

August to December 2025

Community Programming

Boone County Extension Florence is OPEN!

We opened our Florence office with great community support, marking an important step forward in connecting residents with free, research-based programs and lifelong learning opportunities.



BOONE COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Upcoming Events

All programs are free unless stated otherwise, registration required. Visit us online for complete details and registration. Follow us on social media @BooneKYExt or visit our website for the latest information about upcoming programs throughout the year.



4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Looking for upcoming programs for your youth? Those enrolled in 4-H receive a monthly newsletter with upcoming programs and club information.

WHAT IS 4-H?

4-H helps kids find their spark, build real world skills and become resilient, adaptable, lifelong learners.

The 4-H Youth Development Program is America's Youth Development organization - empowering nearly 6 million young people with skills for a lifetime.

In Boone County your 4-H enrollment includes: access to various 4-H programs, clubs, monthly 4-H newsletter, free entry into the Boone County Fair, discount for 4-H camp, and the opportunity to sign up for programming across a broad range of interests from livestock to arts to sports to STEM and so much more.

ANNUAL 4-H OPEN HOUSE

*Sunday, September 21
Boone County Extension Enrichment Center, Lower Level*

This event is open to new and returning 4-H members and their families! Learn about the benefits of 4-H, our programs, activities and year-long clubs.

There is a chance to win one of the following:

- 1 week of 4-H camp
- 1 week of Teen Conference
- Cloverbud giftbag

CLOVERBUDS!

*Ages 5 - 8 Years Old
Resident of Boone County or a student attending a Boone County Public School*

Want to get your child kick-started with the benefits of 4-H? They can join 4-H as a Cloverbud and participate in select clubs, programs, and participate in the Boone County Fair with certain classes tailored just for our younger members.

ENROLLMENT IS FREE!

*Ages 9 - 18 as of January 1, 2026
Resident of Boone County or a student attending a Boone County Public School*

Enrollment for 4-H is open year-round but youth must be enrolled prior to joining any 4-H clubs, programs, camp, or entering projects into the Boone County Fair. Every September the 4-H program year begins and youth must re-enroll to stay active. Visit our website at boone.ca.uky.edu to fill out a 2026 4-H Enrollment Form. ****Youth must re-enroll EVERY year to stay active.****

BOONE COUNTY 4-H CLUBS

For a complete list of our clubs and contact information please visit our website at boone.ca.uky.edu

Art & Design
Recreational Sports
Livestock and Horse Clubs*
Food and Cooking Programs
Teen Club
Nature and Small Animal Clubs*
*no animal required options

Interested in being an adult volunteer or club leader? Contact our 4-H agents to learn how you can make a positive impact on our youth today!



ENROLL ONLINE & FIND
A LIST OF 4-H CLUBS

DIGITAL LITERACY

Registration is preferred, visit boone.ca.uky.edu to register. For questions about these programs please contact Rick Sellnow at richard.sellnow@uky.edu

UNDERSTANDING AI

*Tuesday, August 19 | 10 AM - NOON
Boone County Cooperative Extension*

Join us for a discussion on the origins of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and how it has developed up until current times.

CORD-CUTTING BASICS

*Tuesday, October 7 | 10 AM - NOON
Boone County Extension Florence*

Learn the benefits and drawbacks of switching to streaming, what kind of hardware and service strength is required, and what types of services are available.



COMMUNITY ARTS

Registration is required for all programs and opens at 9 AM on the date listed. Ages 18+ unless otherwise specified in the description. Space is limited.

FOUND POETRY

Wednesday, August 6 | 10 AM - NOON
Boone County Extension Florence

Join us to learn creative techniques to make Found Poetry. We will practice making blackout poems from books, magazines and articles, and create a poem in collage. Registration opens July 8 at 9 AM.

ECO-PRINTING

Thursday and Friday, August 14-15
10 AM - NOON
Boone County Extension Environmental & Nature Center

Over two days, we'll learn about natural dyes, prepare our fabric dye bundles for steaming, and spend time in the dye garden (weather permitting). At the end of day two, we'll unveil our wearable works of art. This is a two-part class; you must be able to attend both days. Registration opens July 15 at 9 AM.

TROPICAL FISH MOBILE

Tuesday - Thursday, September 2-4
10 AM - NOON | Boone County Extension
Enrichment Center, Upper Level

In this three-day painting series, we will design, build, and paint tropical fish mobiles. Must be able to attend all three days. Registration opens August 5 at 9 AM.

