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Hi everyone,

I’m looking forward to working with all of you at Western Idaho Fair this month! I’m excited to see the best efforts of everyone who has invested so much time and energy throughout the year. I truly appreciate our adult volunteers and want to encourage them to provide guidance during these final days of preparation for the fair, but also to allow our youth to “learn by doing” by having them prepare and complete their projects, posters, presentations, etc. themselves.

Recently I was inspired by a sign I saw posted at a youth soccer game. It read:

Your child’s success or lack of success in sports does not indicate what kind of parent you are. But having an athlete that is coachable, respectful, a great teammate, mentally tough, resilient and tries their best IS a direct reflection of your parenting.

The positive qualities listed on this sign are what we strive for in 4-H. Our 4-H youth are encouraged to develop these aspects of their character by the caring adults who mentor them. Competition can be a great developmental tool, but winning competitions is such a small part of the whole picture. Success is determined not by winning, but by efforts to improve. So much growth happens in the process; even negative experiences provide the opportunity to learn vital life lessons and skills. The chance to look back and see improvement while continuing to look towards making our best better is what growth in 4-H is about.

We have outstanding youth, parents and volunteers in our Ada County 4-H program. They are engaged and motivated yet able to have fun while participating in the 4-H growth process. I am grateful to work with such amazing families as they help grow future leaders.

Good luck to everyone and see you at fair!

All the best,

Allen Taggart
4-H Extension Educator
INFO AND EVENTS

4-H Week at Roaring Springs

Dates: August 6-August 10
Time: 11:00 am–8:00 pm
Cost: $18.99 + tax per person

Tickets may be purchased online or at the ticket booth the day of the event. See the Flyer for more details.

4-H New Family Orientation

Date: October 15th (Monday)
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: UI Ada County Extension
(5880 N Glenwood St., Boise)

Join us for a short meeting and we’ll help you understand the ins and outs of the 4-H program and its requirements.

4-H Camp Fall Work Weekend

When: September 1 & 2 (Saturday & Sunday)
Where: Cascade Lake 4H Camp, Donnelly Idaho
What: Fall clean-up and winterization of camp. Accessible path building.
Who: Anyone wanting to help with the work and enjoy good food and friendly people. 4H’ers,* parents, clubs and groups are welcome.

Cabins are available for Friday and Saturday night, reservations required. Please RSVP no later than August 24. Contact Kathy at 467-3237 or contact@cascadelake4hcamp.com.

COME JOIN THE FUN!

*All youth under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

Save the Date...4-H Open House!

Date: October 1st (Monday)
Time: 6:00-8:00 p.m. • Location: TBD

Come and see what 4-H is about! Meet with club leaders and discover the variety of projects available. You will be able to register for 4-H at this event.

4-H Horse Leader Retreat

Date: September 7-9 (Friday-Sunday)
Location: Washington County Fairgrounds, Cambridge, Idaho

Come and join the fun!! Contact Gail Duke (208) 793-3274 or Dixie Christensen (208) 941-3032 for info.

Bronco Football 4-H Day

Date: September 8 (Saturday)
Location: Albertsons Stadium

For more information, contact David Wrobel at 208-426-4753 or davidwrobel@boisestate.edu. Flyer.

Artists Wanted!

Do you have 4-H’ers who are creative or artistic? Encourage them to upload a photo of their artworks for the chance to be selected for the 2019 4-H Youth Artwork calendar and other 4-H promotional items. The deadline for submission is August 10, 2018. Submit artwork.

Ideas Wanted!

Do you have ideas for fun, educational, or service-oriented hands-on activities? If so, please consider submitting them to the 4-H 30 Days of Doing campaign to be featured in the fall 4-H brand campaign. Submit ideas.
**LIVESTOCK RELEASES AND CHECK OUT**

A release signed by designated Fair personnel will be required of any animal leaving the Fairgrounds. *( Obtain releases from your department supervisor on Monday evening August 20, BEFORE 10:00 p.m. for both Monday and Tuesday releases. )*

Releases will have to be shown to gate personnel before any animal can be removed from the fairgrounds. District Supervisors will be checking stalls and pens. Release slips will not be given until your area is clean.

**Release Times:**
- **4-H large animals** will be released between Monday, August 20 at 10:00 p.m. and Tuesday, August 21 at 1:00 a.m. Vehicles will be allowed to drive in at 10:00 p.m. Livestock must be out of the barn by 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, August 21. All tack must be removed from sheep pens and pens cleaned before 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 21.
- **4-H small animals** will be released Tuesday, August 21 between 9:00-10:00 p.m. Vehicles will be allowed to drive in at 10:00 p.m. Shuttles will assist those who carry out. All small animals, unless otherwise arranged with the Open Class Superintendent, must be removed from the building by 11:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 21.

