



# BOONE COUNTY 4-H NEWS

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**December 9**

Beef Weigh-In  
8:00—10:00 am  
Boone County Fairgrounds  
Beef Pen of 3 Barn

**December 25-29**

Extension Office Closed

**January 15**

Extension Office Closed

**January 16**

Leader Training  
6:00—7:30 pm  
Extension Office

**February 1**

Applications for State  
Opportunities due

**March 1**

Applications for Iowa 4-H  
Foundation Scholarships due

## **December 2023 & January 2024**

**A Note from Natalie Hedlund, County 4-H Coordinator:**

**Congrats to all the Award Recipients.** A list of award recipients and donors from Awards Day is on our [4-H Awards & Recognition Website](#). Photos from awards day can be found on our Facebook page—[Boone County 4-H - Iowa](#). Don't forget to send a thank you to the donors! They would love to hear from you!

**Don't forget to enroll in 4-H.** We have a lot of youth that are attending club meetings but have not taken 5 minutes to enroll in 4-H!! This will be the last 4-H newsletter sent to families that have not enrolled in 4-H. The URL for 4honline is <https://v2.4honline.com/> If you would like detailed instructions, check out [this website](#)

Program Development Fee will be \$25/ member this year until December 31st. On January 1st, the Program Development Fee will increase to \$45. The reduced PDF is courtesy of the 4-H Foodstand profits. Financial assistance is available upon completion of an [application](#). January 1st, we will stop sending educational program emails to families that have not re-enrolled yet. That means that you will not receive information about upcoming educational programs, weigh ins, etc.

### **Start a Project—Needs Ideas**

You can get great project information for any project area by going to the [Iowa 4-H Website Project Page](#). Click on the project area you are interested in to find more information on it. This website includes great ideas for project specific civic engagement and leadership activities. Take advantage of these great information tools!

***As always, please let me know if you have any questions regarding 4-H!  
natm@iastate.edu or 515.432.3882 Happy Holidays!!***



**IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY**  
Extension and Outreach

---

## Save the Dates! Boone County Fair Related Dates

February 3rd—Fair Fundraiser  
May 15<sup>th</sup> – Animals need to be identified in 4honline  
June 24th —Communications Day  
July 1<sup>st</sup> – Livestock Entries due in Fair Entry  
July 1st—YQCA Training must be completed  
July 8th— Fashion Day  
July 11<sup>th</sup> – Pre-Fair Clean up  
July 12<sup>th</sup> – County Council Work Day  
July 13<sup>th</sup> – Dog Show (Obedience, Rally and Showmanship)  
July 16th – Static Exhibit judging  
July 17<sup>th</sup> – Animals arrive on the grounds  
July 18—21– Boone County Fair  
July 22nd– Post Fair Clean Up and Pool Party  
August 8-18 – Iowa State Fair

## Home Improvement Workshops

Iowa 4-H is hosting a trio of virtual, statewide 4-H Home Improvement workshops for youth grades 4-12. Youth can sign up for one or multiple workshops in the series. All successfully registered participants will receive a project kit for the workshop thanks to the Iowa 4-H Foundation.

### Workshop Option 1: January 18, 5-6:00 PM on Zoom

Join this 4-H workshop to explore the home improvement project area. Workshop attendees will gather virtually to meet other youth interested in home improvement, learn about furniture design, and learn to create a scale model of a piece of furniture that can be exhibited at a county air event.

### Workshop Option 2: March 28, 5-6:00 PM on Zoom

Join this 4-H workshop to explore the home improvement project area. Workshop attendees will gather virtually to meet other youth interested in home improvement, learn about selecting furniture finishes, and explore different techniques to finishing or refinishing home improvement or woodworking projects. This workshop will help youth gain important knowledge needed for taking their home improvement exhibit to the next level.

### Workshop Option 3: May 2, 5-6:00 PM on Zoom

Join this 4-H workshop to explore the home improvement project area. Workshop attendees will gather virtually to meet other youth interested in home improvement and explore creating floor plans for current space or newly renovated or built space! Learn about elements of a floor plan, creating a space that fits your unique needs, and explore how accessibility plays a role in designing floor plans.

Registration space for each workshop is limited. To register, log into your 4-H Online profile and visit the 4-H Events tab on 4-H Online.

