Welcome to 2018!!!! I am so very excited with all the new things happening in Kootenai/Shoshone 4-H this year! Keep on your toes and watch your email for updates. Make sure you are double checking your 4HOnline enrollment for correct information as you sign up for this year.

The Remind Texting App is turning out to be a huge success. If you want to receive updates and announcements by text just give me a call or drop me an email and I will get you added to the list.

We are always looking for new ideas for our 4-H program so if you run across something that looks like fun be sure to tell us about it!

Lets have some fun…….

Teresa Balderrama
4-H Program Coordinator

Northern District Teen Retreat

January 13-15, 2018

At Ross Point Camp in Post Falls

Open to all 4-H members who have completed the 6th grade.
NEW THIS YEAR…..Leaders will NOT be required to do a background check if you have a completed leader status for the 2016-17 4-H year. (You will need a background check every three years) You will be able to enroll on 4HOnline as soon as your club organizational leader has turned in year end reports to make your club active.

4HOnline Enrollment
Deadline is:
March 1st
for competitive exhibits at The 2018 North Idaho State Fair

- Please make sure your information on 4HOnline is correct as you are enrolling for 2018. We are continuing to increase our electronic communications so current email is very important.
- We have “How To” Sheets available at the Extension Office if you need help. Be sure to check in on 4HOnline to get information on events, deadlines, and forms you may need.
- 4HOnline enrollment closes on March 1st, and the last day to adjust project information is April 1st.
- Members will not show as “Active” status until all fees are paid at the Extension Office.
- Leaders are not “Active” until your background check and protecting minors training is completed.

2017-2018 LEADER ENROLLMENT

Getting Started
Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who came to our year end recognition night! The food was good, music was loud, and we learned that Mr. Taub can Sumo Wrestle!

2017-2018 4-H Fees

For this new 4-H year the enrollment fees for cloverbud and traditional members will start at $20 with the additional fees for ATV and Horse members.

If for some reason there are members or families that can’t afford this fee, please let us know; scholarships may be available to supplement or cover their fees. We do not want to ever turn a youth or family away from the 4-H experience because of financial reasons.

Project Requirements

As you plan for next year, please remember that project requirements and exhibit standards are fully described in the Kootenai/Shoshone County 4-H Project Requirements - every Organizational Leader will receive a full copy and project leaders need to get requirements for the projects they are signed up to lead. These will also be posted on our Kootenai County Extension website (when it gets up and running) and at your 4-H Online family home page. Remember that our county project requirements are similar to the State level requirements, but there are slight variations that supersede the state version. There will be extra copies at the Extension Office or available electronically by request.

If all leaders, members, and parents review the project and exhibit requirements at the beginning of a project, then there shouldn’t be any problems when a project is submitted for exhibit at next year’s Fair.

Remember -
All projects have a record book or portfolio!
All record books include a story!
All projects require a demonstration!
All projects have an exhibit standard!

The Official Word

Idaho 4-H Policies and Procedures is the official publication for Idaho 4-H policies and procedures. It is revised and published biannually. The publication provides information on the vision and mission of Idaho 4-H and a variety of topics of interest to volunteer leaders. Topics include membership/age, 4-H code of conduct, use of the 4-H name and emblem, and liability coverage and grievance procedures. Copies are available at the Extension Office and on the Idaho 4-H web site.

Are you interested in public speaking??
Dramatic Presentations?
Ask your leaders or the Extension Office about Oral Presentations!
California is home for the Western Regional Volunteer Forum. All leaders are invited to attend and enjoy some sunshine. The Western Region Leaders’ Forum (WRLF) is a leadership conference for volunteers and staff of the 4-H Western Region. The 13 states in the region are Alaska, Alberta, (Canada) Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Montana, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming. At the Volunteer Forum you will attend workshops, tours, and group sessions to enhance your 4-H participation. If you have never gone to a Leaders Forum before, this is an amazing opportunity. Some of the bonus tours include Disneyland, The San Diego Zoo, and SeaWorld.

