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## Upcoming

Sept 1  
SOMK (Speak Out Military  
Kids) Applications Due

Sept 15  
Citizenship-Washington Fo-  
cus interests forms  
(individual delegates)

Oct 1  
Wool entries due to  
Charlene Woffinden

October 1  
Articles for the  
Leader's Corner are due

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# Leader's Corner

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## 2009 State Leaders Forum

October 15 – October 17, 2009

Red Lion Inn

Idaho Falls



4-H Volunteers, Faculty, and Staff from counties in Eastern Idaho have been working hard in putting together a fabulous plan for a memorable State 4-H Leaders' Forum filled with tours, workshops,

networking opportunities, lots of fun, food and new friendships!

For the complete Forum Registration Packet, please visit the Idaho 4-H website [www.4h.uidaho.edu](http://www.4h.uidaho.edu). If you would like to receive a hard copy in the mail, please contact Monika Riegel at [mriegel@uidaho.edu](mailto:mriegel@uidaho.edu) or 208/885-6321. See page 4 for a copy of the conference schedule.

**Early bird registrations postmarked by September 18** will provide you with the most bang for your buck at \$85. This includes Dinners on Thursday & Friday, Breakfast on Friday & Saturday, as well as Lunch on Saturday and your conference participation.

To make your **hotel reservations**, call the Red Lion Inn on the Falls at 208/523-8000 as soon as possible to secure a room at the conference rate of \$79 per room with 2 Queen Beds.

Check with your local Extension Office or the Idaho 4-H website to find out what kind of scholarships may be available to you. This Forum is an awesome opportunity for volunteers to learn more about the 4-H program in Idaho, the Western Region and the Nation. Whether you have never attended a Forum or you are a Forum Pro, don't remain on the sidelines as:

***Idaho Falls for 4-H pack your bags, secure your ride and join us in Idaho Falls!***

## State Leaders Board Members

President:	Bobbi Flowers	Clearwater County
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Secretary:	Samantha Anderson	Twin Falls County
Treasurer:	Maurine Johnson	Owyhee County

# 2009 State 4-H Leader's Forum

## October 15 – October 17, 2009

### **Schedule of events**

#### **Thursday, October 15** **At the Bonneville County Fairgrounds**

12:00 pm	State Leader's Association Meeting
3:00 pm	State Advisory Council Meeting
3:00-5:30 pm	Registration
7:00 pm	Dinner: Cowboy Poetry and Networking

#### **Friday** **At the Red Lion Hotel**

8:00 – 9:30 am	Breakfast & Speaker, Kirk Astroth "Thriving 4-H Clubs"
9:30 – 12:30 pm	Workshops
12:00-2:00 pm	Lunch Around Town
2:30-5:30 pm	Workshops
6:30 pm	DSA Dinner

#### **Saturday** **At the Red Lion Hotel**

8:00 am – 9 am	Breakfast & Speaker, Martha Couch
9:30 am – 10:30 am	Workshops
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Curriculum Showcase
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Lunch & Auction
2:00 pm – Whenever	Post Activities and Tours

Idaho



### Letter from the President

*Of the Idaho State Leaders Association*

Wow!! Where has our year gone? Many projects are reaching completion and fairs are upon us. I hope everyone has had a good year so far.

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage leaders across the state to join us in Idaho Falls for the 2009 State Leaders Forum. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn new ideas and get a recharge for the many projects that are available to 4H youth in our state. It also offers an opportunity to meet new people and make new friends, encourage one another and allow personal growth. This forum has been designed to be friendly not only for those attending but also for your pocket book. Call the motel now (208-523-8000) to reserve a room and go to the Idaho 4-H website [www.4h.uidaho.edu](http://www.4h.uidaho.edu) to register before September 18th to take advantage of the Early Bird Registration Fee

At this time, our 4H program has to address the economic recession that has hit our country. There are many changes in the works to attempt to streamline our program with the least amount of negative impact on our youth and leaders as Idaho has a strong 4H program. I would ask each of you to look at this time as an opportunity to demonstrate to the youth that we work with, the teamwork that we promote between them. If you have suggestions or comments, please feel free to share them with any district representative or state officer as we are your voice.

