the State Fairgrounds. Projects eligible for the fair must be checked in ahead of time. Animal projects must be entered by June 1 through the Indiana State Fair website. *The State Fair website is a completely different website than 4-HOnline.*

Junior Leaders: County wide project for members in grades 7 and above focusing on leadership, citizenship and fun.

Life Skill Development: 4-H focus on providing youth with opportunities to build skills that will make them successful adults and our future leaders. Some examples of life skills are: Communication, Compassion, Record Keeping, Organization, Self Responsibility, Time Management, and Team Work.

Livestock Identification: Each livestock project must have their animals identified on 4-HOnline. This is in addition to the regular 4-HOnline sign up for the 4-H member. A premise ID number is required on each animal. Be sure to pay close attention to due dates for Livestock information!

Mini 4-H: A “pre-4-H” program for children in grades K-2 as of January 1 of the fair year. Members take one or two projects, attend workshops, and exhibit at the fair.

Officers: Each club elects their own officers to include President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and possibly others. Members learn to conduct business through active leadership.

Open Judging: A style of judging where the 4-H member can talk directly with the judge while their project is being graded. Parents may attend open judging, but are not allowed to speak to the judge.

Poster Project: Many projects must be completed on a 22” x 28” poster displayed horizontally. They must be covered in heavy plastic (not saran wrap) and have space in the lower right hand corner for an exhibit tag. You can purchase the correct size foam board and plastic sleeves at the Extension Office!

Premise ID: A number given by the Indiana State Board of Animal Health to identify locations where animals are housed. All livestock members will need to submit their premise ID number on the enrollment form. More information is available at www.in.gov/boah.

Program Fee: A \$35 program fee is required of all 4-H members (except Mini). Part of this fee is a state-wide fee (\$15) that provides insurance for youth for 4-H events as well as provides money to the Indiana 4-H program. The remainder of the fee stays in Boone County and helps with the cost of all 4-H manuals 4-H members receive as well as offset the costs of additional 4-H activities throughout the year.

Project Exhibit Tag: A tag generated by FairEntry that is put on the bottom right corner of every 4-H project displayed during the Boone County 4-H Fair. This tag includes information such as your name, club, and a description of your project. It does not include personal identification information such as address or phone number.

Project Fair: An “open house/project fair” is held every year to allow parents and potential 4-H members to experience what 4-H is about. Club and Project leaders are on hand to answer questions regarding 4-H, how to join, etc. You can also sign up for 4-H during the project fair and receive a free 4-H shirt.

Project Manual: Most projects have manuals that provide educational material and/or learning activities for members.

Record Sheet: Most projects have record sheets or activity books that must be turned in at fair judging to exhibit your project and complete.

SPARK Program: A short-term program based on a specific topic designed to “spark” interest of youth. Programs must be a minimum of six hours and include a culminating project at the end of participation. Exhibit at the Fair is not required.

State Fair Livestock Entry: Livestock entries for state fair exhibition are due June 1 on a different website than 4-HOnline! You will need to sign up on the State Fair Website to reserve your spot at the State Fair.

Tag-in/ID Day: Many animals must be identified by a county ear tag and RFID tag. Beef and Dairy Steers are typically tagged-in at the fairgrounds in March. In May, Beef Heifers, Starter Calves, Goats, and Sheep have a tag-in day for animals to receive their necessary tags/scans.

4-H Council: Each township has someone who serves on the 4-H Council. This group meets monthly and is the governing body of 4-H in Boone County. All rules, regulations, policies, and procedures are conducted through the 4-H Council. This entity also maintains the 4-H Fairgrounds.

Web Site: 4-H information is provided on-line at Boone County Extension’s web site. Visit www.extension.purdue.edu/Boone for updated calendars, project information and forms.

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA): A training that must be completed yearly by 4-H members planning to exhibit a livestock animal at the Boone County 4-H Fair (except cats, dogs, horses, llamas/alpacas, and little critters). Trainings are offered both online and in-person.