Questions? Please contact the workshop coordinators by emailing Emily Damro at [emilyrs@iastate.edu](mailto:emilyrs@iastate.edu).

---

---

## Beef Weigh in

Are you planning on showing a market steer, market heifer or beef pen of 3 at the 2024 Boone County Fair or Iowa State Fair? If so, *please be aware that these animals **must be weighed-in prior to February 1** at an ISU Extension and Outreach weigh-in event. Additionally, before you can weigh in and identify your animals you **MUST** be an enrolled 4-H member who has completed the online enrollment process in 4-HOnline.* Here are the details for Boone County's weigh-in:

- **When:** Saturday, December 9, 2023 from 8:00 – 10:00 am (all animals must arrive by 10 am)
- **Snow Date:** Saturday, December 16th, 2023
- **Where:** Boone County Fairgrounds Beef Pen of 3 barn
- Please follow the flow of traffic when you arrive
- **Process:**
- An Iowa 4-H Market Beef Verification Form will be provided to all 4-H'ers/FFA members for completion.
- If an animal is to be shown as a **purebred**, we must be provided with a sire name or registration number **AND** the animal's tattoo on this form. If this information is not complete, the animal will be required to show as a crossbred.
- All animals will be weighed and tagged. Weights and tag numbers will be recorded on the *Verification Form*.
- Market 4-H animals that will potentially be attending the Iowa State Fair **must be retinal imaged**. The fee for this process is **\$10/head**. Checks can be made payable to Boone County Extension. Retinal images will be scheduled **AFTER** weigh in, but you are encouraged to pay the fee ahead of time. You will be asked to declare Iowa State Fair animals at weigh in.
- 4-H Families have to enter their own animal ID information into 4honline **by February 1, 2024**. Instructions on how to ID animals in 4honline will be given to all families at weigh in. You will use the information that was recorded on the *Verification Form*.

*If you are unable to attend on the Boone County weigh-In day, please call the Extension Office as soon as possible: 515.432.3882 and talk with Jess or Natalie to make other arrangements.*

**PLEASE NOTE:** All 4-H market beef exhibitors **must be enrolled in 4honline in order to ID an animal**. If you need help completing this process, please contact Natalie Hedlund, 4-H Coordinator, by calling 515.432.3882 or by emailing [natm@iastate.edu](mailto:natm@iastate.edu)

## YQCA—Youth for the Quality Care of Animals Training

**Required Certification:** All 4-H beef, sheep, swine, dairy, goats, rabbits, poultry exhibitors must be Youth for the Quality Care of Animals certified **by July 1st**.

There are two ways to complete the required training:

1. **ONLINE** - The YQCA online training is \$12/person per year and can be completed online at <https://yqcaprogram.org/> Training is based on the exhibitors age, not their grade, with a test at the end that must be passed. After completing training, a certificate of completion will be available for download. These certificates must be emailed, mailed or dropped off to Natalie Hedlund, 4-H Coordinator: [natm@iastate.edu](mailto:natm@iastate.edu) or 1327 SE Marshall St, Boone 50036.
2. **FACE TO FACE** – There are two face to face YQCA trainings scheduled. March 12th or June 3rd from 6:00 – 7:30 pm at the Community Building at the Boone County Fairgrounds. Registration is required to attend. Register online <https://yqcaprogram.org/> and pay the \$3 online before the training. Participants must complete a pre and post test in order to obtain their certificate.

For instructions on how to get registered for a face to face training or to complete the training online, check out this website [https://yqcaprogram.org/local/youth\\_parents.php](https://yqcaprogram.org/local/youth_parents.php)

---

---

## State Recognition

**Who:** High School Students (9th-12th)

**What:** Apply to receive state recognition in any of these areas:

- State Council
- National 4-H Conference
- State Project Awards
- National 4-H Congress
- State 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador
- Iowa 4-H Healthy Living Ambassador
- Iowa 4-H Reporter Program

**How:** Application process is through 4honline, applications are in fillable PDF, one page resume per youth needs to be included and be prepared to interview.

- On-Campus Interviews in Ames, IA on **March 23, 2024** between 9AM and 3PM.
- Virtual interviews will be offered on **March 16, 2024** between 9AM and 3PM and **March 19, 2024** between 4PM and 7PM.

