

EXTENSION TRENDS: **BLAINE COUNTY**

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2024 By the Numbers

- **2,758** direct contacts
- **942** youth participants
- **17** volunteers
- **301** volunteer hours
- **\$27,938** extramural funding

Our Advisory Council

Special thanks to our volunteers who help shape programming and inform the work we do for UI Extension in Blaine County.

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2024 Impact

Educator Grant Loomis has been collaborating with UI Extension Barley Agronomy Specialist Jared Spackman on a field trial monitoring nutrients and investigating sulfur in the Wood River Valley compared to other sites in the study. Loomis' work with the board game Pest Friends also continues with Jason Thomas from UI Extension, Minidoka County. Their goal is to better educate educators and the public on improvement practices in pest and weed control for crops and to show the value of game-based learning in agriculture, with an emphasis on integrated pest management. Loomis has also led an activity called Real Colors where 4-H youth and adults can better learn about themselves and their fellow peers and the way each color type interacts and communicates with one another based on their predominant color type.

4-H in Blaine County

Associate Extension Educator Chandra Vaughan conducted several 4-H summer projects: embryology, gardening, rocketry, cupcake wars, mason jar science, dutch oven cooking, STEM activity with balloon and battery powered cars, Wildlife Day Camp, and Livestock Education Day. The UI Extension office also worked with the Blaine County Fair Board and the Blaine County Market Animal Sales Committee for a successful fair. The U.S. Forest Service partnered for the eighth year in a row to offer Adventure Quest summer day camp at the Sawtooth National Recreation Area. Adventure Quest provides fun recreational pursuits combined with learning about the natural environment. All Things Wild is another four-day residential 4-H summer camp. The focus of this camp is hunter skills workshops which incorporate history, ethics, conservation, wildlife management, laws and regulations, survival, camping, orienteering, environment, and shooting skills in the disciplines of rifle, shotgun, and archery.

On the Horizon

Afterschool 4-H programs and day camps had a very successful year, and efforts will be made to grow by offering new and exciting programs in the years to come. Blaine County 4-H now has goat and poultry added to the market animal and 4-H projects. Idaho Master Gardener course classes have also been available to interested members of the community this last year.