Boone County 4-H Project Descriptions

<p>Achievement Book This project is an opportunity for you to work on your record keeping skills as well as work on building a 4-H resume that will assist you when preparing 4-H scholarships and awards. 4-H parents whose children have done the Achievement Book as an activity in past years say it is an asset to have and also a great book of 4-H memorabilia.</p>
<p>Aerospace Model Rocketry In this project you will build your own rocket, drone or remote control plane and make it look awesome. Includes a workbook with activities.</p>
<p>Aquatic Science Learn how to keep a beautiful and healthy aquarium. No time for a tank but still love fish? There is a poster category for that.</p>
<p>Beef (also see Feeder Calf) Learn proper nutrition, housing and health care for your cattle & participate in the beef show at the fair.</p>
<p>Bicycle Learn about maintaining your bike plus how to have safe & fun rides. Finish with the Bicycle Rodeo obstacle course to complete. Workbook activities & workshops required.</p>
<p>Cake Decorating Using a foam cake model, learn how to decorate & display cakes like the pros. Techniques advance in the older divisions. Manual created by Wilton.</p>
<p>Cat Learn general care, housing, nutrition, training & health care for your cat then participate in any or all of the fair activities including the Cat Show, Fun Show, Cat Poster Exhibit, Cat Knowledge Contest, or Cage Decorating Contest.</p>
<p>Ceramics-Basic Crafts Made from greenware or clay, see project leader for details.</p>
<p>Child Development Learn age appropriate emotional, physical, intellectual & social development. Show what you learned on a poster or display and complete workbook.</p>
<p>Clowning Develop your clown character and perform your new skills with confidence at club meetings, 4-H events, school or church events. Display a poster or notebook.</p>
<p>Computer Develop the computer skills you will need for work and fun projects then display what you learned on a poster, notebook or project interact for Level 3. Includes workbook.</p>
<p>Consumer Clothing Learn to make the most of your shopping dollars. Manual activities focus on personal grooming, caring for your clothing and accessories and choosing the most flattering styles of clothing for you. Show what you learned in a binder and model your purchase at the 4-H Fashion Revue (mandatory).</p>
<p>Critter Companions All pets not listed in projects. See project leader for details.</p>
<p>Crops Grow hay, corn, wheat or soybeans then display samples at the fair.</p>
<p>Dairy Cow Learn about proper nutrition, housing and health care for your cattle and participate in the beef show at the fair.</p>

Dog Obedience Learn proper training, nutrition, housing and health care for your dog. Participate in agility, rally & showmanship show at the fair. Workshops required.
Electric Learn basic electrical skills by completing learning activities and a project from a kit. Grades 6 and above will advance in skill level and make project of their own design. Poster exhibits also an exhibit option. Workshops by Boone County REMC.
Entomology Study, collect, identify, preserve and display insects.
Feeder Calf Raise a steer born between January and April from bottle feeding to fair.
Fine Arts: Painting & Drawing Using acrylic, oil, watercolor, charcoal, ink, finger-paint, marker, pencil or pastel on canvas, mat-board, masonite, canvas or paper.
Floriculture Grow and care for flowers, herbs and plants in your own garden. Workshops and workbook activities teach flower arrangement, planter arrangement, drying herbs and plants, terrariums, bouquets and more! Includes workbook and activities.
Food Preparation Learn to plan, prepare and serve meals for your family and prepare a food item in the 4-H kitchen for the competition. Includes workbook and activities.
Foods Learn proper and safe food preparation through your workbook activities then compete at the fair with baked or preserved foods.
Forestry Learn to identify different trees and the importance of our forests through your workbook activities. Display what you learned on a poster at the fair.
Garden Learn how to plan, plant, fertilize, harvest and store your fresh vegetables. Display vegetables at the fair. Includes workbook and activities.
Genealogy Find and track the movement of your ancestors through workshops and manual instructions. Can be a family project with help from parents & grandparents.
Geology Learn to collect, identify and display your rock collection through workbook activities and workshops. Exhibit your collection at the fair.
Gift Wrapping Learn all aspects of gift wrapping like a pro from hand-made bows to irregular sized packages. Display a wrapped (empty) box at the fair.
Goat: Dairy Learn about proper nutrition, housing and health care for your goats and participate in the goat show at the fair.
Goat: Meat Learn about proper nutrition, housing and health care for your goats and participate in the goat show at the fair.
Goat: Utility Beyond meat or dairy goats, learn about “working skills” such as cart pulling for goats. Participate in the competition at the fair.

