



# 4-H News

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## Teresa's Tid Bits..

As the holiday season is wrapping up I am looking forward to starting 2020 with a BANG!

Kootenai/Shoshone 4-H currently is growing. Since October 1st we have had over 400 new members enroll in 4-HOnline. In order to help with the growing pains our new AmeriCorps Intern, Amy Balance, will be holding monthly Cloverbud meetings at the Extension office. (To enroll in the Cloverbuds sessions just call into our office to RSVP. 2020 is going to be our biggest year yet!

Don't forget about our upcoming Souper Saturday on February 22nd! We will be offering workshops for leaders to get training hours, and have an amazing lunch contest. Those attending are encouraged to bring your favorite soup, salad, bread, or desert for a potluck style lunch! You will sample all the different dishes you get and vote for your favorites.

Thank You!

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Kootenai/Shoshone 4-H Program  
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# 4-H News

## CABIN FEVER

Save the Date!!!!

Our 3rd annual 4-H fundraiser is coming up February 8th!! We will continue to raise funds for much needed equipment and program improvements. We are asking each club to put together a themed basket for our silent auction.

### LEADER OF THE YEAR/CLUB OF THE YEAR

We will be awarding the Leader of the year and Club of the year at our annual fundraiser event in February! Be sure to bring your family and come join the fun!

The Leader of the Year award comes from nominations made by leaders and members at the end of our previous 4-H year. This award is sponsored by Avistia and is a big secret until it is presented.

The Club of the Year award is decided from clubs who apply for this award at the end of the previous 4-H year. The awards committee looks at community service projects, member completion of projects, participation, leadership, and club involvement beyond the club.

If your club would like to apply, be sure to watch for the applications!



# 4-H News

## It's time to Enroll!

It is time to sign up for the 2019-2020 4-H year! Don't miss out on all the fun of 4-H.

As you are signing up on 4HOnline be sure to update your profile! Make sure all the information is correct and up to date. Here are a few things to double check:

⇒ **Is your email correct?**

Tip: You can enter an email address for each member of your family.

⇒ **Is your mailing address correct?**

Tip: This is where we will get your address for any mailings.....like a stock sale check!

⇒ **Is your T-Shirt size correct?**

⇒ **Are you logging onto Idaho 4-H?**



## 4HOnline

4HOnline is required for all member's and leaders to complete, prior to participation. Families are able to have one profile for all children and or adult volunteers who are participating in 4-H.

<https://idaho.4honline.com>

If you are a new member/family select "I need to set up a profile".

If you are a returning member/family select "I have a profile" and log in using the same e-mail and password you used last year. If you have forgotten this contact the Extension Office for assistance.

For 4HOnline instructions, contact the Extension Office who can provide you with a paper copy or email you a copy.

NOTE: 4HOnline is not compatible on phones or Internet Explorer. If you are needing additional assistance or to use a computer to complete 4HOnline, you will need to set up a time to come in to the Extension Office and work with Teresa or Sharla.



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## 4-H Fees

Member Fees: \$30.00

\*This includes member's insurance coverage and up to 3 projects; through the end of September 2019.

Horse Member Fees: \$33.00

\*This includes member's horse insurance coverage and up to 3 projects (including horse); through the end of September 2019.

Additional Member Project Fees: \$3.00

\*There is a \$3.00 fee for each additional project, after the first 3 projects.

Leader Fees: \$1.00 or \$2.00

\*There is an optional \$1.00 fee for or \$2.00 for horse leaders if they would like to be covered by our insurance.

## Project Requirements

As you plan for this coming 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 for their club. Project Leaders will need to get the requirements for the projects they are signed up to lead. The Project Requirements will also be posted on the Kootenai County Extension website and on your 4HOnline Family home page. County project requirements are similar to the State Level requirements, but there are slight variations that supersede the state version.

Please review project requirements, prior to starting your project!

