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GREETINGS FROM ALLEN!

Hi Ada County 4-Hers,

Growing up, my parents always made sure that my siblings and I got outside as much as possible. There was an almond tree on the side of our house that we would climb and play in every afternoon. Although we lived in a suburban neighborhood and weren’t necessarily surrounded by wilderness, my parents still had us play out in the sunshine. As a family we would take trips to the ocean and mountains to camp and explore. I attended campouts with my scout troop and summer camps where I had positive, transformative experiences that shaped me into who I am today. Outdoor experiences for youth can provide positive, memorable experiences that last for a lifetime.

However, it’s no secret that with the rapid advancement of technology, kids spend much more time indoors than ever before. There is also a level of fear associated with the outdoors that didn’t exist before, even though crime rates are the same or less than they have ever been. In addition, schools are under pressure to cut recess time to allow more instruction time. All of these factors really reduce kids’ exposure to the outdoors, which is troubling because of the many benefits that can be gleaned from being outside! Participating in outdoor activities can help youth increase their attention span, engage their senses, learn in different ways, and be more creative.

Organizations like 4-H provide outdoor experiences for youth. With the warm weather of spring coming, now is a perfect time to get more youth engaged with the outdoors and just being outside. Ada County 4-H will be sponsoring day camps that expose kids to activities such as outdoor cooking, fishing, birding, and wilderness survival. For the most immersive outdoor experience, 4-H Adventure Camp will be held this summer on Lake Cascade in Donnelly, ID. 4-H provides lots of opportunities to be outside!

While some kids may not be interested in traditional outdoor activities, it’s still important to find ways for them to be engaged in outside pursuits that appeal to their interests and engage their senses. I am dedicated to helping our youth in Ada County have more access to outdoor opportunities that will empower them with skills to lead for a lifetime. Here’s to helping more kids get outside!

All the best,

Allen Taggart
4-H Extension Educator
OPPORTUNITIES

WOMEN IN ENGINEERING EXPLORATORIUM
A new event will be held this year on April 26-27 in conjunction with the 25th annual Engineering Design Expo and in partnership with the UI Society of Women Engineers (SWE). The Exploratorium is an event designed for 9th & 10th grade girls who are interested in engineering but want to better understand engineering through hands-on activities and experience with the disciplines, students, actual female alumni who are engineers and UI Engineering programs.

Participants will have the option of a 2-day event (April 26-27) with an overnight stay chaperoned by members of U of I SWE or a 1-day event (April 27). To view a list of activities and to register, please visit http://www.uidaho.edu/engr/events/wie-exploratorium.

HOST FAMILIES WANTED FOR SUMMER
States’ 4-H International is seeking host families for Japanese and South Korean exchange students this summer. The hosting period is July 22-Aug. 17. Host siblings must be ages of 12-18 and are matched with a delegate based on gender, age and interests. Host families do not need to make special arrangements during the summer. The purpose of this program is to share another culture with Idaho families and teach exchange students about American culture. Contact Judith McShane at jmcshean@uidaho.edu for more information. Apply.

NATIONAL 4-H CONGRESS
4-H Online Application available: April 2 – June 11, 2018

Dates: November 23 – 27, 2018
Actual Travel Dates: November 22 – 28, 2018
Estimated trip costs: $1450.00 (Scholarships received typically reduce out of pocket costs to $500-$850 depending on scholarship funding available.)

To learn more about the event, please visit: http://national4-hcongress.com/ or see Flier.

4-H Professionals or Certified Volunteers who would like to Chaperone, please complete an application through 4-H Online.

2018 CHATCOLAB
The 70th annual Chatcolab: Northwest Leadership Laboratory will be held June 9-15 at the Twinlow Camp and Retreat Center in Rathdrum, Idaho.

The 2018 all lab presenter is Tim McCain who will share his success story; from prisoner to CEO for a major corporation. Chatcolab provides attendees the unique opportunity to bring family, get extra learning credits or credit from the University of Idaho. Last year, camp attendees ranged in age from nine to 95 years young. To learn more and to view a schedule please visit https://www.chatcolab.org.