**Application material for all of the following opportunities must be submitted electronically by 11:59 pm on February 1, 2024.**

More information can be found on the [State Recognition website](#) There are help videos and other help documents on the website.

## State 4-H Scholarships

**Who:** Iowa 4-H members are eligible to apply for 4-H scholarships if they meet individual scholarship requirements. 4-H'ers may apply for multiple scholarships but only one will be awarded per academic year.

**What:** The Iowa 4-H Foundation knows it's not easy to finance a college education, and they know that many Iowa 4-H'ers can use help achieving their educational goals. For that reason, they offer **90** scholarships that total more than **\$100,000** in funding! These scholarship are designed to encourage Iowa 4-H members to continue their education beyond high school.

**Find out More and Apply!:** Information and applications for 4-H Scholarships are now available online through the [Iowa 4-H Foundation website](#).

**Due:** Applications must be submitted online no later than 11:59 PM, March 1, 2024 for consideration.

## Dairy Goat Management Seminars

ANR's Dairy Team invites 4-H members to participate in this year's annual Dairy Goat Management Seminar on Friday, December 8, in Kalona, or on Saturday, December 9, in Sioux Center from 9:30-3:15 each day. Youth will learn from dairy veterinarians and industry professionals through hands-on labs and sessions that focus on milk quality and functional type animals. There is no fee to attend the program, but [registration](#) is required online. [Learn more about the seminar online](#). Questions? Send [Dairy Goat Extension](#) an email.

---

---

## Apply to be a Teen Counselor for Tri-County 4-H Camp

Counselors will gain leadership, communication and civic engagement skills by planning and leading theme-based activities and guiding campers August 7-9, 2024. They can also earn Silver Cord or other volunteer community service hours. Applicants must be at least 16 years old by August 6. Counselors are required to participate in training on August 6 beginning 9:00 AM at the Y Camp northwest of Boone. **Complete the Application Form in the Counselor dropdown menu** <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/boone/youth-outreach>. **Application Deadline is February 9, 2024.**

## Apply to be an Adult Volunteer for Tri-County 4-H Camp

Assist in the direction, supervision, organization of campers during activities to create a safe and fun experience for 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade campers. Must be at least 20 years of age. Camp is August 7-9, 2024, at the YMCA Camp northwest of Boone. Teen counselor and adult training is August 6 at the camp. A **Volunteer Description** and **Application Form** are in the **Adult Volunteer dropdown menu** <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/boone/youth-outreach>. **Application Deadline is June 1, 2024.**

## Help Plan Tri-County 4-H Camp

**What:** Help plan the 2024 Tri-County 4-H Camp theme, activities, decorations, campfire meal, and more. Meet the teen counselors.

**Who:** Youth in 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, or 6<sup>th</sup> grades in Boone, Story, and Hardin counties. Invite a friend to join you.

**When:** Monday, February 26, 2024, 6:00-7:30 pm

**Where:** Boone County Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Office

1327 SE Marshall Street in Boone

(South edge of Boone along Hwy 30 between Wal-Mart and Casey's)

Or [Join via ZOOM](#)

RSVP requested to Annette Brown at [annbrown@iastate.edu](mailto:annbrown@iastate.edu) or 515-432-3882 Ext. 6.

## Save the Dates: Tri-County 4-H Camp

**Registration available late March!**

**What:** Three days and two nights of outdoor activities and theme-based fun including team building, climbing wall, archery, creek walk, swimming, canoeing, campfire cooking, new friendships, and lots of fun!

**Who:** All youth completing 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, or 6<sup>th</sup> grades spring 2024 from Boone, Hardin, or Story County. Youth do not need to be 4-H members to participate.

**When:** **August 7 (9:00 AM) - 9, 2024 (8:30 PM)**

**Where:** **Y Camp** northwest of Boone, 1192 166th Drive, Boone, IA 50036



---

## Fair Fundraiser

Save the Date! The 2024 Boone County Fair Fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday February 3rd!

Proceeds generated from the event will help pay for judges, premiums and ribbons for 4-H and FFA events during the Fair as well as our 2024 special fund-a-need project; sealing the roof on the Erb Center.

