



Lines For Leaders

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Tips for Communication in 4-H

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Communication in 4-H is key to success.

Don't just take my word for it, a multi-state youth retention study of 4-H agrees (Lewis et al., 2022). We hear this all the time from families and volunteers too. It's why we send out this newsletter and the 4-H Weekly Updates. However, it takes more than that to help us all keep up with everything.

Here are some tips to help in the new year.

Read the newsletter and 4-H Weekly Updates.

While already hinted at, we do really recommend it.

Many questions our office is regularly asked are typically answered in these two sources.



- **Read the email/text/agenda/handouts given out by your club.** This is crucial to your success. Club volunteer leaders and club officers are your first source of information, be sure to ask questions too. If you are a club volunteer, make sure this is up to date and has what is needed. Also make sure that it is consistent.
- **Find a 4-H mentor.** Having a 4-H mentor that you can ask questions of helps a lot. Some clubs set this up purposefully, but if yours doesn't, ask someone if you can ask them questions.
- **Ask questions regularly.** Don't be shy. We all want to help new families get the information they need. The best place to start is with your volunteer leader.
- **Start a 4-H calendar.** 4-H has a yearly rhythm to it and a lot of due dates. I highly recommend a written or digital calendar that you can double check during meetings and when looking at communication from the Extension office or your club.
- **Check out classes and field days offered by Extension.** Our office and surrounding counties offer great classes to help you learn more and connect with other folks. This is a great way for you to network and learn more.
- **Check out the 4-H Family Handbook.** There is a lot of good information on 4-H contained in its pages. It is available in English and Spanish.

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Please remember that we are here to help. We want you to be successful!

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4-H Event Calendar

November

- 1 Club Financial Summaries & Audit Due
- 9 4-H STEP Project—Air Rifle Begins
- 9 Canyon County 4-H Leaders' Meeting - 7pm - [Meeting ID: 872 6368 2297](#)
- 14 Southern District 4-H Horse Leaders' Meeting - 7pm - [Meeting ID: 840 8557 2134](#)
- 23-24 Closed—Thanksgiving

December

- 25-26 Closed—Christmas

January

- 1 Closed—New Years
- 15 Closed—Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 16 Canyon County Market Livestock Sale Committee Meeting - 7pm - [Meeting ID: 886 7909 9990](#)
- 22 Canyon County 4-H Horse Leaders' Meeting - 7pm - [Meeting ID: 830 3036 7652](#)
- 30 Know Your Government Orientation - 3pm - Canyon County Extension Office

4-H Project Requirement Changes

The Idaho 4-H Project Requirements Handbook has changed. As mentioned in the handbook the major changes have occurred specifically in the LEGO Robotics Lv 1 & 2 projects. More information on that can be found on page 3 of the handbook. The current project requirements handbook can be found on the State 4-H page, under Documents & Records in Project Documents or by clicking [here](#).

Please familiarize yourself with the current requirements for all your projects! We are happy to help with any questions.

**There will be NO December newsletter.
Watch your Friday emails for updated information until January.**



Important Dates to Remember



November

1 Club Financial Summaries & Audits Due
 10 Closed—Observed Veteran's Day
 23-24 Closed—Thanksgiving

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15 4-H College Scholarships Due
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ZSuite Enrollment

As of October 1, all 4-H enrollment have been made inactive. Zsutes is open for Members and volunteers to begin re-enrolling at 4h.zsuite.org.

Once a member has completed the online enrolled AND pay their member fees (\$25/member or \$32/horse member), they will be made active. Remember to select **ALL PROJECTS** you will be participating in when enrolling.



Volunteers are required to complete “University of Idaho Protecting Minors” and their public records review with Sterling Volunteers every 3 years. If you are unsure when those expire, feel free to reach out to the Canyon County Extension Office at 208-459-6003.

Step by step instructional assistance for families and volunteers is available online. Assistance can be found [HERE](#), by reaching out to the ZSuite chat or by calling Canyon County Extension.

Do You Have Questions Enrolling in ZSuite?

Check out the Enrollment Tip Sheets—Volunteer and Member on Canyon County Extension office! This can be found by clicking [here](#) or by going to our Canyon County 4-H page on the UIdaho website.

Market Livestock Sale Checks

Checks from the Canyon County Market Livestock Sale will be mailed, starting late September to early October, to individual youth members who's buyer's have paid in full to the address members listed on their fair entry. If your address has changed please contact the Canyon County Extension Office ASAP.

Please remember to send your thank you cards promptly to your buyer and/or supporters.



4-H College Scholarship Applications Now OPEN

Due **December 15**

4-H College Scholarships are available for 4-H members who plan to attend post-secondary institutions in **Idaho**. Please review the information on the scholarships available and how to apply by visiting the [4-H Scholarship page](#).

Applications are due by **December 15, 2023** so plan ahead and apply early. Please review the [How to Apply document](#) on the scholarship page to assist you with the process.

If you have any questions about the process, please feel free to contact the State 4-H Office at 208-885-6321 or fourh@uidaho.edu.

REMINDER: High School Senior's **FAFSA application for college opened October 1st**. Be sure to get it completed and turned in as soon as possible many schools use that information for awarding scholarships in early January. Contact your local high school counselor for more information.



Save the Dates

Mark your calendars for upcoming 2023/2024 4-H annual events.