For more details: [4-H & FFA Exhibitor Handbook](#).

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**LIVESTOCK TRAILER PARKING**

- A Livestock Vehicle Permit will be issued to the Junior Livestock Exhibitors *(one permit per family).*
- This permit allows only the vehicle to enter the grounds. All persons in the vehicle, including the driver, must have a ticket.
- All vehicles with a permit must park in the designated Livestock Vehicle Parking Areas.
- Feed and bedding delivery will be limited to the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
- Entry will require an appropriate pass.
- All trailers must be parked in the racetrack stall area or other designated areas.

For more details: [4-H & FFA Exhibitor Handbook](#).

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**DRESS CODE**

- 4-H members and leaders are expected to dress appropriately while representing 4-H at the Western Idaho Fair.
- Dress guidelines include no exposure of underwear and midriff area, no spaghetti straps or see-through shirts, and an appropriate neckline.
- Closed-toe and closed-heel shoes are required to worn around animals.
- Check out the fair book, page 5 for more information on appropriate show apparel.

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**2018 FAIR BOOK AVAILABLE ONLINE**

Go to the [4-H & FFA Exhibitor Handbook](#) for answers to your fair-related questions!
**BEFORE THE FAIR**

**RECORD BOOK HELP CLINIC**

Date: August 6 • Time: 4:00-6:00 p.m.
Need help finishing your record book?
Stop by and get all your questions answered!

**4-H INTERVIEW EVALUATIONS**

All Ada County 4-H members must complete interview evaluations for all projects displayed at the fair. Projects must be accompanied by the required project materials, record book, and involvement report.

**HORSE**

Date: August 11
Location: Western Riding Club
4-H members will be notified by their club leader regarding the time of their interview evaluation.

**LIVESTOCK, SMALL ANIMAL & FCS PROJECTS**

Dates: August 13 & August 14
Times: 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Location: Expo Idaho

Interview evaluations must be scheduled in advance. Call Ada Extension at 287-5900 beginning Thursday, July 5 through Friday, August 10. Appointments can be made July 5-August 10, M-T-W-TH-F between 8:00am and 5:00pm.

All exhibits must be entered when members come for interview evaluations. The one exception is for perishable food items—they may be submitted on Wednesday, August 15 between 8-10am. Food may be submitted at the time of the interview evaluation, but refrigeration cannot be guaranteed.

**PARENT PASSES**

Parent passes are available for the first 5 days of the Western Idaho Fair. There is a limit of two passes per family. The first pass is $18, the second is $7 (both for $25). They are available at the Premium Office on the fairgrounds and must be purchased before the fair opens. *(Fair Book, page 4.)*

**DATES TO KNOW:**

*August*

1. Fair Entry forms due to Premium Office
2-3. Ada County Oral Presentations
3-6. August Adventure Camp
6. Record Book Clinic
6-10. 4-H Week at Roaring Springs
11. Horse Interview Evaluations
9-13. Teen Adventure Camp
13-14. FCS Judging Contest
13-14. Educational Display submissions, 9am-7pm
14. FCS Poster Contest submissions due @ 7pm
16. Final Weigh-in, livestock
16. Fashion Revue practice, 7pm, Western Town Stage
18. Fashion Revue, 1pm, Western Town Stage
19. Cookie Contest submissions, 12-2pm
21. Market Sale
17-26. Western Idaho Fair
20. FCS Awards Ceremony, 7pm
21. Jr Exhibitor Picnic
21. Premium payouts begin (through Sept. 8)
25. Sumo Bot Contest, 2pm

**Other Ada Extension Classes**

Harvest Preservation Classes: [Info & Registration](#)
*August 27, 28, September 4, 12, 18, 2018*

Cooking Under Pressure: *(Using an electric pressure cooker)*
*October 2. [Info & Registration](#)*

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FAIR INFORMATION

WESTERN IDAHO FAIR BOOK CHANGES

FINAL WEIGH-IN TIMES:
Thursday, August 16th
4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Beef at Digital Scales
5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Sheep and Meat Goats at Small Scales
7:30 – 9:00 p.m. Swine at Digital Scales
5:00 – 8:30 p.m. Check in Dairy Cattle (enter through Grandstand Gate off Chinden)

EDUCATIONAL DISPLAY POSTER CONTEST:
Entry forms must be turned in by August 1st, along with other fair entries. You must indicate Educational Display Contest on your fair entry form. It does not need to be on an individual livestock form. Posters can be turned in during scheduled Interview Evaluations Times. Posters will not be accepted if an entry form was not submitted by August 1st.