Western Regional Volunteer Forum

The 2018 Western Regional Volunteer Forum will be held in San Diego, CA. The dates for this conference March 1-4, 2018. Visit the website to sign up and attend: http://ucanr.edu/sites/WRLF_2018

Volunteer Association Needs Your Help

Next Meeting: January 18th, 7 PM

NOTE: We will be meeting at the fairgrounds

2017-2018 Officers:

President: Lee Hagen
Vice President: Nicole Olson
Secretary: Tristen Johnson
Treasurer: JoAnne Fortier
The Teen Scene...

Panhandle Ambassadors Host Northern District Retreat

By Lauren Young

Have you heard the news?

The Northern District Teen Retreat is near!

Every year teens in the Northern District get together at the Ross Point Camp in Post Falls over Martin Luther King Jr. Weekend. They earn leadership skills that will take them far into their lives while having fun.

Last year we played in Hamster Balls and this year there is talk of an Escape Room where we will have to find clues and put the clues together to get out of a room in time.

This retreat is for students in the seventh grade until they are in twelfth grade.

Teens are also able to meet other teens that live in their district. The attendees also get to hear speeches from keynote speakers from the local area and sometimes even from the University of Idaho.

2017 Ambassador Summit

By Makenzee Thompson

I recently went down to McCall, Idaho for Ambassador Summit. I learned about being an ambassador and how to be a better leader. We did workshops on the 4 h’s of 4-H; head, hands, heart, and health.

Our workshops included critical thinking for head, accepting differences for heart, self-motivation for hands, and healthy choices for health. That same day, we learned how to apply what we learned to our own lives.

We also learned how to market & promote 4-H and public speaking & contests in 4-H and our counties.

We did a general session on interviewing where we did speed interviews to prepare ourselves for future job interviews. Another general session we did was youth-adult partnerships where we learned how to work well with adults and what adults expect from youth in a teamwork situation. If you or your child has graduated the 8th grade, I really recommend that you go next year and have the best weekend of the year!
Upcoming Leader Meetings

Leaders’ Association meeting is scheduled for January 18th, 2018 at 7:00 PM. Among the items on the agenda are forming committees, and preparing for upcoming events. If you are a 4-H leader, parent or teen member and want to stay on top of what is going on and have some influence in the direction of the local 4-H program, you need to become involved in the related committees and attend these meetings.

Leader FAQ’s ......

Why am I “Pending” in 4HOnline!

If your profile on 4HOnline shows you have a “Pending” status, double check to see if you completed the Protecting Minors Training under the training tab. It will say “Complete” on your training tab when it is finished.

Leader Training Committee Meeting

January 4, 6 PM

Come tell us what you want to learn about this year and help us plan out Souper Saturday!

Leader Training Requirements

As per Northern District policy, all leaders must participate in leader training each 4-H year. Only Extension-approved leaders (includes an approved enrollment and having completed training) are authorized to conduct meetings and sign record books. Only these approved leaders are covered by University of Idaho liability insurance.

All new volunteer 4-H leaders must attend a minimum of 3 hours of training. All experienced volunteer 4-H leaders (project, organizational, and middle management) must attend a minimum of 2 hours of training.

Training can be University of Idaho County Extension sponsored activities or other approved youth development, leadership, risk management or project topic classes. Leaders desiring training from other sources must contact Teresa Balderrama at the Extension Office for approval. Documentation must be submitted following the training to receive credit.

In complying with this policy, all Kootenai/Shoshone 4-H leaders are required to complete mandatory leader training by April 1st, 2018.

Club Officers

Members/clubs planning to exhibit in the Secretary, Treasurer, or Scrapbook division at the 2018 North Idaho State Fair must be listed under the appropriate officer role on the Club Enrollment Form, and be submitted to the Extension Office by April 1st (only 1 member for each position). We will register these youth for the listed office, making them eligible to exhibit. Remember, these officer roles do not count as projects when determining that member’s enrollment fee.

