



# Lines For Leaders

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## March 2022

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### Basics of 4-H

At this time of year, new 4-H members and families are joining 4-H and trying to figure out projects, record books, and more. In all of this new, sometimes the very basic information gets missed. So if you are new to 4-H or if you are helping someone new to 4-H, check out the following:

**What is 4-H?** This can sometimes be the hardest question to answer since everyone will define it a bit differently. One of the simplest definitions I have seen is "4-H is a community of young people who are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills."

**What is the 4-H Pledge?** I recommend that new members be given a typed-out version of the pledge or a poster be made available as they learn it. The pledge is:

I pledge my Head to clearer thinking,  
My Heart to greater loyalty,  
My Hands to larger service,  
My Health to better living,

For my club, my community, my country and my world.

**What is the mission of 4-H?** The mission of Idaho 4-H is "4-H empowers youth to reach their full potential through working and learning in partnership with caring adults."

**What is the 4-H Motto?** The motto is "To Make the Best Better..." 4-H strives to always improve!

**Why Green and White?** The 4-H colors are green and white. The white symbolizes purity and high ideals. Green is nature's most common color and is symbolic of springtime, life, and youth.

**What are the age categories?** Youth participate in four age categories that align with developmental milestones as well as aligning with national and state 4-H competitions. 4-H age is calculated as the age of the youth on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current 4-H year to standardize ages. Age categories are:

5-7 years old - Cloverbud (non-competitive)

8-10 years old - Junior

11-13 years old - Intermediate

14-18 years old - Senior

There are many more things you can learn about 4-H by checking out the Idaho 4-H About page at: <https://www.uidaho.edu/extension/4h/about>, the New 4-H Family Handbook at: <https://www.uidaho.edu/-/media/UIDaho-Responsive/Files/Extension/4-H/4-H-Family-Handbook-201607.pdf?la=en&hash=9545BCE66C3AF41F2FC8D2BDA49B594DABE7C9DE>, or [4h.org](http://4h.org).

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# 4-H Event Calendar

## March

- 1 Snow Shoe Day Camp—Bogus Basin
  - 5 Canyon County Horse Oral Presentation Contest—Middleton Community Center
  - 5 Canyon & Ada County Beef Initial Weight-in—9-11am—Treasure Valley Livestock, Caldwell
  - 5 Rock Climbing Day Camp—The Commons Climbing Gym
  - 8 Southern District Shooting Sports Committee Meeting—7pm—Zoom—[Meeting ID: 897 5507 1889](#)
  - 12 Southern District Youth Beef Field Day—Owyhee County Fairgrounds
  - 12 Southern District Horse Bowl—Payette County Fairgrounds
  - 12 Southern District Archery Shoot—Caldwell Gun Club
  - 15 Market Livestock Sale Committee Meeting—7pm—Zoom—[Meeting ID: 890 7293 2968](#)
  - 17 Fun with Birds Day Camp—Ada County Extension Office
  - 19 Adventure Camp Counselor Training—Ada County Extension Office
  - 23 Babysitting Course—Registration with Caldwell Parks and Recreation
  - 26 BLM Trail Challenge
  - 26 Multi-County Horse Judging—Canyon County Fair Building
  - 26 Rock Climbing Day Camp—Vertical View Climbing Gym
  - 28 Canyon County Horse Leaders Meeting—7pm—Zoom—[Meeting ID: 865 7752 8146](#)
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## April

