



4-H Youth Committee
Boone, DeKalb, and Ogle 4-H
October 22nd, 2025
Zoom at 7:00pm

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Minutes

Welcome

Introductions

Purpose of this Committee

To be the eyes and ears of 4-H Youth Programming in Boone, DeKalb, and Ogle Counties. To assist our staff with programming needs and connections.

Partnership Intentions for 2025 – 2026

Community Outreach & Representation

Serve as ambassadors for 4-H within the community by promoting awareness of local youth programming. Share feedback from community members, youth, and families to help staff stay informed about local needs and trends.

Program Support & Development

Assist in identifying gaps in current programming and suggest new, relevant topics or activities. Collaborate with staff to co-host or support events, workshops, and learning opportunities for youth.

Networking & Resource Sharing

Leverage personal and professional networks to connect 4-H with potential volunteers, partners, donors, or venues.

Local Needs Assessment

Provide insight on emerging issues or opportunities within Boone, DeKalb, and Ogle Counties that 4-H could address. Help tailor programming to reflect community priorities and youth interests.

Set Next Meeting Date

Adjourn

Thank you for partnering with University of Illinois Extension!



The 4-H Youth Committee for Boone, DeKalb, and Ogle Counties met via Zoom on October 22, 2025, at 7:00 PM. Attendance was limited, with only a small number of committee members present. Those in attendance introduced themselves and shared their connection to 4-H and the community.

The meeting was led by the Unit 4-H Youth Development Educator, Abigail Nelson. Nelson opened the meeting with a welcome, followed by a review of the purpose of the 4-H Youth Committee. The committee's role is to serve as the eyes and ears of 4-H youth programming in Boone, DeKalb, and Ogle Counties and to assist staff by providing feedback, identifying programming needs, and supporting community partnerships.

Partnership intentions for the 2025–2026 year were reviewed at a high level due to the brief nature of the meeting and low attendance. Discussion highlighted the committee's focus on community outreach and representation, program support and development, networking and resource sharing, and providing insight into local needs and emerging issues affecting youth. It was noted that more in-depth discussion on these focus areas would occur at a future meeting with broader participation.

The next meeting of the 4-H Youth Committee was scheduled for Wednesday, February 25, 2026, at 6:30 PM and will be held via Zoom. The meeting adjourned shortly after the agenda items were reviewed.