

EXTENSION TRENDS: **CAMAS COUNTY**

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2024 By the Numbers

- 6,600 direct contacts
- 606 youth participants
- 13 volunteers
- 500 volunteer hours
- \$5,700 extramural funding

Our Advisory Council

Special thanks to our volunteers who help shape programming and inform the work we do for UI Extension in Camas County: Kristie Olsen, Ed Reagan, Randy Jewett, Janet Williamson, Roxanne Bell, Amy Botz, Angela Thompson, Cornelia Williamson, Donna Koch, Glenn Koch, Harold Lefler, Travis Martin, Clare Olsen, Steve Miller, Mike Rice, Cecil Swenson, Megan Tews, Danyon Fontenot and Logan Patton.

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2024 Impact

UI Extension, Camas County held several in-school activities conducted over a six-week period. Kindergarten and first grade students learned about Idaho's natural resources including wildlife and geology. The Idaho Fish and Game provided the Bear Trunk and UI Extension, Camas County did an education program about Idaho's bear population. Second graders were introduced to astronomy and made constellations, built planetariums, created star charts and learned about the planets and moons and how the galaxy travels through space. Fourth grade students experienced engineering by creating builds that centered on levers and linkages. They did this by exploring the different types of levers and creating builds using Engino bricks.

After-school activities provided the community with the only programming. Science activities including an egg drop challenge, completing circuits and edible science were offered, along with activities around wildlife encounters and the Iditarod.

Fun Fridays were held multiple times a month including topics on drawing techniques with graphite, ink, pastel and mixed media. UI Extension partnered with the countywide homeschool group and conducted stargazing, levers and linkages, and Dairy in a Box. Ag Robotics met monthly to explore the challenges of building and coding robots to perform everyday tasks on a farm.

4-H in Camas County

Camas County 4-H expanded shooting sports program efforts in 2024. An external grant supported volunteers and county efforts to provide safety and firearm education. UI Extension conducted education efforts on oral presentations and posters and mentored youth for county and district contests. 4-H clubs were provided resources including training for volunteers in parliamentary procedure, finding a youth's spark, helping youth belong in a club setting, how to write a thank you note and creating a demonstration. Endowed Summer Intern Josiah Knapp joined the UI Extension office and began 4-H club work. He coordinated a Wildlife Education Day, 4-H Shooting Sports Day, Livestock Jamboree and organized the Teen Association. He also investigated grants and assisted in the Camas County Fair. The Camas County Market Animal Sale Committee continued to move forward on the 4-H barn project.

On the Horizon

In 2025, UI Extension, Camas County will recruit volunteers for a diversified set of projects and topics to meet youth needs. Outdoor and safety programs will continue, including a focus on life skills as requested by advisory groups. UI Extension also plans to provide job skills and opportunities for a 2025 summer intern and create programming around exploring careers topics.