



Teacher Application
Natural Resource Camp
Central Idaho 4-H Camp, Ketchum, Idaho
www.uidaho.edu/extension/natural-resource-camp

June 16-21, 2025

Name: _____ Male/Female (Circle one)

Mailing address:

County: _____ Home phone: _____

School name: _____ School phone: _____

Grade: _____ Subjects taught: _____

Scholarship provided by (if applicable): _____

Referred by: _____ T-Shirt size: _____
(if applicable)

How did you learn about the Natural Resource Camp? (Please check one)

- Newspaper
□ Website
□ Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts
□ Personal referral
□ Previously attended
□ Other: _____

I understand there are additional exposures to mishaps or accidents. I accept this additional risk and release the State of Idaho, Central Idaho 4-H Camp, Inc., its leaders and employees, Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts, University of Idaho Extension, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Idaho Department of Lands and other agencies and sponsors of the Natural Resource Camp from liability for any incident which might occur while participating in the program.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Emergency contacts:

(Name) (Phone number(s)) (Relationship)

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Registration Fee: \$280 payable to the Natural Resource Camp by May 16, 2025. There will be no refunds for cancellations after June 2, 2025. Cancellations before June 2, 2025 will be refunded in the amount of the registration fee less 15 percent.

Registration fees include food, lodging and medical insurance. They do not include transportation to and from the camp or fee for graduate credit. Send your signed application, Health and Medical Release form and registration fees to:

Randy Brooks
Director, Natural Resource Camp
875 Perimeter Drive MS 1132
University of Idaho
Moscow, ID 83844-1132

Scholarships: Partial or full scholarships to pay for Natural Resource Camp registration fees may be available through your local Idaho Soil Conservation Districts. For scholarship information, contact: Randy Brook at rbrooks@uidaho.edu or 208-885-6356.

Graduate credit(s): Teachers can register for one or two University of Idaho credits. See attached form. (Please DO NOT send payment for UI credits with this application). Contact Randy Brooks 208-885-6356 for graduate credit arrangements and payments prior to camp.

Housing: Teachers will be housed with other adults in a group cabin. Cabins are rustic and not heated. Though electricity and hook-ups are not available, many adults choose to bring personal tents or campers in lieu of staying in the group cabin.

Family: Please DO NOT bring spouses or children unless they are also registered for camp. Youth aged 12-16 years, by the first day of camp, must register separately on the "Natural Resource Camp Student Application" form. All children of teachers must participate fully in the program and must sleep in the cabins designated for youth, not with their parents. Parents and children are expected to have independent experiences at camp.

Pets: No pets allowed in camp.

For additional information: call Randy Brooks, Natural Resource Camp director at 208-885-6356 or email rbrooks@uidaho.edu.

The University of Idaho has a policy of nondiscrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, disability, genetic information, or status as any protected veteran or military status. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication or program information or reasonable accommodations need to contact Randy Brooks, Natural Resource Camp director by June 2, 2025, by calling 208-885-6356 or emailing rbrooks@uidaho.edu.

Natural Resource Camp -- Health and Medical Release Form

Please fill this form out completely, sign and include in with your application. This information will be given to the Natural Resource Camp paramedic/nurse for use during camp only and will be kept confidential.

Teacher name: _____ Age: _____ (optional)

Address: _____ City: _____ ST: _____ Zip code: _____

Emergency contact: _____ Phone: _____

Insurance provider: _____ Member/ID number: _____
(for emergency hospitalization only)

Special dietary needs or preferences:

Please answer Yes or No and provide explanations if applicable:

- Headaches Any chronic conditions? _____
- Fainting spells
- Epilepsy
- Tonsillitis
- Asthma
- Hay fever
- Ear or sinus trouble
- Abdominal pains When? _____
- Sleepwalking
- Altitude sickness
- Cramps (explain):

List allergies (including penicillin and bee stings):

Other conditions/explanations:

Participation: Teachers must be able to participate in all activities with the student youth for the duration of camp including field and lab exercises and working in group and team exercises. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication or program information or reasonable accommodations need to contact Randy Brooks, Natural Resource Camp director by June 2, 2025 at 208-885-6356 or email rbrooks@uidaho.edu. Please note that we do not have the ability to provide one-on-one supervision.