FRESH INDIGO DYEING

Friday, September 5 | 10 AM - NOON
Boone County Extension Environmental & Nature Center

In this hands-on experience, you'll collect Japanese indigo leaves from the dye garden and create a beautifully dyed silk bandana. Registration opens August 6 at 9 AM.

CHAIR DANCING THROUGH LIFE

Thursdays, October 9, 16, 23, AND 30
10 - 11 AM
Boone County Extension Florence

Join us in this low-impact dance series as we explore types of dance from around the world while seated. Participants should plan to attend all four days. No experience necessary. Registration opens September 9 at 9 AM.

WHISK BROOM

Tuesday, October 14 | 1 - 3 PM
Boone County Extension Florence
Learn the history of whisk brooms as you make your own. Registration opens September 16 at 9 AM.

PLANNER HOURS

Friday, October 17 | 9 AM - NOON
Boone County Cooperative Extension
Planner Hours is a quarterly program where we talk all things planners. This class consists of both discussion and time to work in your planner. In October, we'll look ahead at planning for the upcoming holidays. Some planning and creative materials will be available for use. Registration opens August 19 at 9 AM.

FRIDA KAHLO STRING ART

Tuesday, November 4 | 10 AM - NOON
Boone County Extension Florence
Come learn about the life and work of artist Frida Kahlo and be inspired to create string art in the style of her art. Registration opens October 2 at 9 AM.

HANDMADE GREETING CARDS

Thursday, November 13 | 10 AM - NOON OR 5 - 7 PM
Boone County Extension Florence
Join us as we learn how to create elevated greeting cards. We'll offer inspiration for holiday cards, as well as other year-round celebrations. We'll supply all materials, but you are invited to bring your own additional paper and upcycling materials to personalize. Registration opens October 15 at 9 AM.

SINGING IN THE ROUND

Tuesday, November 18 | 1 - 2:30 PM
Boone County Extension Florence
We will learn about the earliest records of English-language musical compositions and learn to sing in the round. No experience necessary. Registration opens October 16 at 9 AM.

WINTERTIME MUSIC

Tuesday, December 9 | 1 - 2:30 PM
Boone County Extension Florence
Learn about wintertime and holiday season musical traditions and sing songs together as a group. No experience necessary. Registration opens November 6 at 9 AM.

POLYMER CLAY ORNAMENTS

Thursday, December 11 | 10 AM - 1 PM
Boone County Extension Enrichment Center, Upper Level Cooking Lab
Let's use polymer clay to create festive and giftable holiday ornaments! Registration opens November 11 at 9 AM.



FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES

Please visit boone.ca.uky.edu for complete event details, registration, and more great programs!

BEGINNING AND INTERMEDIATE SEWING, STITCHING, QUILTING, AND HANDWORK (ADULTS)

Weekly, generally starting at 9:30 AM, contact our office for complete details

Work on your own projects or one being taught. Get answers to questions you might have.

EXPLORE BELIZE! CULTURE, COFFEE, CHOCOLATE

Tuesday, August 26 | 6 - 9 PM

Boone County Extension Enrichment Center, Lower Level

Learn about Mayan culture, coffee bean production, and chocolate processing in Belize.

BOONE COUNTY WILDCAT WALKERS (ADULTS)

Wednesdays, August 27, September 3, 10, 17, 24, October 8, 15, 22, 29, November 5, 12, and 19 | 10 - 11 AM

Boone County Extension Florence

Get moving together and build healthy habits in this 12-week walking challenge. Outdoor and indoor walking options will be available. Plan to attend all 12 sessions.

INTRO TO PICKLEBALL (ADULTS)

Thursday, September 4 | 1:30 - 3 PM

Boone County Extension Florence

From equipment to rules, we'll "bounce" around the basics of pickleball. Registration required, space limited.

KEYS TO EMBRACING AGING (6 SESSIONS) – (ADULTS)

Mondays, 9/8, 9/22, 10/6, 10/20, 11/3 and 11/17
2 - 3:15 PM

Boone County Extension Florence

From diet to sleep, we'll explore 12 keys aimed at helping you to grow old gracefully and successfully in this interactive program.

BEGINNING SEWING FOR ADULTS

6 - 8 PM | Dates listed below

Boone County Extension Enrichment Center, Upper Level

Tuesday, September 9: Wallet with Cork and Button

Thursday, September 25: Luggage Tag with Button & Acrylic

Tuesday, October 7: Nylon Flag with Machine Applique

Discover the joy of sewing by creating practical projects with guidance from our Master Clothing Volunteers. Supply list will be provided.

FCS ADVICE NIGHT

Wednesday, September 10 | 5 - 6:30 PM

Boone County Extension Florence

Share ideas for family and consumer sciences focused programs and outreach. Light meal provided.

