



Lines For Leaders

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Selecting a 4-H Project

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Whether this is your first year in 4-H or not, the start of the new 4-H year is an opportunity to try something new or expand on interests that you already have. With around 160 4-H projects in Idaho, there are lots to choose from! So how do you choose?



Pro-Tip #1: Decide how many projects you can reasonably complete in a year. It can be hard to choose just a few projects, but we recommend no more than 2 projects for a 1st year 4-H member. For returning 4-H members, think through all of your extra-curricular, school, and other obligations to assess how much time you have. Don't forget to give yourself enough time to complete an oral presentation, record book, and public exhibit per project.

Pro-Tip #2: When narrowing down your list, stop and think about what really gets you excited to learn. Was there an interesting disease that you heard about in your swine project last year and now you want to try Veterinary Science? Have you been inspired to draw more and want to try an art project? Are fall holidays making you wish you could sew your own costume? Did you dabble in archery during a day camp and now want to dive in? Listen to your gut when you are selecting projects. If you are really interested in learning a topic, take it as a project.

Not sure if it is a project? Check out the Project Requirement Handbook at: <https://www.uidaho.edu/extension/4h/projects>.

Pro-Tip #3: Chat with your 4-H leader. Now is a great time to check in with your 4-H leader about trying a new project. Make sure that it is something your club can support or see if there is an upcoming STEP (Short-Term Enrollment Project) or another club you can take the project with. There are lots of ways to make a new project work, but you have to talk to your leader about what you want to learn. Also, everything will go much smoother during your year if you talk it through before just diving in.

Pro-Tip #4: Start a new project with the right attitude and goal to learn in mind. The main goal of any project is to learn more about the subject. Don't get caught up in worrying about how you will do at fair or in any other competition. If you do your best and learn something new, you really are doing great in a new project. If you have questions about projects, don't hesitate to contact the Extension Office. We are happy to help you. If you stop by the office, you can take a look at the wide array of curriculum we have in our curriculum cabinets before you decide.

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4-H Event Calendar

October

- 1 Start of the 2023/2024 4-H Year!
- 1 4-H Enrollment Opens at 4h.zsuite.org
- 1-7 National 4-H Week—#opportunity4all
- 5 Canyon County 4-H Volunteer Recognition Night—Bowmont Church Community Center
- 9 Closed—Columbus Day
- 16 4-H STEP Project—Archery Begins
- 17 4-H STEP Project—Quilting Begins
- 17 Canyon County Market Livestock Sale Committee Meeting - 7pm—[Meeting ID: 899 5183 2753](#)
- 23 Canyon County 4-H Horse Leaders’ Meeting - 7pm—[Meeting ID: 868 6803 8680](#)

November

- 9 4-H STEP Project—Air Rifle Begins
- 10 Closed—Observed Veteran's Day
- 23-24 Closed—Thanksgiving

Needs for the 2022/2023 4-H Year

As a result of Canyon County 4-H being such a positive influence on youth, each year we have a growing list of youth that are interested in joining 4-H. At this time there are over 100 new youth interested in joining Canyon County 4-H. This list is growing daily. We like to place youth with clubs that are close to their homes and that have similar interests.

Some of the common recurring interest’ for this upcoming 4-H year are: beef, dairy goat, pygmy goat, meat goat, shooting sports, horse, foods, leather craft, sewing, and Clovebuds.

If you would like information on starting a new club, or becoming a certified 4-H volunteer, please call the Canyon County Extension Office at 208-459-6003.

All clubs will be sent a annual update form. Please let us know if your established club can accept new members.

Thank You Indian Creek Festival Volunteers



Thank you to the following volunteers that were able to help lead the kids 4-H activities during Indian Creek Festival. We couldn’t have done it without you!

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| Vicky S. | Riley A. | Dylan F. | McKinsey S. | Riley A. |
| Gracie M. | Laura W. | Chloe L. | Riley A. | |



Important Dates to Remember



October

- 5 Canyon County 4-H Volunteer Recognition Night
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November

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2023 4-H Volunteer Recognition Night



A HUGE thank you to everyone who attended the 4-H Volunteer Recognition Night!

We could not have done it without our incredible volunteers and members.

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.



Canyon County 4-H Cattle Nutrition Educational Session

Saturday, October 28th, 10am—12pm

Parents, 4-H Youth and 4-H Leaders! Please join us in this educational session hosted by our Livestock and Small Acreage Educator, Cheyanne Myers.

Register for this *free* session by calling the Canyon County Extension office at 208-459-6003 or email cheyanne@uidaho.edu.

Club Financial Summaries & Audits



At the conclusion of each 4-H year, all 4-H clubs and entities are required to submit a financial summary and financial audit to the Extension Office. These are *due by November 1*. Please read and follow the audit guidelines carefully. Clubs may lose their 4-H status if they fail to submit these forms in a timely manner.

As a reminder, members will not be able to order project materials or re-enroll until their club's financial summary and audit are turned in to the Extension Office. You can find this report on the State 4-H website under club documents or click the link: [State 4-H Website](#).

ZSuite Enrollment

As of October 1, all 4-H enrollment will be rolled over to an inactive status. Zsuites is open for Members and volunteers to begin re-enrolling at 4h.zsuite.org.

Once a member has completed the online enrolled AND paid 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.