NATIONAL 4-H DAIRY CONFERENCE
4-H Online Application available: April 2–June 11, 2018

Dates: September 30 – October 3, 2018
Actual Travel Dates: September 29 – October 5, 2018
Estimated trip costs: $1000.00 (Scholarships received typically reduce out of pocket costs to $0 - $500 depending on scholarship funding available).

To learn more about the event, please visit: https://national4hdairyconference.org/ or see flier.

4-H Professionals or Certified Volunteers who would like to Chaperone should complete an application through 4-H Online.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY
Date: April 21, 8 am–12noon
BLM needs volunteers to help with a large-scale trash cleanup of the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area.

Sign up by April 18 at https://goo.gl/forms/OhR5l1F4bFpTxldG2.

Please see flier for more information.
**4-H BENEFIT DINNER & AUCTION**

Date: **Saturday, April 28**  
Time: 5:30pm Check-in/6pm Dinner/6:45pm Auction  
Place: Kleiner Park, Center at the Park  
(1920 N Records Ave., Meridian, ID)  
Cost: $30 per person/$50 per couple  

Tickets may be purchased at adacounty4-h.blogspot.com or the Ada Extension office (5880 Glenwood St., Boise).

**WINNER-TAKE-ALL RAFFLE DRAWING!**  
Win an HP OMEN package valued at over $2,500! Raffle tickets are $30 per ticket / $100 for 4 tickets and may be purchased at Ada Extension office.

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**2018 4-H ADVENTURE CAMP**

Registration is OPEN! Adventure Camp, located in Donnelly, Idaho offers overnight camps for 4-H & non-4-H members from 3rd-8th grade.  
- Kids Camp (3-5 grade) June 21-24—$190*/$230  
- Teen Camp (6-8 grade) July 9-13—$230*/$270  
- Mixed Camp (3-8 grade) August 3-6—$190*/$230  

* Early bird specials end 1 month before camp.

Register at www.4hadventurecamp.com.

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**STATE 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS CONTESTS**

Dates: June 8 & 9  
Place: Jerome/Twin Falls area  
*(based on available facilities)*  

**CONTEST OPPORTUNITIES:**  
- Air rifle  
- Archery (compound & recurve)  
- Hunting, Rifle  
  *(air & smallbore)*  
- Shotgun  

Registration materials will be available in early April, through 4-H FOCUS or the Idaho 4-H Shooting Sports website.

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**DISTRICT HORSE CAMP**

Date: June 14-17, 2018  
*(Registration Deadline: May 1, 2018)*  
Cost: $115 for Youth Riders  
Place: Cascade Lake 4-H Camp in Donnelly  
For more Information and Application Packet

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**2018 IDAHO 4-H STATE TEEN ASSOCIATION CONVENTION (STAC)**

STAC will be held on June 25-28 in Moscow, ID. This is a priceless opportunity for youth grades 8-12 to experience college life, explore career opportunities and prepare for a lifetime of success with other Idaho teens. This year's conference has a great offering of career tours, workshops and Brandon Lee White will be the guest speaker.

Details and Promotion materials:  
- Registration opens April 2  
- Early Bird Registration (April 2-May 14) $270  
- Regular Registration (May 15-June 4) $295  
- Registration fees include busing fee, meals and lodging on UI campus

Like us on Facebook —— facebook.com/idaho4hSTA  
2018 STAC Promo Flyer Color (PDF)  
2018 STAC Small ad  
If you have questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact Donna R. Gillespie at donna@uidaho.edu.
To Make the Best Better

UPCOMING EVENTS

2018 ADA COUNTY WEIGH-IN DATES

Swine: May 10, 2018, 5:30-8pm
Expo Idaho

Sheep: May 17, 2018, 5:30-8pm
Expo Idaho

Goat: May 17, 2018
5:30-8pm
Expo Idaho

For more information, check out the 4-H/FFA Market Livestock Weigh-In Schedule.

SHOOTING SPORTS LEVEL 1 TRAINING

Dates: April 14-15, 2018
Place: Coeur d’Alene
Registration Deadline: Friday, March 30

Obtain discipline certifications in archery, hunting, muzzleloader, pistol, rifle, and shotgun in a single weekend. Visit the Shooting Sports Website for registration information.