LARGE LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST:
All 4-H individual and group entries are due by August 1st by returning entry form in the Fair Book to the Ada County Extension Office (5880 Glenwood, Boise). No 4-H entries will be accepted the day of the contest.

DAIRY CATTLE RULES AND REGULATIONS:
Straw will be allowed for decoration ONLY; no broken bales. Shavings will be provided in place of straw bedding.

PYGMY GOATS:
Use Livestock Entry Form NOT Small Animal Form!

RATE OF GAIN AWARDS AND THE IDAHO STATESMAN AWARD will be presented at the Large Animal Round Robin Award Presentation: August 20, Monday–5:30 p.m., Ring 1 and 2 Between Junior and Senior 4-H Round Robin.

HORSE:
Versatility Ranch class changes; No longer have Ranch Trail Classes. Added Advanced and Intermediate Cow Boxing Classes.

SHEEP:
Changes in breeding classes see the fair book online at http://www.idahofair.com/enter/4h-ffa

JUNIOR EXHIBITOR PICNIC
The Ada County Endowment Board sponsors a picnic every year for 4-H and FFA members attending the fair. Everyone who turns in a fair entry form will receive a picnic pass.

Date: August 21 (Tuesday)
Time: 4:00-6:00 p.m.
Place: Dairy Ring (behind the Small Animal Barn)
Additional tickets may be purchased at the event for $5 per person.

CLUB BOOTH INFO
The three types of areas available are:
• 4 ft. risers
• 8 ft. risers
• 4 ft. open spot (nothing to sit items on, but can provide old apple crates)

If your club has mostly things that need to sit on a riser (i.e., cakes) and another club has mainly posters, then sharing a booth will make for a fuller, more visually appealing display.

If the majority of your club items are free-form, then open pockets are available. Please email Chane with a list of items so the booths can be arranged accordingly.

If you have large items (i.e. show stand, chair, shooting bag or a catapult) contact Chane so adequate space can be provided.

For further info, contact Chane Nelson:
(208)353-2521 or c.c.25nelson@gmail.com

PREMIUM PAYOUTS
Premiums are available at the Premium Office from Monday, August 21 to Friday, September 8.
Any money not picked up by that date is considered a donation to the Western Idaho Fair. Reminders will not be sent, so refer to the 4-H Junior Exhibitors Handbook for office hours.
FAIR CONTESTS

FCS JUDGING CONTEST
Date: August 13 & 14
Time: During Interview Evaluations
Place: Expo Building.

All 4-H members can participate in this event. There will be a variety of subjects to evaluate. Prizes will be awarded Monday, August 20 during the FCS awards ceremony. (Fair Book, page 11.)

FCS POSTER CONTEST
Who: Ada County 4-H members entered in the fair
Theme: Healthy Life Style
Size: 14” by 22” Hand-drawn poster
11” by 17” computer generated poster
Due: August 14 (Tuesday) @ 7:00 p.m.
Place: Expo Building

Illustrate how 4-H supports Head, Heart, Hands, and Health. Do not use photographs, hot glue, or cut and paste with adhesives. (Fair Book, page 11.)

FAVORITE COOKIE CONTEST
Who: Ada County 4-H members entered in the fair
Due: August 19 (Sunday) 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.
Place: Expo Building

Members are to bake their favorite DROP cookie. Bring 8 cookies, the recipe printed or neatly written on an index card, and proof of purchase or an empty Amalgamated sugar package. (Fair Book, page 11.)

4-H STORY CONTEST
Submit your 4-H story from your record book as a separate entry for this contest. Refer to your record book for format and content instructions. Submit at your interview evaluation. (Fair Book, page 12.)

CLUB THEME DISPLAY CONTEST
Date: August 17 (Friday)
Time: 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m.

This is a one-time award for the Best Club Theme Display per species. Deck out your pens, get everyone involved and have fun! (Fair Book, page 22.)

FAIR THEME CONTEST
Date: August 17 (Friday)
Time: 12:00 noon-6:00 p.m.
Theme: The Sun, the Moon and the Steers

Decorate your club pen area—get creative and have fun! A one-time award will be given to the club with the best Fair Theme Display per species. (Fair Book, page 22.)

CLUB BOOTH DISPLAY CONTEST
Each 4-H Club can display their club projects and depict club activities. Booths must incorporate the fair theme The Sun, the Moon and the Steers. Displays can be set up August 15 (Wed.) from 5:00-7:00 p.m. or August 16 (Thu.) 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Prizes will be awarded Monday, August 20 during the FCS awards ceremony. (Fair Book, page 12.)

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