

## WINNEBAGO-BOONE FARM BUREAU ANNOUNCES 2026 DAY TRIP LINEUP FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

The Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau is excited to offer members several enjoyable day-trip opportunities in 2026. These trips provide a chance to relax, connect with others, and experience live entertainment and regional attractions — all while leaving the driving to us.

Our first outing of the season will be Thursday, April 9, as we travel to the Fireside Theatre in Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin, for lunch and a production of **“The Addams Family.”** This lively musical comedy celebrates the humor and uniqueness found in every family. The story follows Wednesday Addams, now grown and in love with a young man from a respectable family. After sharing her feelings with her father in confidence, Gomez must keep it a secret from his wife, Morticia, as the Addams family hosts dinner for Wednesday’s boyfriend and his parents. Filled with music, dancing, and a charming love story, the production promises laughter from beginning to end.

The motor coach will depart from the Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau office, 1925 S. Meridian Road in Rockford, at 8:30 a.m., with an additional pickup at the CherryVale Mall overflow parking lot at 8:45 a.m. Estimated return time is 6:30 p.m. at CherryVale Mall and 7:00 p.m. at the Farm Bureau office.

The cost is \$120 for members and \$140 for non-members, which includes transportation, lunch, and performance. Lunch selections include Chicken Alfredo, Shrimp Tempura, Steak Diane, or Vegetarian Manicotti. *Reserve your seat by Friday, March 6, 2026.*

On Wednesday, May 20, join us for a trip to Circa ‘21 Dinner Playhouse in Rock Island to see the beloved

musical **“Fiddler on the Roof.”** Guests will enjoy lunch, dessert, and a powerful story set in the village of Anatevka. The musical follows Tevye, a poor milkman, as he works to maintain family traditions while his daughters embrace new ideas in a changing world. Known for its memorable music and heartfelt storytelling, this classic production continues to resonate with audiences across generations.

The bus will depart from the Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau building at 9:30 a.m. with an estimated return time around 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$115 per member and \$135 per non-member, including transportation, lunch, dessert, and the show. *Reserve your seat by Friday, April 17, 2026.*

Later in the year, members can enjoy the beauty of the Mississippi River during our **“Cruise the Mississippi”** trip on Wednesday, September 16. Participants will travel to Ice Harbor in Dubuque, Iowa, to board the Celebration Belle for a relaxing four-hour river cruise. Guests will celebrate Oktoberfest while enjoying a full hot buffet, live music, and scenic river views.

The bus will depart from the Farm Bureau office in Rockford at 8:00 a.m. The cost is \$100 per member and \$120 per non-member, which includes transportation and cruise experience. *Reserve your seat by Friday, August 14, 2026.*

These trips are a great way to spend time with fellow Farm Bureau members while enjoying memorable entertainment and destinations. Space is limited, so early registration is encouraged.

**For more information or to reserve your seat, contact the Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau office.**

### 2026 ILLINOIS FARM BUREAU® BOARD ACTION PRIORITIES

**Be respected and trusted for our IMPACTFUL ADVOCACY work on agricultural issues.**

- Seek progress on local, state, and federal priorities, including:
  - Estate tax reform
  - Farmland assessment law updates
  - Farm bill completion
  - Year-round E-15
  - Common sense regulatory framework
- Engage members through action requests

**Be the leading source of TRUSTED INFORMATION on farming and food in Illinois.**

- Communicate wins on priority issues and the value of membership.
- Create educational resources and programming on farming and food issues for urban and rural communities alike.

**Offer effective and valued programs and services that provide MEANINGFUL DEVELOPMENT to our members.**

- Foster the next generation of Farm Bureau leaders by finding opportunities for young people to contribute and serve the organization as it moves forward.
- Focus on engaging members throughout their careers.

**Provide the ORGANIZATIONAL STRENGTH to meet our goals and work collaboratively with affiliated companies, commodity groups, and other allied organizations.**

- Bolster relationships with CFB leaders and increase operational understanding.
- Create membership value to engage ag professionals.
- Leverage OMS advisory committee and members to find solutions that strengthens our organization for future success.

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## ANNUAL FUND DRIVE

Grow agriculture education in your community by supporting Agriculture in the Classroom, Scholarship and Internship opportunities.

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## OFFICE HOURS

**Walk-In Service Hours:**  
M-TH 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
FRI 9 a.m. – noon  
*Or by Appointment*  
Member Services (815) 962-0653  
M-F 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The office will be open by phone at 815-962-0653 or email [wfbfbkeeper@winnebago-boonefarmbureau.org](mailto:wfbfbkeeper@winnebago-boonefarmbureau.org). Members can pay membership dues; print new membership cards; and update contact information at [www.myifb.org](http://www.myifb.org).

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