List medications: All prescription medications brought to camp must be clearly labeled with explicit instructions and brought to the attention of the Natural Resource Camp paramedic/nurse at registration. Please do not provide ANY medication (including non-prescription) to other camp participants.

In a medical emergency, by signature below I give permission to the physician(s) selected by the Natural Resource Camp staff to hospitalize and secure proper treatment for me including injections, anesthesia or surgery. The emergency contact(s) listed above will be notified as soon as possible.

Teacher Signature: _____ Date: _____

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FOR 505: Natural Resource Conservation, 1-2 credit(s); Grade: pass/fail

Fee: \$125 per credit, subject to change. You must be registered at the University of Idaho and receive departmental permission to take this course for credit. Contact Randy Brooks at University of Idaho at 208-885-6356 or email rbrooks@uidaho.edu.

Instructor: Professor Randy Brooks, University of Idaho Extension.

Purpose: The course is designed to strengthen teachers and youth leaders for formal and informal instruction in natural resource subjects.

Objectives:

1. Understand and apply introductory concepts and practices of natural resource management.
2. Understand and appreciate the importance of natural resources to the economy.
3. Explore and understand the relationship of natural resources to everyday life.
4. Understand how individuals and professional resource managers can employ strategies to conserve natural resources for future generations.
5. Employ techniques which will involve individuals of all ages in the active exploration of natural resources.
6. Explore and develop strategies and techniques which will integrate natural resource education and instruction into academic and vocational educational settings, including the subjects of science, math, history and agriculture.

Content: Hands-on involvement and active exploration will be emphasized along with facts and concepts. Many teachers are finding that natural resource subjects are high-interest ways to teach mathematics, social studies, reading and verbal skills, motor development, science and other traditional curricula. The integration of natural resource subjects can make learning fun. The content will focus on water, soil, wildlife, forestry and range management.

Format: Youth and teachers participate in Natural Resource Camp as equals – a unique situation for both groups and one that has shown positive benefits. The camp is devoted to the education and personal development of both youth and adults. Participants in the camp will learn about themselves as they develop confidence, leadership and social skills.

Requirements: To receive one credit, you must participate in all scheduled activities for the entire camp, pass an examination (or other requirements) set by the instructor and complete a general course evaluation.

To receive one additional credit, each participant must complete a lesson plan for their grade level in one of the major resource subjects taught at the camp. The organization and content of the lesson plan is flexible but should be appropriate for the grade level of the students to be taught. When submitting your assignment, please identify the grade level and subject taught and provide a brief overview of how the content of the lesson plan will be integrated into the subject being taught.

The lesson plan should include the following elements:

1. Purpose and objectives of the lesson.
2. Basic concepts to be learned.
3. Outline of information to be introduced.
4. Teaching techniques to be used.
5. Description of learning activities.
6. Glossary of terms.
7. Resource materials.
8. Evaluation methods for students and course.

Send your completed assignment by August 4, 2025:

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Camp Information, Rules and Conduct

NOTICE: Please read this page while filling out the application, read it again while getting ready for Natural Resource Camp and bring this page to camp.

Complete all signatures.

Dates and Location: The 2025 Natural Resource Camp is June 16-21, 2025 at the Central Idaho 4-H Camp, approximately 17 miles north of Ketchum on Highway 75. Turn left at the camp entrance, which is near mile marker #146 – look for the "4-H Camp" sign and mailbox on the side of the road. Take the gravel road 1.2 miles to the camp parking lot.

Transportation: Transportation to and from camp is the responsibility of the camper. The first camp program begins at 1:30 p.m. MDT. Please check with the Idaho Department of Transportation at <http://511.idaho.gov/> for any reported road delays.

Arrival: Campers should arrive at the parking lot between 12:30 and 1 p.m. MDT on Monday, June 16, 2025. Natural Resource Camp staff and cabin leaders will be in the camp's parking lot to greet you, assign campers to cabins and direct registration procedures. Please DO NOT arrive prior to 12:30 p.m., as Natural Resource Camp staff are preparing for registration.