NOTE: Secretary, Treasurer, and Historian (Scrapbook) will be interview judged.

Mark your Calendars….

Souper Saturday
Leader Training
February 24th
At
Lakeland High School
Small Animal Council  
April 2nd at 6 PM @ Fairgrounds

Livestock Leaders  
The Livestock Leaders next scheduled meeting is January 10th at 7:00 PM. They will be discussing the pig panel fundraiser, and leader training opportunities for the 2018 year. The January meeting will include 2 hours of leader training.

Quality Assurance Class  
Once again members selling any species of livestock at fair this year will need to complete an approved quality assurance workshop. Dates are coming soon so watch your email.

Buying Animals and COOL  
As you purchase animals for your 2017-2018 4-H projects, remember that you need to get documentation on where they were born and where they have been raised. We have a sample “Bill of Sale” form here at the Extension Office that you may want to use. Also remember that all cattle need brand inspections and that all animals crossing state lines need health certificates at the time of purchase. It is your responsibility to make sure you are in compliance with state and federal laws.

Kootenai 4-H Shop and Swap  
Pass on gently used show clothes, boots, livestock equipment, fencing, trailers, animals.....what sits in your barn???
Next Horse Leaders Meeting is February 6th

Equine Retreat and Horse Camp will be June 17th-23rd
Please watch for more information as it becomes available!
Mark your Calendars!

Help Needed
Horse Leaders: We are looking for help this next summer with shows, clinics, and more. If you can volunteer your time when you are at the shows please let us know. We would love the extra help this summer!

Mark Your Calendar
March 6….Equine Retreat/Horse Camp Scholarships Due
March 17….County Horse Bowl
April 2…..Horse ID due on 4HOnline
April 21…..County Oral Presentations
April 26…..County Hippology Contest

Model Horse Show
February 17 2PM @ Extension Office
Are you tired of snow, and ready for a horse show? Well dust off your model horses and lets have some fun! Look for more information on 4HOnline or pick up an entry form at the Extension Office today!
Dog Leader Meeting

The October Dog leaders will meet on Monday, January 8th at 7:00 PM, Extension Office to begin program and event planning for the coming 4-H year.

2018 Kootenai/Shoshone 4-H Dog Program Calendar

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Watch your email for other fun events over spring break!!

Join our friends at Cabela’s for fun outdoor events!

**Upcoming County 4-H Events**

Sat. January 6: Family Ice Fishing Day  
Tues. January 16: Family Fun Night Archery  
Sat. January 20: Big Game Appetizers  
Sat & Sun Feb 10-11: NRA Days (Shooting & Safety Seminars)  
March 10-11 & March 24-25: Spring Great Outdoor Days (Multiple events including kids archery and bb gun ranges)

**New Beekeeping Project!!**

Learn about Idaho’s Native Pollinator Bees

- Feb 15th @ 6 PM: Introduction to Native bees and pollination
- March 7th @ 6 PM: Build your Bee Hotel
- March 28th @ 6 PM: Monitoring your Bees
- May 9th @ 6 PM: Protecting bees from predators
- June 6th @ 6 PM: How to be a bee scout
- July: Check in at a Tuesday Workday at Extension Office
- August: Check in at a Tuesday Workday at Extension Office
- October 3rd 6 PM: Cocoon Collection and Sharing

Cost is $15, Fee needs to be paid to sign up, limited space available.

**Rabbit Clinic**

**March 2-3, 2018**

- Fri. March 2: 6-9 PM: Rabbit Clinic
- Sat March 3: Spend the day at an ARBA Rabbit show, practice Showmanship, participate in contests, Practice Breed ID, and have tons of fun!

Rabbit Clinic Sharpen your knowledge skills!