The Erb Center is used regularly by 4-H Clubs and FFA Chapters. It is used for club meetings, workshops, day camps, and much more throughout the year. During the Boone County Fair, the Erb Center is solely used as the 4-H Foodstand. Proceeds from the 4-H Foodstand go towards funding the 4-H program for the entire year including sending youth on trips, conferences, camps, workshops and much more. The Erb Center was updated in 2016 from the existing foodstand. The entire building was remodeled but one project that there wasn't funds for was sealing the roof. In 2023, the Erb Center roof leaked in the kitchen area. We are currently raising funds to put a sealant on the metal roof. The sealant will seal all fasteners as well as rust-proofing. The sealant has a 30 year life expectancy, and an 18 year waterproof warranty. This will ensure years of keeping the Erb Center in great condition for the use of the 4-H food stand and many other uses. The cost to seal the roof on the Erb Center is over \$15,000. It is our goal to fundraise as much money as possible towards this project and have it completed before the 2024 Fair.

If you want to help make the 2024 Fair fundraiser a success, the fair board is currently seeking donations for the live and silent auction. Donation deadline is January 22nd. Fair Fundraiser tickets will go on sale after the first of the year.





## Dupont Pioneer Club Seeds Grants

Objective of these grants is to stimulate local 4-H clubs in Iowa to plan and carry out community improvement activities by providing "seed money" needed to make the projects successful. Applications are due in County Extension and Outreach Offices by January 16, 2024 and should then be forwarded to the State 4-H Office before or by January 30.

[Dupont Pioneer Grants Website](#)

## Future Ag Leader Scholarships

\$1,500 scholarships are available now through January 12, 2024. Bayer Fund is excited to offer ag students the opportunity to receive a \$1,500 Grow Ag Leaders scholarship. High school seniors through college juniors pursuing any ag-related field of study at a trade school, community college, or four-year college or university can apply now. We encourage anyone who knows a student pursuing higher education in agriculture to share this scholarship opportunity with them today! Students do not need to be FFA members to apply or receive this scholarship. Visit the [Bayer website](#) for more information and official rules.

## CWF: Citizenship Washington Focus

For 7 days, teens from around the nation will gather to have meaningful discussions, hear from prominent speakers, influential leaders, and engaging young people who have created an impact. They will connect with 500 other teens and learn the skills they need to lead their local communities and become change agents to build a brighter future.

Mark your calendars for June 15-22, 2024, to be part of this exciting trip! Registration cost is \$3000 for teens, \$1500 for adult chaperones. Boone County 4-H will help cover a portion of the total cost of the trip. The cost covers lodging, travel, and many meals. Registrations are requested by January 22, 2024. To learn more, visit the [Iowa 4-H CWF webpage](#). Make plans today to strengthen your communication, leadership, and civic engagement skills while exploring our nation's capital city.

## CONTACT US!

### ADDRESS

1327 SE Marshall Street

### PHONE

515.432.3882

### HOURS

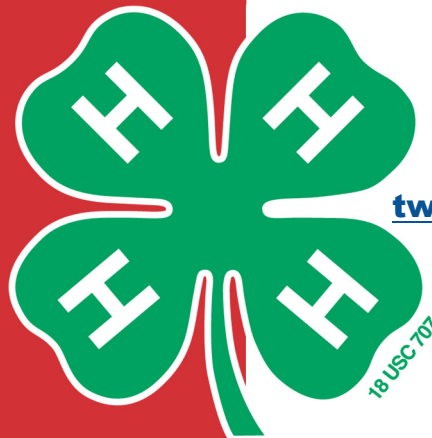
Monday-Friday,  
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### EMAIL

[natm@iastate.edu](mailto:natm@iastate.edu)

### WEBSITE

[extension.iastate.edu/boone](http://extension.iastate.edu/boone)



## CONNECT WITH US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

[facebook.com/  
boonecountyiowa4h/](https://facebook.com/boonecountyiowa4h/)

[twitter.com/isuextboone](https://twitter.com/isuextboone)

This institution is an equal opportunity provider. For the full non-discrimination statement or accommodation inquiries, go to [www.extension.iastate.edu/diversity/ext](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/diversity/ext).