Volunteers are welcome from across the Pacific Northwest to attend this training. Contact Jim Wilson at jwilson@uidaho.edu with questions or for more information.

STATE 4-H HORSE CONTEST

The 2018 Idaho 4-H Youth Horse Contests are scheduled for July 6 & 7 at College of Southern Idaho (CSI) facilities in Twin Falls. Registration information and entry fee payments need to be made to you Carrie Johnson no later than June 15—late entries will not be accepted.

2018 Idaho 4-H Youth Horse Contests Booklet.

NATURAL RESOURCES CAMP

Discover nature, experience wildlife, learn the science of forestry and the vital role soil plays in all natural life.

Date: June 25-30, 2018
Place: Central Idaho 4-H Camp in Ketchum
Cost: $235 ($255 after May 25)
Ages: 12-14 years old

Registration fees include food, lodging and accident insurance. They DO NOT include transportation to and from camp. Scholarships may be available through the Ada County Endowment Board and/or local Soil Conservation Districts.

For more information, please contact Sue Knoth at mknoth@uidaho.edu. Apply here.

2018 DISTRICT 4-H HIPPOLOGY & HORSE JUDGING CONTESTS

Date: May 5, 2018 (Saturday)
Check-In Time:
7:30-8:30 a.m. Hippology
8:00-8:45 a.m. Horse Judging

Place: Gem County Fairgrounds
(2199 S Johns Ave., Emmett)

Entry Deadline: Monday, April 16 by 4:30 p.m.

Cost: $17 per participant per ONE event
OR $27 per participant for BOTH events

List your club name on your check and make payable to District II Youth Horse Council.

For more information, review the following documents:
- Hippology Contest Flier
- Horse Judging Contest Flier
**STAC Scholarships!**

Thirteen $100 scholarships are available to 4-H members who want to attend the STAC Conference.

Applications must be returned to Michelle Tate (see below) no later than April 20th!

Washington County Extension, 485 E. Third St., Weiser, ID 83672 • 208-414-0415

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**Paper Clover Campaign with Tractor Supply Company**

The Paper Clover event will be held from April 11-22. This is a nationwide fundraising campaign that benefits 4-H programming. Clubs that participate are eligible to win a $100 Tractor Supply Company gift card. Seventy-five lucky winners will be selected randomly at the end of the campaign. Visit Paper Clover campaign for further details.

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**Bulk Fabric & Supplies from JoAnn**

As part of our partnership with JoAnn Fabrics and Crafts, 4-H members are eligible to receive bulk pricing on large quantities of fabric or supplies for any 4-H related project or event. This is the perfect time to think ahead to what your needs may be for future camps and activities. View their bulk pricing at plus.joann.com. Contact our representative, Talon Treb at talon.treb@joann.com with questions.

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**4-H License Plates**

To keep our specialized license plates, the state of Idaho must sell one thousand plates in 2018 and another thousand in 2019.

This is a great opportunity for Ada county as funds raised in our county will be used by our county. Please don't let it slip away. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Jim Lindstrom at jlindstrom@uidaho.edu.

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**Raise Your Hand for Idaho Youth!**

4-H gives youth the opportunity to learn by doing, grow from failure and develop the skills they need to handle what life throws their way.

Starting today, we’re asking friends of 4-H to Raise Your Hand to support 4-H’ers in Idaho. Each hand raised is a vote towards a $20,000, $10,000 or $5,000 award for the three states with the most hands raised. Help bring the high-quality 4-H experience to even more youth right here in Idaho. Raise your hand to support youth in your community.

Raising your hand is as easy as 1, 2, 3:

1. **Raise Your Hand:** Go to 4-H.org/RaiseYourHand to vote for your state.
2. **Compete for Your State:** Raising your hand is a vote towards a $20,000, $10,000 or $5,000 award for the states with the most hands raised.
3. **Pay It Forward:** Tweet, post and share your #4HGrown support and ask your network to raise their hands at 4-H.org/RaiseYourHand.

Thank you for your support and don't forget to Raise Your Hand by May 15th.