**Aerospace Launch Day**

**April 28 @ Fairgrounds**

Build your aerospace project at home and launch it at the fairgrounds with a group of your 4-H friends! Launch pads for rockets will be available to use, bring your own engines. You can purchase rocket kits to build at In Control Hobbies in Post Falls or Michaels.

Launch Time 1 PM
Shooting Sports Leader Training

We are again offering Shooting Sports Training for leaders in April in the following disciplines: Archery, Hunting, Pistol (handgun), Rifle, & Shotgun. Mark your calendars for the 14th and 15th of April. Registration is now open and forms are available at the Extension Office or drop us an email and we will get one out to you. The Kootenai/Shoshone Volunteer Council has budgeted funds to scholarship leaders for this training, so what are you waiting for….get signed up today!

April 14 & 15 @ The Kootenai County Fairgrounds

Leaders: If you are showing a “Pending” status on your 4HOnline profile, check under the training tab to see if your protecting minors training is completed.

T-Shirts Still Available
$10 each
Get yours at the Extension Office
The 2018 Fair Theme is “Barn in the USA” This is going to be a fun theme! There will be a poster contest hosted by the fairgrounds. Watch your email and the fairgrounds website for more information.

**Pig Pen Fundraiser**

**February 9th, 6 PM**

**Kootenai County Fairgrounds**

**Pre-Sale Dinner tickets are $10 ea. or 5 for $40**

**$15 at the door**

Live Band       Silent Auction

Live Auction     Kids Carnival and Craft Room

**Pig Pen Club Challenge:** We will be selling Pig Pen Sponsorships for $500. The donor will have a permanent Plaque mounted on the pen for years to come. The 4-H member in Kootenai / Shoshone 4-H who sells the most pens will receive a $100 gift card, and the club that sells the most pens will have a pizza party!
Dates to Remember

January
1  Beef ownership for Jr. Show
2  Horse Leaders Meeting, 7:00 PM @ Extension Office
4  Planning Committee for Leader Training 6 PM @ Extension Office
8  Dog Leaders Meeting, 7:00 PM @ Extension Office
10 Stock Sale Committee 6:30 PM @ Extension office
   Livestock Leaders 7:00 PM
13-15 Northern District Teen Retreat
18 Leaders Association Meeting 7:00 PM @ Fairgrounds

February
1  Swine Ownership for Spokane Junior Livestock Show
6  Horse Leaders Meeting, 7:00 PM @ Extension Office
9  Pig Pen Fundraiser Party
17-19 Know Your Government Conference, Boise
24 Souper Saturday Leader Training @ Lakeland High School, Rathdrum

March
1  FINAL DAY FOR MEMBER & LEADER ENROLLMENT
1  MATERIAL/REGISTRATIONS DUE: Sheep & Goat Ownership for Jr. Show, County
   Horse Bowl Registrations
1-4 Western Regional Leaders Forum, San Diego, California
2-3 Rabbit Clinic at Fairgrounds Bld # 2
6  Horse Camp/Equine Retreat Scholarship Applications Due,
   HORSE LEADERS, 7:00 PM, Extension Office
9  Deadline: Registration for Dog Bowl
11 Spokane County Tack Swap – Spokane
12 DOG LEADERS, 7:00 PM, Extension Office
14 Stock Sale Committee, 6:30 PM,
   LIVESTOCK LEADERS, 7:00 PM, Extension Office
16 MATERIAL DUE: State Teen Association Conference Endowment Scholarship
15 Oral Presentation Committee, 6:30 PM,
   LEADERS ASSOCIATION, 7:00 PM, Extension Office
17 COUNTY DOG BOWL, 9:00 AM, County Admin Building
17 COUNTY HORSE BOWL, 1:00 PM, County Admin Building
22 NEW LEADER TRAINING, 6:30 PM, Fairgrounds Bld 19
22 JR. LIVESTOCK SHOW MEETING & RECORD BOOK CHECK, 7:00 PM
24 County Fair Beef Ownership deadline – 150 days to Fair