- 9 Adventure Camp Counselor Training—Boise Metro Chamber, Downtown Boise
  - 9-10 Shooting Sports Training—Post Falls
  - 10 BLM Mustang Adoption Day
  - 12 Swine Online Declaration Deadline-(<https://canyonsale.fairwire.com>)
  - 12 Southern District Youth Horse Camp - 6pm—Zoom—[Meeting ID: 867 9188 5359](#)
  - 12 Southern District Youth Horse Council Meeting - 7pm - Zoom—[Meeting ID: 867 9188 5359](#)
  - 14 Canyon County 4-H Leaders' Council Meeting—7pm—Zoom—[Meeting ID: 824 5985 2352](#)
  - 15 Horse Declaration Online Deadline (<https://canyonsale.fairwire.com>)
  - 16 Southern District Horse Oral Presentation—Payette County Fairgrounds
  - 16 Southern District 4-H Shotgun Shoot—Caldwell Gun Club
  - 30 Southern District 4-H Air Rifle Shoot—Nampa Indoor Public Range
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## Canyon County 4-H Spring Break Day Camps

Spring Break Day Camp information coming soon. Camps will include cloberbud, air rifle, circuitry, robotics and more. Stay tuned for more information.



## Important Dates to Remember



### March

- 1 Multi-County Horse Judging Entry Deadline
- 4 Southern District Archery Shoot Registration Deadline
- 9 Beef Field Day RSVP Deadline
- 25 Market Beef Online Declaration Deadline (<https://canyonsale.fairwire.com>)

### April

- 1 District Horse Council Camp Scholarship Due
- 12 Market Swine Online Declaration Deadline (<https://canyonsale.fairwire.com>)
- 15 Horse Online Declaration Deadline (<https://canyonsale.fairwire.com>)
- 29 Market Broiler Intent to Participate Due to Canyon County Fair Office by 4:30pm

## Canyon County 4-H Leaders' Meetings

### Thursday, April 14

Everyone is invited to attend the Canyon County 4-H Leaders' Council meetings held on the second Thursday at 7pm in February, April, June, September and November. The agenda includes setting the budget, awarding scholarships, supporting county 4-H events, networking and promoting 4-H in the community.

**Everyone is Welcome!**

Council meetings also include a volunteer development training for volunteers to gain new skills and ideas to implement at their club meetings. The next meeting is Thursday, April 14 at 7pm via Zoom. To join this meeting via Zoom click the meeting link: [Meeting ID: 824 5985 2352](https://canyonsale.fairwire.com)

If you would prefer to join in-person, please RSVP by calling the Canyon County Extension Office at 208-459-6003.

## Congratulation New Certified Volunteers!

Stephanie Edwards—Happy Valley Livestock  
Lindsay Hendricks, County Club  
Charline Moore, County Club

Tiffany Neely—Critters of Gold



## 2022 Interview Evaluations — Save the Dates!

Thursday, July 14      Friday, July 15  
Tuesday, July 19      &      Wednesday, July 20

**Location:** Best Western  
908 Specht Ave., Caldwell

**Horse members** will be required to interview July 14 or July 15 to participate in the Canyon County Fair Horse Show.

*Everyone must do an interview evaluation as a component to completing their 4-H project.*

## 2022 Canyon County Fair, Market Animal Weigh-in Dates

- Beef**.....Saturday, **March 5**, 9am-11am, Treasure Valley Livestock Auction, Caldwell  
online declarations Due—March 25
- Swine**.....Tuesday, **April 12**, Deadline for Swine tag numbers, pictures and online declaration
- Sheep/Goat**.....Tuesday, **May 10**, Deadline for Sheep/Goat tag numbers, pictures and online  
declaration
- Market Broiler**.....Friday, **April 29**, Intent Deadline  
Wednesday, **May 11**, Chick pick up (at Dunlap Hatchery from 9am-6pm)  
Wednesday, **May 18**, Deadline for Broiler online declaration

\*\*ALL INITIAL DECLARATIONS, PAYMENT AND FAIR ENTRIES WILL BE SUMMITTED AT  
<https://canyonsale.fairwire.com>

