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Hi everyone,

4-H is amazing in how it helps youth to learn by doing, grow from failure, express their ideas, and lead. We are in the business of providing these transformative experiences and helping more youth make their best better.

With that in mind, we are looking forward to some exciting activities coming down the pipeline this spring and summer with day camps, adventure camp, and fair. As more information becomes available, we will be posting details on our Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter feeds.

4-H also has a new partnership with JOANN’s and I encourage everyone to participate by signing up for the new 4-H rewards card and purchasing a paper clover at JOANN’s while they’re still available (sources say they’ll have them through St. Patrick’s Day now).

4-H will soon be revamping the Raise Your Hand campaign where 4-H friends, families, and alumni can show their support for the 4-H program. We’ll be posting updates on that on our social media as they come out.

So many exciting things are happening in our program! I encourage you to share the positive experiences you’ve had in 4-H with others by posting them online.

I’m looking forward to meeting more of you in person and learning how the experiences you’ve had in 4-H has helped you make your best better.

All the best,

Allen Taggart
4-H Extension Educator
February 8, 2018 the Endowment Board recognized the retiring board members with a dinner and plaque of appreciation.

The Endowment Board was founded 32 years ago in 1986 and is made up of Extension Educators, Fair Supervisors, and 4-H Volunteers.

At this last meeting, we recognized four of the founding members: Don and Jane’t Heavrin, Mary Ballantyne and Norm Walker as well as Flora Walker (5 years of service) and Gene and Margaret Schultz (23 years of service). Their hard work and dedication have allowed a multitude of 4-H members to attend numerous County, District, State and National events.

The incoming Board members hope to follow in their footsteps and continue to grow and support 4-H in Ada County.
UPCOMING EVENTS

BEEF FIELD DAY FOR YOUTH
Date: March 10, 2018 (Saturday)
Time: 12:30-4:00 p.m.
Place: Marsing High School
Cost: $2.00 per person
RSVP by March 7.
Station Topics:
• Bulls and Breeding Soundness Exams
• Cow Reproductive Anatomy & Artificial Insemination—how to git-r-done
• Handling the Bull’s Contribution to Getting Cows Pregnant
• Understanding and Assisting in the Calving Process
Call 208-896-4104 for more info or to RSVP.

DISTRICT II HORSE BOWL CONTEST
Date: Saturday, March 3, 2018
Place: Fruitland Middle School
(800 S Pennsylvania Ave, Fruitland, ID)
OPENING SCHEDULE
• 8:30-9:30 am Check-in for Junior and Senior teams (JR & SR contests will be run simultaneously)
• 9:00 am Check-in for all volunteers
• 9:30 am Instructions for all volunteers
• 9:45 am Mandatory Orientation for all participants and coaches (each team is allowed one coach; coach must be with the team at all times)
• 10:00 am Contest begins

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
Scholarships are available—the deadline for submission is April 1. Don’t miss out—get those sent in ASAP!
For more Information and Application Packet

SILVER SPURS DOG SHOW
Date: March 24
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Place: Payette Fairgrounds in New Plymouth
Registration Fee: $5 per dog
For more info contact Lesli Smith at 208-740-0870 stoneygsp@gmail.com or Suzanne Sideroff at 208-739-0178 or sideroffs@fmtc.com.

2018 ADA COUNTY WEIGH-IN DATES
Beef: March 3, 2018, 9-11am
Treasure Valley Livestock Auction
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 CERTIFICATION
All 4-H leaders must be 4-H certified to teach shooting sports. The Ada County Leader’s Association offers scholarships to leaders for this training.
If you were unable to make the earlier training in this area another is offered in Moscow.
♦ March 31
♦ Moscow
♦ Archery and rifle
♦ $75
♦ Registration deadline March 16

To Make the Best Better
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.
**Job Opportunities**

**Lifeguards Needed for 2018 Camp Season!**

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

**Lifeguard responsibilities and duties**

Supervise waterfront during all waterfront activities, including Polar bear plunge 6:30 am, administer swim test, Morning and Afternoon workshops, canoeing, swimming, waterfront games and free swim. Monitor waterfront area closely throughout session and identify any safety issues. Direct swimmers out of the lake in hazardous conditions. Monitor weather reports closely to ensure safety. Maintain a clean environment in and around waterfront.