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**April is National Volunteer Month**

Happy Volunteer Appreciation Month!! 4-H is a volunteer-driven program so this month is extra special, and we would like to say a huge thank you to all our volunteers. Volunteers, you are truly the heart and soul of this program and without you we would not be able to provide such amazing opportunities for youth in our area. You give your blood, sweat, tears, and time to make sure the youth in your programs succeed to the best of their abilities. Thank you so much for all that you do for the 4-H program and the youth in Ada County. We appreciate you!!

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**Training**

The Yoga for Kids training will be held June 5 at the UI Ada Extension office. See flier for details. Contact Maureen Toomey at mtoomey@uidaho.edu with questions or for more information.
PoulTRY FUN DAY 2018
by Madison Koetsier
Birds of a Feather 4-H Club

Do you like chickens? Are you already in poultry project or interested in learning more about chickens? If so, the Poultry Fun Day is for you! This fun day has six different activity stations; each station allows you to learn something new about chickens. Every station will last approximately 15 minutes, and kids will rotate through all of the stations.

The stations include Jeopardy, Anatomy, Quality, Learning about Showmanship, Classifications, and Showmanship in Practice. Through these stations, kids get to learn about different chicken breeds, the parts of a chicken, qualifications for showing, how to show your chicken, and with the help of friendly judge, kids get to display the showmanship skills they just learned or refresh their skills and knowledge on what they already know.

There will also be a coloring station for younger kids. At this station, young kids can color and name their own chicken picture. The coloring station will be available the entire event.

There will be a raffle with items provided by the Birds of a Feather 4-H Club. Additionally, there will be snacks and refreshments. Any donations are welcome and will be used to further young kids minds and experiences in 4-H.

The Birds of a Feather 4-H Club is hosting the Poultry Fun Day on May 5, 2018. It is at the Small Animal Barn at the Idaho Fair Grounds. Check in starts at 9:15 AM, and the event ends around 12:00 PM.

Please RSVP to Tammy Quinn by April 20th. You can email Mrs. Quinn at tammy.quinn@gmail.com. Mrs. Quinn can also answer any questions you may have.

CONGRATULATIONS!

HORSE BOWL 2018 RESULTS

Junior Teams
1st Cowgirls & Angels, Denim & Dust, 2nd Just Foalin Around, JC Riders, 3rd Desperados 1, 4th Idaho City Desperados, 5th Desperados 2

Junior Individuals
1st Taylor H., 2nd Jayden J., 3rd Maggie S., 4th Cearra H., 5th Jessica K., 6th Rylee M., 7th Nora D., 8th Mariena S., 9th Tatum W., 10th Makenzie S.,

Senior Teams
1st Queens in Jeans, JC Riders, 2nd Night Mares, JC Riders, 3rd Misbits, JC Riders, 4th Desperados, Desperados

Senior Individuals
1st Karly T., 2nd FaithAnn H., 3rd Courtney M., 4th Tiffany T., 5th Alexis A., 6th Macyn M., 7th Karyssa G., 8th Kamry S., 9th Kayla M., 10th McKenna Gowans

ADA COUNTY ORAL HORSE PRESENTATION RESULTS

Junior Individual Demonstrations
1st Goldie B., 2nd Alyson D., 3rd Kimber M.

Intermediate Individual Demonstrations
1st Maggie S., 2nd Will K., 3rd Amy A., 4th Katie D., 5th Morgan C., 6th Hannah E., 7th Riley R., 8th Elly S., 9th Elizabeth A., 10th Allison K.

Senior Individual Demonstrations
1st Makiah S., 2nd Gracie S., 3rd Emily S., 4th Makenna M., 5th Holly L., 6th Aulina L., 7th Makayla K., 8th Mikayla M., 9th Amree B.

Senior Speech
1st Cassidy B., 2nd Kylee W., 3rd Katie R., 4th Zoe R., 5th Arrionna J., 6th Karyssa G.

Senior Team Demonstrations
1st Ashley K. and Courtney M.
SUMMER CAMP JOB OPENINGS

LIFEGUARDS NEEDED

4-H Adventure Camp at Cascade Lake has 2 openings for each camp session: June 21st - 24th, July 9th-13th & August 3rd-6th. We’re looking for a Lifeguard with prior lake or pool experience and will have excellent skills in the water and working with youth.