ALL ONLINE FAIR ENTRIES ARE DUE **June 15, 2022**

## 2022 Western Idaho Fair, Market Animal Weigh-in Dates

- Beef**.....Saturday, **March 5**, 9am-11am, Treasure Valley Livestock Auction, Caldwell  
\$15.00 per head
- Swine**.....Thursday, **May 12**, 5:30-8pm, Western Idaho Fairgrounds  
\$4.00 per head
- Sheep/Goat**.....Thursday, **May 19**, 5:30-8pm, Western Idaho Fairgrounds  
\$4.00 per sheep, \$3.00 per goat

Market Animal Declaration Form is required for  
Western Idaho Fair market animal exhibitors

## Southern District Youth Beef Field Day

**Saturday, March 12**

Check-In 12:30pm

Owyhee County Community Center

432 W Nevada Ave, Homedale



Participants will be able to complete an animal science lesson for each station they attend.

Participation is open to 4-H & FFA youth and adults. Cost is **\$2.00**/participant, payable the day of.

Interested participants must **RSVP by March 9** to 208-896-4104 or [owyhee@uidaho.edu](mailto:owyhee@uidaho.edu).

## Southern District Shooting Sports Contests—Stay Tuned for Registration Info

Shotgun	April 16	at Caldwell Gun Club
Air Rifle	April 30	at Nampa Indoor Range
Small Bore Rifle	May 7	at Nampa Outdoor Range
State Shoot	June 10 & 11	within the Treasure Valley

## Babysitting Training

Saturday, March 23

10:00am-3:30

Roberts Recreation Center

504 Grant St., Caldwell

The babysitting curriculum includes fun, hands on, informational activities. Nutritional foods/snacks, ages/stages of child development, handling emergency situations, babysitting do's and don'ts, 7 principals of discipline and the business of babysitting. Participants receive a materials, student guide and certification of completion. Participants need to bring a bagged lunch. The cost for this training is \$15/participant. To register visit: <https://secure.rec1.com/ID/caldwell-id-parks-recreation/catalog>.



## Finding Information On Social Media—Facebook Options

### 4-H Facebook Pages

**Canyon County 4-H, UI Extension**—Learn what is happening with 4-H In Canyon County

**University of Idaho Extension 4-H Youth**

**Development**—Learn what is happening with 4-H in Idaho

**Clover Sparks**—Find Cloverbud programming in your area

**Canyon County Fair Livestock Exhibitors**—Keep up to date on exhibitor dates and deadlines for the Canyon County Fair

**Idaho 4-H State Teen Association**—Learn how Idaho teens are building bright futures and see how you can get involved

**4-H Adventure Camp**—Learn about day camp and over night camp opportunities



### Extension Facebook Pages

**UI Extension, Canyon County**—Learn about programming on topics such as gardening, small farms and more

**University of Idaho Extension, Canyon County Master Gardeners**—Learn how to make your garden grow with tips from Certified Canyon County Master Gardeners

**UI Extension, Idaho Small Farms & Local Food**—Discover programming for small and hobby farmers

**Food, Fitness & Finances—UI Extension, Treasure Valley Area FCS**— Find programming for food, fitness and finance in the treasure valley

**University of Idaho Extension**—Find programming from educators across the state on endless topics

## Save the Dates - 2022 Horse Event Dates

### Horse Oral Presentations

April 16 District

### Hippology

TBD County

May 14 District

### Horse Judging

May 14 District



### State Horse Contest

July 8—Horse Judging—Birt Arena—Nampa

July 8—Hippology—Skyview High School—Nampa

July 9—Oral Presentation & Horse Bowl—Skyview High School—Nampa

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### Mandatory Horse Camp Orientation—Tuesday, May 31; 7pm

at the Canyon County Extension Office

**Horse Camp — Save the Date — June 23-26** at Cascade Lake 4-H Camp

Scholarships are available from Southern District Youth Horse Council (Due April 1) and Canyon County 4-H Council (Due May 1)

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## Canyon County Horse Leaders' Meeting

Monday, March 28, 7pm via ZOOM

Join via Zoom: [Meeting ID: 865 7752 8146](https://us02zoom.us/j/86577528146)

**EVERYONE** (parents and volunteers) are welcome to join the next Canyon County Horse Leaders Meeting. This is where you will get “first-hand” information on what the future holds for the horse project in Canyon County. It could include contest information, clinics, practices and resources that would be available for horse youth. *You cannot beat the ease of joining from the comfort of your home or if you are on the go and not in the area.* President Kelsie Atkinson would love to see you pop in and introduce yourself on Monday, March 28 at 7pm (**meetings are held on the 4th Monday of the month**). Please call the Extension Office at 208-459-6003 if you have any questions.