I wish each and every one of you and those youth you work with much success at your fairs and many happy memories.

Sincerely,

Bobbi Flowers, President  
Idaho State Leaders Association

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# Seeking Salute to excellence 2009

## National 4 – H Volunteer RECOGNITION awards Nominations

The National 4-H Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Award recognizes 4-H volunteers who demonstrate exemplary service to 4-H, while promoting service through volunteerism as both an opportunity and a privilege.

### I. Selection Criteria

- i. The Volunteer of the Year Award is for individuals who have served as 4-H volunteers for less than 10 years at the county or state level.
- ii. The Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer Award is for individuals who have served 10 or more years at the county or state level.
- iii. Nominations/letters of recommendation must address the following selection criteria:
  - A. Positive impact the nominee has had on 4-H, and on 4-H youth
  - B. Nominee's ability to work with young people on projects and activities in a way that promotes decision-making, problem-solving, meeting challenges, mastery and youth/adult partnerships
  - C. Nominee's innovative approaches to engaging youth and increasing diversity among participants
  - D. How nominee exemplifies a "mentor-learner" relationship with participants
  - E. Dedication to a safe and inclusive environment
  - F. How nominee models character and professional behavior when interacting with participants, families, and community partners
  - G. Nominee's innovative approaches to performing volunteer service
  - H. Increased funding/resources generated by nominee
  - I. Recruitment of additional 4-H volunteers
  - J. Personal growth from being a 4-H volunteer (that you have observed)

### II. **Application Guidelines – Deadline for Applications is: October 30, 2009**

- i. Application materials must be submitted by a nominator to:

Bobbi Flowers  
P.O. Box 2001  
Orofino, ID 83544

**or**

Debbie Lowber  
Canyon County Extension Office  
PO Box 1058  
Caldwell, ID, 83606  
(208) 459-6003.

(208) 827-3185

- i. One nominee for each category from its pool of nominations, will be submitted for the regional award. Two recipients will be selected from each region; one for each category mentioned above. From the eight regional winners, one person from each category will be named the national award recipient.
- ii. Each completed application must be accompanied by three letters of recommendation. Letters of recommendation must be written by a 4-H staff member, 4-H youth participant, another volunteer, or a parent/guardian. Letters should be no longer than 2 pages in length, in 12-point font with 1-inch margins.

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## 4-H Military Partnership Programs Connect 4-H and Military Youth

By Sue Philley

4-H leaders and staff may request free\* materials, equipment use, and/ or an instructor to help them implement programming in the following areas if they partner with 4-H Operation: Military Kids:

- Photography classes including use of digital cameras and up to 15 laptop computers in a Mobile Technology Lab.
- GPS classes.
- Babysitting Training for adults or youth can be designed to meet local needs. For example, an Adult Train the Trainer session can be offered on Friday so that adults could then observe or assist with a youth Babysitter Training on Saturday.
- Archery and Shooting Sports classes.
- Free outreach materials. Reserve high quality displays, educational materials and free giveaways for use at County Fairs and local events.
- Community service projects and “Hero Packs;” and camp volunteer training and experience at Military Family Camps. (see below)

O:MK provides materials and guidance for writing letters or sending packages to military personnel and can help 4-H clubs award free high-quality “Hero Packs” to local military youth who are “Child Heroes at Home” while their parents are deployed overseas. O:MK also partners with 4-H clubs to staff outreach tables at several community Youth Days throughout the state.

Camp volunteer opportunities and training are available for teens and adults at two Annual Military Family Camps held at the Central District 4-H Camp north of Ketchum in February (Winter Camp) and July (Summer Camp). There may be a North Idaho camp during 2010 that will provide additional volunteer opportunities.

Partnership activities are designed to promote 4-H Club activities to National Guard and Reserve families in local community and/or help raise community awareness about the impacts of military deployment on youth. O:MK can also help promote local activities to the Military via their internal communication network.