Departure/Pick-Up: Families are encouraged to attend the awards ceremony, which starts at 10 a.m. MDT on Saturday, June 21, 2025.

Cabin assignments: You will be staying in a cabin with other teachers, with male and female teachers in separate cabins. Though electricity and hook-ups are NOT available, teachers are encouraged to bring their own tent or camper. Please be in touch with Randy Brooks prior to camp to discuss accommodations.

Phone: There is NO CELL SERVICE at camp. The Central Idaho 4-H Camp has a private landline for use by camp staff only. This phone may be used by others ONLY in the case of an emergency and you will need a calling card to pay for your long distance call. In case of an emergency, you may call the camp landline at (208) 726-4519. Ask for Randy Brooks, Natural Resource Camp director. Messages can be left on the answering machine.

What to Bring: The Central Idaho 4-H Camp is at 7,000 feet elevation. The cabins are not heated and nights may go below freezing. Afternoon activities can be in hot or cold conditions.

Bring:

- Warm sleeping bag and a pillow
- Knit hat, gloves, scarf and several pairs of warm socks
- Several changes of clothing for hot and cold temperatures – layering works well
- Personal articles
- Shower shoes
- Two pairs of sturdy shoes (broken-in for blister prevention)
- Flashlight

- Swimsuit and towel for swimming at Easley's Hot Springs
- Insect repellent and sunscreen
- Canteen or water bottle
- Daypack

A blanket, alarm clock, fishing pole and Idaho fishing license, camera, charged batteries, film/memory cards, acoustical musical instruments and journal or address book may also be brought to camp.

DO NOT bring:

- Cell phones
- Electronics, stereos, iPods and/or radios
- Firearms
- Fireworks
- Knives
- Alcohol
- Illegal substances
- Non-prescription medications

Camp Rules of Conduct and Responsibilities: Following these rules will ensure that everyone will have a safe and enjoyable camp experience.

1. Natural Resource Camp directors reserve the right to search items brought to camp by any individual (youth, teachers, cabin leaders and staff).
2. Items from the "DO NOT bring" list that are brought to camp, or any other item deemed unnecessary by Natural Resource Camp staff, will be confiscated and, if appropriate, returned to the participant upon departure.
3. Campers and cabin leaders will stay within the camp boundaries, except for scheduled off-site camp activities.
4. DO NOT build fires in any area, at any time.
5. Campers are responsible for keeping their cabin clean.
6. Campers are responsible for lost or stolen items.
7. Campers and cabin leaders need to be in their cabins at 10 p.m., with lights out and quiet by 10:30 p.m. MDT.
8. Campers will participate in all scheduled activities and are expected to be on time.
9. All campers are to stay with their class or activity until dismissed. Rudeness, disrespect and interruptions will not be tolerated.
10. Make showers short and use a minimum of hot water. Please clean up after yourself in the shower house. Campers misusing shower facilities will be responsible for cleanup.
11. Stay in defined walkways on camp premises. Treat wildlife, plants and facilities with respect. No carving on trees, throwing rocks, harassing wildlife or defacing the facilities. If you BREAK IT OR DEFACE IT, YOU pay for it or REPLACE IT.
12. Crosscut saws and other tools may be used only with permission and adult supervision during the "Tournament of the Outdoors."



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Photo Release Form

Please return completed form to:

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NOTE: If you do not want a photo taken of yourself, we would be happy to honor your request.

PERMISSION TO USE PHOTOGRAPH(S).

Name of participant:

I grant to the University of Idaho Natural Resource Camp, its representatives and employees the right to take photographs of me and my property in connection with the above-identified subject. I authorize the Natural Resource Camp, its assignees and transferees to copyright, use and publish the same in print and/or electronically.

I agree that the Natural Resource Camp may use such photographs of me, with or without my name, for any lawful purpose including, for example, such purposes as publicity, illustration, advertising and web content.

I have read and understand the above:

(Signature)

Printed name:

Address:

Date: _____