CULTIVATING JOY: TOOLS FOR TOUGH DAYS (ADULTS)

Tuesday, September 16 | 9 AM - NOON

Boone County Extension Florence

Discover ways to help yourself and others navigate life, manage stress and anxiety, and create a plan. Snacks provided. Registration requested.

HOME ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIPS (ADULTS)

Monday, September 22 | 6:30 - 8 PM

Boone County Extension Florence

Energy guru, Jude Canchola, with Owen Electric Cooperative will share tips for improving home energy efficiency.

WOODEN SHOE HOLLOW: EXPLORE CINCY HISTORY

Tuesday, September 23 | 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Boone County Extension Enrichment Center, Upper Level

They came from Westphalia, Germany, over a century ago, but these "Inwanderers" did not go "Over the Rhine." Explore local history with the Cincinnati Museum Center.

FRIDAY FOOD FUN (ADULTS)

Fridays, dates below | 10 AM - NOON

Boone County Extension Enrichment Center, Upper Level

September 26: Sugars: How Sweet they Are

October 24: Foods of Autumn

November 14: Soups and Crackers

ALZHEIMER'S UPDATE: PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Friday, October 10 | 8:30 AM - 3 PM

Boone County Extension Florence

The Greater Cincinnati Alzheimer's Association and partners will share information on biomarker testing and treatments, tips for "the talk" about driving, transferring untitled property, and community care and support. Lunch provided for those registered by October 3, 2025.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT MICROPLASTICS

Thursday, October 23 | 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Boone County Extension Florence

What are microplastics, their cause for concern, and what can be done. Dr. Maia McGuire will lead this virtual webinar and share information about plastic food containers, personal care products, common clothing items, and more.

STITCH BY STITCH: BEGINNING MACHINE QUILTING FOR ADULTS

Dates Below | 6 - 8:30 PM

Boone County Extension Enrichment Center, Upper Level

Thursday, October 23: Mug Rugs

Tuesday, November 11: Two Placemats

Thursday, November 20: Table Runner with Options

In this three-part series, learn the basics of cutting, stitching, and quilting a personal creation with our Master Clothing Volunteers. Supply list provided.

Watch for additional programs this fall for youngsters and their adults, the Clutterbugs United program and a Small Steps Challenge beginning in January 2026. For more information check our website, call our office, or follow us on social media.

AGRICULTURE

Please visit boone.ca.uky.edu for additional programs to be added or follow us on social media @boonekyext to receive programs ads and information.

TRISTATE HOMESTEADING CONFERENCE

Friday and Saturday, November 7 - 8
Boone County Extension Enrichment
Center, Lower Level

Explore a diverse range of homesteading topics. With a focus on hands-on learning and real-world applications, this event is designed to equip you with the tools and knowledge to thrive in your homesteading journey. More details to come, visit www.tristatehomesteadersconference.com

FARM FRENZY

Tuesday and Wednesday, September 30
- October 1 | 5 - 7 PM
Boone County Extension Enrichment
Center, Lower Level

Free and open to the public, join us to learn about agriculture in this educational experience for the whole family. Learn how farmers are responsible for food and fiber production while enjoying live music, animals, hay ride and more!

"Hello, my name is Rusty Wolf, and I am proud to serve as Boone County's new Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent."

I graduated from the University of Kentucky with a Bachelor of Science in Animal Science, minoring in Plant and Soil Sciences. I grew up on a small farm in Campbell County where my family continues to raise Purebred Hereford cattle and grow corn and soybeans.

As a prior 4-H Agent, I'm excited to continue serving this wonderful community in a new role and look forward to supporting and meeting local producers, landowners, and residents through our Extension programming."

-- Rusty Wolf, Agent for
Agriculture and
Natural Resources



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FARMERS MARKET

📍 1961 Burlington Pike
Burlington, KY 41005



Visit our farmers market to find locally grown produce and goods. With more than 30 vendors there is sure to be something for everyone. Vendors do attend the market at their discretion, follow us on Facebook for updates or be sure to come over on a Saturday, our most attended day at the market.

Open Saturday, May 17 through October

7 days a week | 10AM - 5PM

Extended hours: Memorial - Labor Day: 9AM - 5PM

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ARBORETUM

📍 BOONE COUNTY ARBORETUM
9190 Camp Ernst Rd, Union, KY

Find complete details, register for Arboretum programs, and see a complete list of upcoming events at bcarboretum.org/events



Questions about an event at the Arboretum? Call 859.384.4999

HORTICULTURE

Please visit boone.ca.uky.edu for complete event details and registration. For programs offered through the extension office, registration opens at 9 AM, 30 days prior to the program date.