Qualifications and skills
- Current and valid ARC or BSA certification, First Aid & CPR certifications
- Ability to pass pre-employment practical skills test in the water
- Comply with 4-H policies & procedures and code of conduct
- Adults will need to sign up as a 4-H volunteer

Advantages
Volunteer position includes $100 stipend per session, room & board, transportation available.

ARCHERY INSTRUCTORS NEEDED

Archery Instructors are needed for the 2018 4-H Adventure Camp at Cascade Lake. Will be responsible for 3 morning and 2 afternoon workshops per session during non-travel camp days. Position includes $50 per-camp-session stipend and room and board. Bus transportation is available if needed.

TO APPLY FOR THE ABOVE SUMMER CAMP JOB OPENINGS, submit resume to Dana Gillespie, Camp Director at mailto:dadag@uidaho.edu.

2018 CAMP MANAGER NEEDED!

Cascade Lake 4-H Camp is looking for a camp manager for the 2018 season. The job starts first of May and runs through September 5.

Qualifications:
- 18 or older
- Maintenance skills
- Ability to make small repairs
- Computer & record-keeping skills
- Ability to communicate and develop rapport with public, camping groups, and kitchen staff

Lodging and meals included. Salary DOE. Full job description and application available at www.cascadelake4hcamp.com or call 208-250-8444. The camp is located in Donnelly, Idaho.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

4-H CAMP WORK WEEKEND

Dates: May 19 & 20

Place: Cascade Lake 4-H Camp in Donnelly

Who: 4-Hers, parents, clubs, & groups (under 18 must be accompanied by an adult)

What: Clean-up, summer camp preparation and ADA path construction

Cabins are available for the nights of May 18 & 19—reservations required. RSVP by May 12 to Kathy: 208-467-3237 or contact@cascadelake4hcamp.com

COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL

The annual Mountain Home Country Music Festival is looking for volunteers July 27-30. If you or your 4-H Club are looking for volunteer activities, consider partnering with Elmore County 4-H.

As a volunteer, you will receive FREE General Admission tickets to the festival, FREE camping, and FREE parking (a $400 value).

If you would like more info on how to get involved, please contact Bobbi Law, CMF Team Leader at (208) 590-1454 or thecrazypiglady73@gmail.com.

STAC CHAPERONES AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

4-H State Teen Association Convention will be held June 25-28 in Moscow. Position descriptions are listed below. Applications are available through Google Docs from March 5-April 9. Notifications will be sent to those selected with further instructions and information no later than April 17. If you are interested, please apply as soon as possible so that they can get their applications in before the deadline.

- Adult Chaperone Position Description (PDF)
- Adult Chaperone Application
- Collegiate Volunteer Position Description (PDF)
- Collegiate Volunteer Application

If you have any questions, please contact Shana Codr at 208-885-7700 or at scodr@uidaho.edu.
LIVESTOCK SKILLS DAYS

GEM/BOISE COUNTY
Date & Time: April 7 (Saturday), 1-4pm
Place: Gem County Fairgrounds
Please see Flier for more information.

PAYETTE COUNTY
Date & Time: April 14 (Saturday), 9-11am
Place: Payette County Fairgrounds
Cost: $2.00 per person
RSVP to Joan Gill (208) 642-6022 at least 1 week prior to clinic.
Please see Flier for more information.

ALL GOAT UNIVERSITY
Date & Time: May 12 (Saturday), 8am-5pm
Place: Columbia HS Ag Building, Nampa
Cost: FREE

All goat lovers welcome! Informational seminars on all things GOAT including basic care & feeding, disbudding, tattooing, hoof trimming, feeding market wethers, diseases and preventions, showmanship clinics and MORE!
A baked potato bar lunch will be available as a TVDGA fundraiser, as well as some fun raffles and vendors. As a community service for 4-H, everyone is asked to bring a non-perishable food item for donation to local food banks.