**Lifeguard 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 21 and older will need to sign up as a 4-H volunteer

**Advantages**

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

To apply, submit resume to Dana Gillespie, Camp Director at danag@uidaho.edu.

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**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 & application available at [www.cascadelake4hcamp.com](http://www.cascadelake4hcamp.com) or call 208-250-8444. The camp is located in Donnelly, Idaho.

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**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](mailto:contact@cascadelake4hcamp.com)

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**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](mailto:thecrazypiglady73@gmail.com).

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**Last Minute Internship Opportunity!**

Project Youth Extension Service (YES), a partnership between the Cooperative Extension Service and the Dept. of Defense has provided the funding for a national youth and professional development internship program. Through this initiative, college students can develop professional skills in:

- Youth development
- Small and large group facilitation
- Critical thinking
- Program management
- Hands-on experience working with military families

This is a 12-month internship from June 2018- May 2019. Selected interns must participate in the 2018 Project YES Intern Orientation that will be held May 18-26 at NC State University. Application Deadline: **March 1, 2018.** For additional info and application go to [http://www.projectyouthextension.com](http://www.projectyouthextension.com).
**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
Ph. 208-414-0415 • Fax 208-414-0469

**TRAINING**

The Yoga for Kids training will be held June 5 at the UI Ada Extension office. See flyer for details. Contact Maureen Toomey at mtoomey@uidaho.edu with questions or for more information.

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**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARD WINNERS**

ANNE NYGARD of Boise and IVY HARNESS of Nampa were named Idaho’s top two youth volunteers of 2018 by the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards. This is a nationwide program that honors young people for outstanding acts of volunteerism.

As State Honorees, Anne and Ivy each receive $1,000, an engraved silver medallion and an all-expense paid trip in late April to Washington, D.C. where they will join the top two honorees from the other states for four days of national recognition events. During the trip, 10 youth will be selected as America’s top youth volunteers of 2018.

**2018-19 KYG STEERING COMMITTEE **

**ADA COUNTY SELECTIONS**

• AVERY SMOCK, Reporter
• SAYDEE HENNING, Legislator

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**4-H LICENSE PLATES**

Do you have a 4-H License plate? Have you wanted to get one but haven’t gotten around to it? Well, 2018 is the year to do it! 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 further information, please contact Jim Lindstrom at jlindstrom@uidaho.edu.

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**To Make the Best Better**
March/April 4-H Calendar

March

1  Leader’s meeting, 7 pm, Ada County Extension
1-4  WRLF, San Diego, CA
3  Beef Initial Weigh-In, 9-11 am, T V Livestock Auction
3  DI Horse Bowl Contest, Fruitland Middle School
8  Endowment Board meeting, 7 pm
10  Beef Field Day, Marsing High School
16  Moscow Shooting Sports Registration Deadline
24  Silver Spurs Dog Show, Payette Fairgrounds

April

1  STAC registration begins
5  Leader’s meeting, 7 pm, Ada County Extension
9  Endowment Board meeting, 7 pm
20  STAC scholarship application deadline
28  4-H Benefit Dinner & Auction

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

2018 Canyon County Weigh-In Dates

- Beef - March 3, 9-11 am
  TV Livestock Auction
- Swine - April 17 (ID Due)
- Sheep - May 15, 4-7 pm
  Canyon County Fairgrounds
- Goat - May 15, 4-7 pm
  Canyon County Fairgrounds

Other Extension Classes and Programs

March 6/8/13/15  Water-Efficient Landscaping Classes, Library at Bown Crossing (Free)
March 6/12/20/27  Gardening 101 Classes, Meridian Cherry Lane Library (Free)
March 30  Registration deadline for MFSA program
March 31  Rose Pruning Class, Edwards Greenhouse (Free)
April 10  Master Food Safety Advisor (MFSA) Program begins
April 12  Cheesemaking Class

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