FLORAL ARRANGING FOR BEGINNERS (ADULTS)

Thursday, August 7 | 6 - 7:30 PM
Boone County Extension Environmental & Nature Center

Cut your own flowers and learn the basics of floral arranging in a hands-on class at our Nature Center. Geared towards beginners. Registration required.

PUBLIC DIAGNOSTIC WALK

Tuesday, August 12 | 6 - 7:30 PM
Boone County Arboretum (meet at flagpole)

Join us for a walk around the Boone County Arboretum as we look for plant problems. We will be identifying problems and discussing possible solutions to those problems. **Register with the Boone County Arboretum at bcarboretum.org/events**

VEGETABLE AND CUT FLOWER GARDEN WALK

Thursday, August 14 | 6 - 7 PM
Boone County Extension Environmental & Nature Center

This program will highlight the vegetable and cut flower rows which are cared for by Master Gardener Volunteers at the Nature Center. We will be discussing how to grow various species of plants and potential problems that you may encounter.

FLOWER ARRANGING

Wednesday, August 20 | 2 - 3:30 PM
Boone County Extension Florence

Join us in this hands-on program to explore the possibilities of cut flower arrangement. Ages 18+. Registration opens July 22 at 9 AM.

FALL CONTAINER GARDEN

Wednesday, August 20 | 6 - 7:30 PM
Boone County Extension Florence

Join us for this hands-on class to plant a small fall garden container. Children are welcome with an accompanying adult. Registration required, space limited.

PROPAGATING & ENJOYING CULINARY HERBS THROUGH WINTER

Tuesday, September 9 | 10 - 11:30 AM
Boone County Extension Florence

Learn how to sow herb seeds and take cuttings from outdoor herbs to bring them inside to enjoy through the winter.

SEED SAVING

Tuesday, September 23 | 6 - 7 PM
Boone County Extension Enrichment Center, Upper Level

Are you interested in saving the seeds from your garden for next year? This program will focus on seed saving tips.

NATIVE NUTS (AND FRUITS)

Thursday, September 25 | 6 - 7:30 PM
Boone County Arboretum (Meet at the flagpole)

Are you a native nut? Come and join us as we search the Boone County Arboretum for native nut and fruit trees. Species highlighted include pecan, black walnut, hickories, persimmon, and pawpaw. **Register with the Boone County Arboretum at bcarboretum.org/events**

GROWING GARLIC

Tuesday, October 7 | 6 - 7:30 PM
Boone County Extension Enrichment Center, Upper Level

Are you interested in growing your own garlic? Come and learn the best time (now!) and methods for growing this unique vegetable.

FALL COLOR WALK

Tuesday, October 21 | 1 - 2:30 PM
Boone County Arboretum (meet at the flagpole)

Join us as we walk around the Boone County Arboretum and observe the many fall colors. We will be pointing out some of the species with the best fall color.

Register with the Boone County Arboretum at bcarboretum.org/events

SOIL FERTILITY & SOIL TESTING

Thursday, October 23 | 6 - 7:30 PM
Boone County Extension Enrichment Center, Upper Level

Are you interested in learning about your soil's fertility and how to improve that fertility? We will discuss practical things you can do to benefit the soil and your plants that grow in it!

HOLIDAY HOUSEPLANTS

Tuesday, December 2 | 10 - 11:30 AM
Boone County Extension Florence

Come and learn how to grow some of the houseplants we associate with the holiday season!



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ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

For more great programs, complete event details and registration, please visit our website at boone.ca.uky.edu

HIKE THE TRAILS

Every Wednesday until October 29
10 AM - 2 PM
Boone County Extension Environmental & Nature Center

Explore the natural woods of our Environmental and Nature Center on a self-guided tour highlighting the identification of local spring wildflowers, shrubs and trees. There are 3 trails to choose from. The trails range from experienced to beginner. You must check in and out at the main shelter house. Open to all ages.

GEOLOGY OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY

Friday, August 15 | 2 - 4 PM
Boone County Extension Florence
Learn about the history of Northern Kentucky over the last billion years! From volcanic origins, to epochs as an ocean, and more recent glacial history, we will read the pages of our world's story as it is written in the rocks under our feet. Ages 18+. Registration opens July 16 at 9 AM.