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## Upcoming Horse Clinics

### Canyon County Horse Leaders' Clinics

Tuesdays—must be checked in prior to 6:30pm

Chick-in and warmup from 5:30-6:30pm.

Birt Arena, 2520 E Lewis Ln., Nampa

\$10/participants

April 5 Showmanship

April 12 English

April 19 Reining

April 26 Trail

**Saddle Tramps 4-H Boot Camp**

May 7 More information coming soon

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## 2022 4-H Adventure Camps

- June 9-12** NEW Fairy Tale Camp (3rd-5th grades, only)  
**June 16-19** June Kids Camp (3rd-5th grades, only)  
**July 5-8** NEW Wizarding Camp (6th-8th grades, only)  
**July 11-15** July Teen Camp (6th-8th grades, only)  
**August 11-15** August Mixed Camp (3rd-8th grades)



Campers will enjoy a safe environment for making new friends, learning leadership and teamwork skills, and making lasting memories. *Scholarships are available by emailing [idaho4hadventurecamp@uidaho.edu](mailto:idaho4hadventurecamp@uidaho.edu)!* Registration is now open through Zsuites in the events tab.

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## Cascade Lake 4-H Camp Work Weekend

May 13-15, 2022



Mark your calendars for the annual Cascade Lake 4-H Camp work weekend! Pretend you are a camper again with campfires, canoeing and other activities, in addition to helping with a few important projects around the camp grounds. Cabins are available on a first come first serve basis. Please **RSVP for a cabin by May 5**. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Kathy Lauer at 208-250-8444 or email [contact@cascadelake4hcamp.com](mailto:contact@cascadelake4hcamp.com).

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## 4-H Adventure Camp Day Camps

4-H Adventure Camp will be offering day camps. These events are open to all youth. *Scholarships are available by emailing [idaho4hadventurecamp@uidaho.edu](mailto:idaho4hadventurecamp@uidaho.edu).* 4-H youth can register in Zsuites events. See full list of camps below:

**Show Shoeing**—**March 1**, 10am-2pm, Bogus Basin Nordic Lodge

Cost is **\$6.00**, grades 3-10, drop off and pickup locations available in Nampa & Boise

**Rock Climbing**—**March 5**, 12:45-4pm, The Commons Climbing Gym

Cost is **\$15.00**, ages 8-17 (as of January 1, 2022)

**Fun with Birds**—**March 17**—8am-1pm, Ada County Extension Office

Cost is **\$25.00**, ages 10-13 (as of January 1, 2022)

**Spring Break Adventure Daily Camp**—**March 21-25**, 9am-3:pm, Ada County Extension Office

Cost is **\$150.00**, ages 9-13 (as of January 1, 2022)

Join 4-H Adventure Camp Coordinators for a week of daily outdoor adventures.

**Dutch Oven & Outdoor Cooking**—**March 23-25**, 12-2:30pm, Washington County Extension

Cost is **\$35.00**, ages 9-13 (as of January 1, 2022)

**Rock Climbing**—**March 26**, 12:45-4pm, Vertical View Climbing Gym

Cost is **\$15.00**, ages 8-17 (as of January 1, 2022)

**Fun with Birds**—**May 28**, 8am-1pm, Ada County Extension Office

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for meeting information, Zoom  
links and event registrations!!

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ARE DUE APRIL 15!**