For more information, please contact Sue Philley, Program Coordinator, Technology and Operation: Military Kids, University of Idaho Extension/4-H Youth Development, 714 W State Street, Boise, ID 83702208-334-2328 phone; 208-340-9450 cell; 208-364-4037 fax. Email: [Sphilley@uidaho.edu](mailto:Sphilley@uidaho.edu). To review the O:MK Calendar or register for camps, activities or events, please visit our website:<http://www.4h.uidaho.edu/default.aspx?pid=105484>

These resources are provided by State 4-H Office staff through national 4-H Military Partnership grants. Operation: Military Kids is a partnership of Army Child, Youth and School Services, National 4-H Headquarters/USDA, and University of Idaho Extension 4-H Youth Development. Operation: Military Kids- Idaho is supported by the 4-H/Army Youth Development Project under Kansas State University special project number 2007-48661-03868.

Date: July 14, 2009

To: District Leaders Associations  
4-H Advisory Board



From: Charlotte Eberlein, UI Extension Director



Arlinda Nauman, UI Extension 4-H Youth Development Director

Re: Consolidation of Extension Districts

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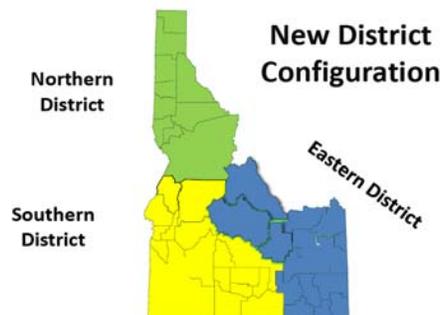
In response to the current economic situation, UI Extension is making some administrative changes in our Extension districts. As you may be aware, UI Extension is a part of the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences (CALs). CALs and UI Extension are facing an 11.5% reduction in our state budget, the largest reduction in at least 22 years. As part of UI Extension's budget reduction strategy, we have consolidated four Extension districts into three, thus eliminating an administrative position. Please see the attached map, which shows how consolidation will affect your county. Basically, the current District I will remain the same, but Districts II, III, and IV will be consolidated from three districts into two.

The new district structure should not affect day-to-day operations of your county 4-H program. To minimize effects of the merger on 4-H Leaders Associations and district 4-H contests, we propose that four associations and contest areas remain in place, as outlined on the attached map. Lemhi, Custer, and Butte counties already participate in the Eastern District contests, so this arrangement should not cause disruption. The "Treasure Valley" and "Magic Valley" leaders associations indicated on the map are just possible names; the actual names will be up to the leaders associations to develop.

To avoid confusion, the new districts have been renamed the Northern District (former District I), the Southern District (former District II plus the Magic Valley counties from District III), and the Eastern District (former District IV plus Butte, Custer, and Lemhi counties).

Mike Howell will remain as the Northern District Director (208-292-2549), Pat Momont will serve as the Southern District Director (208-454-7674), and Janice Stimpson will serve as the Eastern District Director (208-529-8376). The transition to the new district structure began July 1, 2009.

Please feel free to call us, or the appropriate District Director, if you have questions or comments.



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## 4-H AND U.S. CENSUS BUREAU PARTNERSHIP PROJECT

The U.S. Census Bureau recognizes the constructive influence the 4-H Program has on our nation's youth and families. As the largest youth-serving organization in the world, 4-H reaches across all barriers and positively impacts families and young people with its educational activities and culturally sensitive programming. The Seattle Regional Census Center (RCC) located in Bothell, W.A. seeks a partnership with 4-H offices in the state of Idaho to advance awareness of Census 2010. The RCC is currently engaging key stakeholders to bring the Census 2010 message – It's In Our Hands – to local communities throughout Idaho.

Census 2010 will provide a snapshot of who we are as a nation reflecting the dynamic change experienced in our communities. Collected once a decade, Census data is the single most important resource our state and local governments depend on for planning and allocation of federal dollars. For every individual not counted in the Census, communities in Idaho lose out on approximately \$1200 in federal funding every year for the remainder of the decade. The citizens of Idaho and their quality of life are critically linked by their representation in the 2010 Census and impacted in their daily lives by their share of federal funding.