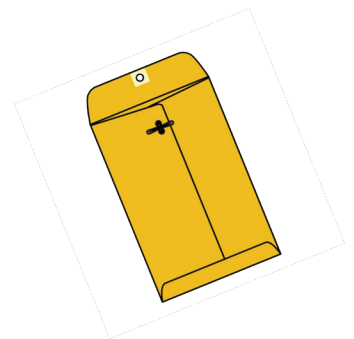
Step by step instructional assistance for families and volunteers is available online. Assistance can be found [HERE](#), by reaching out to the ZSuite chat or by calling Canyon County Extension.



Club Fair Packets

Club Fair Packets are ready for pick up at the Canyon County Extension Office. You will need to fill out the Club Update Form prior to receiving your Club's packet.

Packets contain member/leader seals and certificates, interview evaluation forms & ribbons that may have been missed during fair.





Western Idaho Fair

4-H Livestock Judging Contest

Congratulations to Theo B. from Busy Bugs for also receiving a blue ribbon and placing 1st in Junior division at the Western Idaho Fair 4-H Livestock Judging Contest!



Grand Champion Small Animal Super Round Robin

Skylar S.



Reserve Grand Champion Large Animal Super Round Robin

Camrin G.



Ranchers and Riders 4-H Club

1st place in the 4-H BLM Wild Horse In-hand Trail Challenge

2023 Canyon County Fair Beef Carcass Contest Results



Winner Tatym M. with her buckle

- 1—Tatym M.—Red Top Wranglers
- 2— Chase C.—Saddle Tramps
- 3—Nathan M.—Notus FFA
- 4—Rena S. Cowpokes
- 5—Layney M.—Critters of Gold
- 6—Paisley M.—Critters of Gold
- 7—Karlie S.—Notus FFA
- 8—Shelvy W.—Vallivue 4-H
- 9—Maria W.— Notus FFA
- 10—Kort S.—Notus FFA

There were 50 beef sold at the 2023 Canyon County Market Sale. These youth had the top graded carcasses.

Congratulations! Carcass checks were sent the last week of September.

State Shooting Sports Hunting Contest

Saturday, November 4th

Jerome County Fairgrounds, Jerome, ID—Check in at 8:30 am and will conclude at 2:00 pm.

Come join the State Shooting Sports Hunting contest. The contest will include the Hunter Decision Making, Hunter Skills and Wildlife Identification/Management discipline events. Participants are responsible for bringing all their required Archery equipment to this contest.

This is a great opportunity to compete, as the top five eligible Senior division contestants may advance at the 2024 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships in Grand Island, Nebraska.

Click [here](#) for more information.

Click [here](#) to fill out the registration form. Completed forms and registration fee needs to be mailed to Jerome Extension office no later than **October 27th**. Any postmarked after that date will *not* be accepted.

Any questions, please contact Tina Miller at 208-734-9590 (office) 208-358-8417 (cell) or via email at tdickard@uidaho.edu.

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.



For more information, register for **The Ignite by 4-H Information Webinar** occurring Tuesday, October 17th, 10:00am MST. You'll learn more about the exciting additions and changes taking place for Ignite by 4-H 2024. A Q&A session will take place at the event. Click [here](#) to register for the information webinar.

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.

4-H STEP Projects—Short Term Enrollment

Canyon County 4-H is happy to present our fall 4-H STEP Projects for Fall 2023. All youth are welcomed. You must pay the 4-H annual enrollment fee of \$25 as well as the project fee (listed below).

Registration is limited! Save your spot now!

Call the Canyon County Extension office at 208-459-6003 to register.

You Can Quilt!

Participants will learn the basics of quilting, the tools needed, use a rotary cutter, how to piece fabric, and complete a small size quilt.

Ages: 9-18 (sewing experience helpful)

Project Cost: \$15 per participant plus fabric and supply expenses (to be determined later)

Dates: first 3 meetings dates are Oct. 17, Oct. 24 and Nov. 7.

Additional meetings will be scheduled and will continue upon completion of quilt.

Time: 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Place: Bowmont Church of the Brethren (S. Nampa) 7263 3rd Ave, Nampa.

Archery!

Hone your archery skills and ability as you learn about proper archery safety and techniques from certified 4-H Shooting Sports volunteers. All equipment provided.

Ages: 9-18

Project Cost: \$48 per participant

Dates: Mondays starting Oct. 16, Oct. 23, Oct. 30, Nov. 6, Nov. 13, Nov. 20

Time: 6:30-8:30 pm

Place: Endless Archery 805 Park Centre Way, Nampa

Air Rifle!

Learn about proper firearm safety, handling, competition positions and more from certified 4-H Shooting Sports volunteers. Shooters who complete the STEP will have option to continue as part of the ongoing Treasure Valley 4-H Rifle Program.

Ages: Youth 12 years +

Project Cost: \$60 per participant

Dates: Thursdays starting Nov. 9, Nov. 16, (skip Nov.23), Nov. 30, Dec. 7, Dec. 14, Dec. 21.

Time: 6:00pm - 8:30 pm

Place: Fish and Game's Nampa Indoor Shooting Range (222 E Railroad, Nampa)



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Idaho 4-H Policies and Procedures are available on the State 4-H website:
uidaho.edu/extension/4h/documents-records



Idaho4hroundup.com

Idaho 4-H Round Up Podcast

It's FUN! 😊 It's ENGAGING!! 🌿 It's the Idaho 4-H Roundup
PODCAST!! 🎧 Take a listen! You'll be GLAD you did!! 🌿
Click on the link [HERE](#).

Thank you to EVERYONE who made the
2022/2023 4-H year a great experience
for all of our youth!! Let's make
2023/2024 the best one yet!

Re-enrollment for the new 4-H year
began 10/02/2023 at 4h.zsuite.org.
Be sure to select ALL projects you will
be participating in.