WILDLIFE CRITTERS

Tuesdays, 8/19, 9/23, 11/18, 12/16
5 - 6:30 PM | Location Varies
Come join! Let's learn and explore the great outdoors! We will be mixing it up with some hiking, learning about different animals, and some nature related games/activities. The location will vary but will be sent out beforehand to those who register. Target audience: ages 9-13.

STORYTIME AT THE NATURE CENTER

Tuesday, August 19 | 10 - 11:30 AM
Boone County Extension Environmental & Nature Center
Hop like a frog and wiggle like a worm as we explore the world around us through books and rhymes. After Storytime, what will you discover during an outdoor nature walk? Target audience: preschoolers.
Register with Boone County Library at:
<https://www.bcpl.org/>

BUILD YOUR OWN BIRD FEEDER

Thursday, September 18 | 1 - 3 PM
Boone County Extension Florence
Learn about different types of bird feeders and the birds that use them! During the class you will also get the chance to learn woodworking basics while building your own bird feeder to take home. Space is limited, registration required. Target audience: adults.

BEGINNING MINERALOGY

Friday, September 19 | 2 - 4 PM
Boone County Extension Florence
Have you ever wondered what is in the rocks we see every day? We will interactively explore mineral mysteries by using clues and experimentation to identify various rock types from around the nation. Ages 13+ only. Registration opens August 19 at 9 AM.

CAMPFIRE COOKING

Tuesday, October 7 | 11 AM - 1 PM
Boone County Extension Environmental & Nature Center
Join us for a fun time cooking recipes over a campfire in this hands-on program. Target audience: adults.

GUIDED BIRD HIKE

Saturday, October 25 | 8:30 - 10:30 AM
Boone County Extension Environmental & Nature Center
Grab your binoculars and join us with the NKY Bird Club to hike and scout for migratory birds along the Nature Center trails. You can spend some time in the bird blind watching for visitors at our feeders up close!

KENTUCKY BATS!

Tuesday, October 28 | 2 - 3 PM
Virtual, via Zoom
Celebrate Bat Week by learning all about the bats we have in our area. We will talk about different species, bat houses, and habitat for our local bats.

HONEYSUCKLE REMOVAL: VOLUNTEER DAY AT THE NATURE CENTER

Friday, November 14 | 1 - 3:30 PM
Boone County Extension Environmental & Nature Center
Help us start tackling the honeysuckle bush invading our woodlands! Please register that you plan to attend. Some equipment will be provided but feel free to bring your own.

SHIITAKE HAPPENS

Thursday, November 20 | 1 - 3 PM
Boone County Extension Florence OR
Friday, November 21 | 5:30 - 7:30 PM
Boone County Extension Enrichment Center, Upper Level
Learn how to grow Shiitake mushrooms with live demonstrations and make-and-take Shiitake mushroom logs. Ages 18+. May only register for one class, registration opens October 1 at 9 AM.

REINDEER GAMES AND HOLIDAY CRAFTS

Saturday, December 6
10:30 AM - 12:30 PM | Boone County Extension Enrichment Center
Join us and Boone County Parks to kick off the holiday season! Ages 3-10 can participate in Reindeer games, holiday crafts, decorate cookies and make natural greens centerpieces to take home. Parents must accompany children. **Registration required, register with Boone County Parks at**
www.boonecountyky.org/departments/parks

DECORATING WITH GREENS

Thursday, December 11 | 1 - 3 PM
Boone County Extension Florence
OR Friday, December 12 | 6 - 8 PM
Boone County Extension Enrichment Center, Upper Level
Learn how to use greens from the landscape to create winter decorations for the home. Target audience: adults. May only register for one class. Registration required, opens November 1 at 9 AM.

FESTIVE JOURNEY - A HOLIDAY ADVENTURE

Thursday, December 18
9:30 AM - 4 PM | Boone County Extension Enrichment Center
Join Extension for a fantastic and festive journey! A 5-destination holiday adventure focusing on diverse traditions, with each stop offering a hands-on craft based on that culture's celebration, is a unique way to explore the season. Target audience: adults. Registration required, opens November 1 at 9 AM.

GUIDED HIKES FOR GROUPS AT THE NATURE CENTER ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST. WE ALSO OFFER CUSTOMIZED PROGRAMMING FOR SCOUTS, HOMESCHOOL CO-OPS AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS!

Contact Lacey Kessell at lacey.laudick@uky.edu to reserve a date and time.

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8 AM - 4:30 PM



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ELLIS HOUSE
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BOONE COUNTY EXTENSION ENVIRONMENTAL & NATURE CENTER
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BOONE COUNTY EXTENSION FLORENCE
7111 Dixie Highway, Florence, KY 41042



BOONE COUNTY ARBORETUM
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