Health Learn about lifestyle choices, basic & advanced first aid, personal hygiene, fitness and planning for emergencies through workbook activities and workshops. Show what you learned on a poster, report or display at the fair.
Home Environment Learn about home design and decor through workshops and workbook activities. Choose to display an organizational item with a notebook, a furniture item with notebook, a design board or a portfolio at the fair. Exhibits are age/ability appropriate.
Horse and Pony Learn about proper training, nutrition, housing and health care for your Horse and participate in the horse show at the fair.
Horseman Without Horses Learn about horses and horse care then display what you learned on a poster. No horse required!
Junior Leadership Develop your leadership skills with other 7-12 graders through community service and fair activities.
Latch Hook-Basic Crafts Make wall hangings, pillows, rugs and more.
Leather Craft-Basic Crafts DVD instruction available, various leather crafting skills.
Llama/Alpaca Learn proper nutrition, housing & health care for your Llama/Alpaca & show animals at the fair. Optional poster, fleece craft and fiber craft competitions.
Microwave Cooking Learn to prepare snacks and full meals in your microwave. Complete workbook activities and display a microwave prepared food item at the fair.
Miscellaneous Crafts-Basic Crafts Any craft not listed
Model Tractor Pulling Exhibit a scale model tractor and participate in the Model Tractor Pull at the fair. Also requires a notebook documenting your project work.
Needlecraft: Embroidery hand embroidery, cutwork, applique, hemstitching, etc.
Needlecraft: Cross stitch Counted thread cross stitch
Needlecraft: Needlepoint Hand needlework on canvas
Needlecraft: Other Needle Craft Must be hand work. Machine needle craft is Misc crafts. Includes quilting, tatting, weaving, punch needlework, crocheting, & knitting.
Outdoor Chef Prepare food on the grill for the judges to sample.
Photography Perfect your skills through your workbook activities then display your photos at the fair. May use digital or film.
Poultry Learn proper nutrition, housing and health care for your poultry & participate in the show at the fair. Chickens, ducks, geese or turkeys.

Rabbit Learn about proper nutrition, housing and health care for your rabbit and participate in the show at the fair.
Robotics Construct, program and control your robot.
Scrapbook Creatively organize & preserve memories. Complete a scrapbook.
Self-Determined Choose any subject that interests you but is not a project such as Legos, Hot Wheels, dioramas, how to write novels, Fashion Design drawings.
Sewing Detailed instruction from basics to advanced with workshops and manuals. Includes both wearable and non-wearable categories. Eligible for Fashion Revue.
Sheep Learn about proper nutrition, housing and health care for your sheep and participate in the sheep show at the fair.
Shooting Sports Youth in grades 4-12 learn all aspects of safe operation & ownership of firearms including .22 rifle and pistol, archery, muzzleloader and shotgun. Range practice/instruction is mandatory.
Small Engines Learn all aspects of small engine operation and maintenance starting with parts and moving on to tune ups, repair and rebuilding.
Swine Learn proper nutrition, housing & health care for your pigs & show at the fair.
Tractor Maintenance Learn safe operation and maintenance of tractors & compete in the tractor driving contest. May also exhibit a notebook or display.
Verbal Communication Learn successful public speaking from preparation to presentation.
Veterinary Science Through workshops and workbook activities, learn about animal health and Veterinary Science as a career.
Wearable Arts: Basic crafts Garments made to emphasize artistic embellishments such as beading or fabric paint. May participate in the Fashion Revue.
Weather and Climate Learn about weather, seasons and climates. Complete your workbook activities and display what you learned on a poster.
Wildlife Through workbook activities and workshops, study wildlife topics then display what you learned on a poster.
Woodworking Develop your woodworking skills through workbook activities and display an item you made at the fair.

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