

EXTENSION TRENDS: **LEMHI COUNTY**

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2024 By the Numbers

- **4,269** direct contacts
- **2,768** youth participants
- **316** volunteers
- **1,490** volunteer hours
- **\$13,250** extramural funding

Our Advisory Council

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2024 Impact

UI Extension, Lemhi County has partnered with Fernwaters Charter School to offer a hands-on class twice a week on Mondays and Wednesdays to 6th-8th grades. The school aims to reduce student screen time through online elective courses and to increase life skills. Lessons offered by the UI Extension office focused on STEM, fiber arts and food science. Both UI Extension, Lemhi County educators and the 4-H assistant took turns teaching the lessons. Youth participants completed a 4-H project with a demonstration and record book. They also participated in the My Hometown is Cool national pilot program. During their four-and-a-half-month-long semester, students learned about cooking, sewing, Lego robotics and food preservation.

4-H in Lemhi County

4-H day camps have become very popular and successful in Lemhi County. They provide opportunities for youth to experience 4-H on a smaller scale. Day camps are held one Friday a month, December through July. Topics include candy making, cake decorating, leather crafts, rocketry, art, Legos and gardening. Sewing was so popular that it became a three-day camp, along with cake decorating. All camps had enough interest that morning and afternoon sessions were offered. Two-day camps, cake decorating and leather crafts, were also provided in Leadore. These camps are led by 4-H faculty, staff, leaders and community resources volunteers. There were 172 youth who attended day camp in 2024.

On the Horizon

During the annual advisory meeting, the UI Extension, Lemhi County office was asked to help with the housing crisis in the county. The most direct way the advisory board recommended was to offer educational classes to first-time home buyers. The office hopes to bring together mortgage loan officers, realtors and personal finance experts to help first-time home buyers be educated and prepared for home ownership.