HILLBILLY SPRING CLASSIC HORSE SHOW
Date: May 26 (Saturday)
Time: 8:00am registration; 8:30am show begins
Place: Mt. View Stables (1388 Galloway Rd, Caldwell)
Cost: $6 per class/$35 whole day (preregistered)
$8 per class/$50 whole day (day of show)
Please see Flier for more information.

DENIM & DUST OPEN HORSE SHOW SERIES
Dates: June 30th & July 14th
Place: One Mane Ranch (29710 Farmway Rd., Caldwell)
For more information contact Denise Mengon at 208-739-0941 or Denisemengon72@gmail.com.
Please see Flier for more information.

SADDLE TRAMPS 4-H HORSE SHOW
Dates: May 12 (Saturday)
Time: 7:00am registration; 8:30am show begins
Place: Birt’s Arena (2520 E Lewis Lane, Nampa)
Cost: $8 per class/$35 whole day (preregistered)
$10 per class/$50 whole day (day of show)
Please see Flier for more information.

RIFLE, ARCHERY & SHOTGUN TRAININGS
Dates: May 4 & 5 • Registration Deadline: April 20
Location: Bannock Fairgrounds
Amber Benson: amerb@bannockcounty.us or (208) 236-7306. See Flier for more information.

2018 CANYON COUNTY WEIGH-IN DATES
• Swine-April 17 (ID Due)
• Sheep-May 15, 4-7 pm, Canyon Fairgrounds
• Goat-May 15, 4-7 pm, Canyon Fairgrounds

2018 TV CLASSIC JR BEEF SHOW
Date: May 19 (Saturday)
Time: 9am weigh-in; 12pm show
Place: Owyhee County Fairgrounds, Homedale
Cost: $30 (by May 12—lunch included)/$35 day of show
Steers, no late heifers. Stalls available. For more information, contact Scott or Kim Holt at 208-841-8250 or kkholt1@msn.com.
Presented by Cowpokes 4-H Club in cooperation with the Idaho Hereford Assn. Make checks payable to Cowpokes 4-H Club.
### APRIL/MAY 4-H CALENDAR

#### APRIL
- **7** Livestock Skills Day, Gem Fairgrounds
- **9** Endowment Board meeting, 7 pm
- **12** Leader’s meeting, 7 pm, Small Animal Barn
- **14** Livestock Skills Day, Payette Fairgrounds
- **14-15** Shooting Sports Training, Coeur d’Alene
- **16** Horse Judging & Hippology Entry Deadline
- **21** BLM Community Service Opportunity, 8am
- **20** STAC scholarship application deadline
- **28** 4-H Benefit Dinner & Auction

#### MAY
- **3** Leader’s meeting, 7 pm, Ada County Extension
- **4-5** Shooting Sports Training, Bannock Fairgrounds
- **5** Horse Judging Contest, Gem Fairgrounds
- **5** Hippology Contest, Gem Fairgrounds
- **5** Poultry Fun Day, 9:15am Small Animal Barn
- **10** Ada Swine Weigh-in, 5:30pm Expo Idaho
- **12** All Goat University, 8am, Nampa
- **12** Saddle Tramps Horse Show, 7am, Nampa
- **17** Ada Sheep & Goat Weigh-In, 5:30pm, Expo Idaho
- **19** TV Classic Jr Beef Show, 9am, Owyhee Fairgrounds
- **26** Hillbilly Spring Classic Horse Show, 8am, Caldwell

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR! IMPORTANT 2018 DATES!

**4-H Adventure Camp:**
- June Kids Camp: June 21 to 24
- Teen Camp: July 9 to 13
- August Camp: August 3 to 6

**Western Idaho Fair:** August 17 to 26
- Fair Orientation: July 19
- Interview Evaluations: August 13 and 14
- Market Sale: August 21

**Endowment Board Scholarships:**
Due 30 days before the event unless otherwise noted. The scholarship forms are available at: [http://www.uidaho.edu/extension/county/ada/4-h/documents](http://www.uidaho.edu/extension/county/ada/4-h/documents)

### OTHER EXTENSION CLASSES AND PROGRAMS

- **April 12** Cheesemaking Class
- **May 5** Master Gardener Plant Sale

For information on how to register for the above classes, call 208-287-5900.