In support of this, the Census Bureau Partner Support Program has made available funds to help support efforts to promote awareness of the upcoming Census in your local communities and clubs. As part of our Citizenship Initiative, the University of Idaho 4-H Youth Development Program is partnering with the Census Bureau in doing all we can to outreach to every Idaho citizen so they are counted in Census 2010. I am collaborating with the North Idaho Partnership Specialist, Christina Veloz, in preparing a Partner Support Program proposal to purchase items with both the 4-H and Census logos to be distributed at public events, county fairs, conferences, and community service projects throughout the State of Idaho. These Census awareness items for any one of these projects can be requested directly through our 4-H State Office in Moscow, Idaho. You do not need to prepare a separate proposal to request these items. Items include but not limited to pencils, balloons, magnets, coffee cups, note pads, antennae balls, stickers, etc.

However, if your county, or district, would like to request funds to purchase Census awareness materials specific to your project and local community and club, please contact and work directly with the Partnership Specialist in your region. Counties and/or Districts can apply for up to \$2,999 in products in support of Census outreach and promotion at local events. Please submit your proposal to your Partnership Specialist no later than **August 10, 2009** for optimal funding opportunity.

We thank you for your interest and look forward to creating a partnership unique to your families and their communities.

Please contact:

Christina Veloz, Partnership Specialist for North Idaho at 208.215.6867, [Christina.m.veloz@census.gov](mailto:Christina.m.veloz@census.gov) ,

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## Expanding Science, Engineering, and Technology Activities for Idaho Youth through 4-H: The Idaho ROKS Program.

By Tim Ewers

In 2007, National 4-H Council established the 4-H Science, Engineering, and Technology (SET) initiative with the goal of engaging an additional 1 million youth in high-quality 4-H SET activities by the year 2013. Through the SET Initiative, 4-H nationally is taking a lead in addressing what is considered a serious threat to our economy, security, and standard of living. Several studies have indicated that in the U.S., the numbers of students entering the science and engineering fields is inadequate to maintain our competitive edge and position as a world leader.

The lack of youth pursuing science and engineering careers has been described as the “Pipeline” problem. In Idaho, we have taken an engineering approach toward the “pipeline” problem. We started by specifying the ways to increase the effective output from a pipeline, which include: 1) Make sure the pipe reaches its destination by engaging youth in inter-related science and engineering programs continuously over the long-term through grades K-12 and into higher education; 2) Build a bigger pipe to accommodate greater flow by reaching out to engage more youth and by helping children realize that they too can be scientists and/or engineers. We need to support the dreams and aspirations of children who early on see themselves as scientists/engineers and we need to reach out to and engage others who do not envision themselves in these roles; and 3) Fix the pipe along the way to minimize turbulent flow and to reduce loss due to leaks by requiring more focus and dedication to study amid the distractions of youth. SET projects must help children develop motivation from within, which will be the reason they choose to work toward a SET career.

The Idaho Robotics Opportunities for K-12 Students (Idaho ROKS™) exemplifies one approach the Idaho 4-H Program is taking to address the SET Initiative. Idaho ROKS™ is a collaboration between the University of Idaho Colleges of Engineering, and Agricultural & Life Sciences, 4-H, and the Idaho Space Grant Consortium. Idaho ROKS™ consists of seven interconnected K-12 programs with a bridge to higher education. The Idaho ROKS™ “pipeline” is purposefully engineered to direct youth at an early age toward higher education. For young children in early elementary grades, the pipeline provides a path on which youth can see themselves traveling and introduces them to critical life skills and basic engineering activities. In the middle school years, the program introduces youth to more sophisticated robotics design including mechanical engineering concepts, basic science methods, the use of electronics and computer programming. And, at the latter end of the pipeline, the programs create a bridge between high school and college, introducing youth to college courses, facilities, and people. Throughout the series of programs, Idaho ROKS™ helps develop and nurture the perception among youth that they can go to college and that they may like science and engineering.

In Idaho ROKS™, programs progress sequentially based on reasonable expectations for youth. At an early age, youth begin working on fundamental skills that are essential for developing more sophisticated and demanding skills and knowledge. Moreover, they learn to appreciate the importance of those skills. Robotics provides the motivation; the programs provide the structure necessary for channeling that motivation toward quality and effective youth development. To enhance the chance of youth continuing in the sciences and engineering, a sustained, long-term set of programs is necessary.

# 2009 State 4-H Leaders' Forum

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  - Program Ideas

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