- Nov 24-28, 2023 – [National 4-H Congress](#) (Atlanta, Georgia) - National 4-H Congress recognizes and promotes excellence in 4-H, held in Atlanta, Georgia each November. Those attending enjoy workshops, cultural events, community service projects and sightseeing.
- Feb 17-29, 2024 – [Know Your Government Conference](#) (Boise, Idaho) - The Know Your Government (KYG) program missions—Empowering youth to be well-informed citizens who are actively engaged in their communities and the world. Registration will open in DECEMBER 5th in Zsuite. Youth must be active on Zsuite to register.
- April 19-24, 2024 – [National 4-H Conference](#) (Washington DC) - Delegates meet in consulting groups with federal officials and the National 4-H Council. The groups discuss plans for 4-H and the Cooperative Extension System. Their recommendations go to all the states, national leaders

and others involved in determining 4-H programs.

- June 24-27, 2024 – [Idaho 4-H State Teen Assoc. Convention](#) (Moscow, Idaho) - This is an opportunity for youth to experience college life, explore career opportunities and prepare for a lifetime of success with other Idaho teens.
- Sept 29-Oct 3, 2024 – [National Dairy Conference](#) (Madison, Wisconsin) - This is a great opportunity to share your enthusiasm for the dairy industry with youth from all over the United States and Canada.



More information can be found on the State 4-H Website [HERE](#).

Reach out to Mike Knutz (mknutz@uidaho.edu) or Teresa Tverdy (ttverdy@uidaho.edu) for more information.

4-H Adventure Camp Counselor Applications are now OPEN!

Deadline to apply is December 1st. Any questions, reach out to Andrew at abingham@uidaho.edu



The poster features the University of Idaho Extension logo and a 4-H emblem at the top. A large brown sign in the center reads "4-H ADVENTURE CAMP COUNSELOR APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN!". Below the sign, text asks if the applicant enjoys helping younger kids and is between ages 13-18. An illustration shows two campers with backpacks and a log cabin. A QR code is provided for application. A URL is listed: <https://form.jotform.com/232965774126061>. A small disclaimer at the bottom states the university's policy on equal opportunity.

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4-H ADVENTURE CAMP COUNSELOR APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN!

DO YOU ENJOY HELPING YOUNGER KIDS CREATE FUN AND MEANINGFUL SUMMER MEMORIES? ARE YOU BETWEEN THE AGES OF 13-18? APPLY TO BECOME A 4-H ADVENTURE CAMP COUNSELOR!

Youth must be enrolled 4-H members to be camp counselors. As a counselor in training (CIT) applicants are subject to an interview prior to being accepted into the program. Admission into the program is not guaranteed for anyone. Scan the QR code or go to <https://form.jotform.com/232965774126061> to apply.

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2024 National 4-H Conference Information Session



Join USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture for an Information Session about the 2024 National 4-H Conference, which will be held November 16th, 2023, 4:00 pm EST. Click [here](#) for information and to register.

Any questions? Contact national4-hconference@usda.gov.

Know Your Government Project Dates

Open to all Southern District 4-H youth. These meetings will be held at the Ada County Extension office. Meetings are optional but a great chance to complete the project before the conference. Conference will be in Boise, President's Day weekend, Feb. 17-29, 2024.

Time: 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Meeting dates: Oct. 24; Nov 7, 14, 28; Dec 5, 12, 19; Jan 9, 16, 30; Feb 6, 13

Click [here](#) for more information. Any questions, please reach out to Danece at 208-800-2931 or email mrs.danece@gmail.com.



Ignite by 4 H Early Bird Registration Open NOW

Sign up for another year of Ignite in Washington, D.C., from March 13–17, 2024! Teens will be able to explore and learn across the three pillars of Healthy Living, Agriscience and STEM. Through workshops, speakers, hands on activities, and connections, teens will continue to find their spark to impact their communities.



Early Bird Rate: \$1,150 per person for double occupancy (youth or adult) until November 9th at 12:00 PM ET. Click [here](#) to register now.



Upcoming Shooting Sports Trainings

Take a look at the following Volunteer Level 1 Shooting Sports Trainings coming up. Butte County will host a Pistol/Handgun and Rifle trainings. Call or email Butte County Extension office to register:

Phone: 208-527-8587 - Email: butte@uidaho.edu

Pistol/Handgun

Rifle

Location: Classroom—Butte County Business Center. 205 W. Grand Avenue, Arco ID 83213.
Range: Arco Community Center 132 W Grand Avenue, Arco ID 83213

Fee: \$75/participant

Deadline: Friday, November 17th at 5pm. All forms must be completed and fees paid in order to be fully registered.

Date: Saturday, December 2, 8:00am—5:30pm

Location: Classroom—Butte County Business Center. 205 W. Grand Avenue, Arco ID 83213.
Range: Arco Community Center 132 W Grand Avenue, Arco ID 83213

Fee: \$75/participant

Deadline: Friday, November 24th at 5pm. All forms must be completed and fees paid in order to be fully registered.

Date: Saturday, December 9, 8:00am—5:30pm

Volunteer Recognition Night

Thank you to our amazing MC's, Murphy C. and Laura W.

They did an incredible job representing our 4-H youth and presenting the awards.



Outstanding Camp Counselor:
Riley Allen



Friend of 4-H Award:
Paul Adams



Distinguished Service Award:
Denece Whitley



Outstanding Volunteer:
Miriam Haylett



District 11 Representative Julie Yamamoto



District 13 Representative Kenny Wroten

THANK YOU to our **District 13 Representative Kenny Wroten** and **District 11 Representative Julie Yamamoto** for their service and dedication to the Canyon County 4-H program.



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uidaho.edu/extension/4h/documents-records



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