**ALL** projects have a record book!

**ALL** record books include a story!

**ALL** projects require a demonstration!

**ALL** projects have an exhibit standard!

## Curriculum Books

When ordering 4-H Project Curriculum Books and other manuals or record books, these need to be placed either at the Extension Office or via email 48-hours prior to needing to pick them up. They will not be filled immediately. To know what books/material is needed and their correct titles, reference the Kootenai/Shoshone County 4-H Project Requirements Book. **After May 1st, there will be a charge for all 4-H manuals, that will be collected at the time of pick-up.**



# 4-H News

## Member Enrollment

Member Enrollment is open from October 1st, through March 1st to be eligible to exhibit at fair. Members will still be accepted after March 1, but will have a non-competitive status. Make sure you complete your enrollment before you begin participating in 4-H activities!

First: Members need to update (if returning) or start (only if new) their personal and project information in 4-H Online.

Second: Members/Families need to pay their enrollment fees through their Organizational Leader.

Once the Enrollment Forms and Fees have been submitted to the Extension Office, member's will move from a pending status in 4HOnline to an active status.

Be sure to speak with your clubs Organizational Leader to ensure they are still accepting members, they offer the projects your 4-H member is interested in, and that their meeting times and location work for your family.

Cloverbuds

Ages 5-7 (as of January 1st, 2020)

Traditional

Ages 8-18 (as of January 1st 2020)



## Leader Enrollment

Leader Enrollment is open from October 1st, through March 1st.

4-H Leaders are required to:

- \*Complete Protecting Minors on 4HOnline (Once every three years)
- \*Have a valid/passing Background Check through Sterling Volunteers. This is a link that is sent to you from the Extension Office and has a \$11.50 fee. These are valid for 3-years.
- \*Complete 3-hours of approved Leader Training (2 hours for returning leaders)

New 4-H Leaders are required to:

- \*Complete a Leader Application
- \*Have 3-individuals complete and send the 4-H volunteer reference form, to the Extension Office
- \*Complete Protecting Minors on 4HOnline
- \*Complete and have a passing Background Check through Sterling Volunteers. This is a link that is sent to you from the Extension Office and has a \$22.50 fee. These are valid for 3-years.
- \*Complete 3-hours of approved Leadership Training

New and Returning Leaders will remain in a pending state on 4HOnline until all requirements have been completed. You must be an active volunteer to meet with youth.



# 4-H News



Calling all Cloverbuds!

With our enormous growth in our county this year, we would like to extend an invitation to all cloverbuds in Kootenai/Shoshone Counties for a fun filled evening at the Extension Office.

One evening every month from January to June we will be hosting cloverbud activities that will fulfill the requirements for any cloverbud to enter an exhibit at the fair!

Cloverbuds can be from any club and participate in both club and county cloverbud activities.

Cloverbud activities will be about an hour, and help from older 4-H members, leaders, and parents is gladly accepted.

To participate, cloverbuds must have an active status (all fees paid and 4HOnline registration completed) in 4HOnline which can be done the same day.

See you there!

## **Cloverbud Dates:**

**January 14**

**February 11**

**March 17**

**April 14**

**May 12**

**June 9**

Save the date for Cloverbud Camp  
July 14 at the fairgrounds!



## **County Wide Community Pride!**

Join us at the Extension Office on January 20th (Martin Luther King Day) for a county wide community wide project!

We will be building collection boxes to set out in the community for a pet food drive! Items collected will be donated to the Kootenai Humane Society.

If you want to participate, come to the Extension Office on January 20th anytime between 9 AM to 11 AM and build your collection Box!



# 4-H News *Teen Scene*

## 4-H Ambassadors



If you are 7th-12th grade and want to have even more fun in 4-H, come to the ambassador meetings!

What do the ambassadors do? They are a group of teens who have fun while helping the Extension Office during special events like County Oral Presentations or the Awards ceremony at fair. Some of the other events ambassadors help out with are summer camps, food drives, Cloverbud camp, the annual fundraiser, family night, and whatever else they want to help out with.

There is no requirements to be an Ambassador, no project to turn in at fair, no deadline to sign up, and no record book. We just have fun and grow our leadership!

Watch future newsletters for updates from your Kootenai/Shoshone County ambassadors.



# 4-H News

**KNOW YOUR GOVERNMENT 2020**

**The vision is clear,**



**FEBRUARY 15-17 BOISE, ID**

The Know Your Government (KYG) Conference is designed for youth in grades 8 to 9 to learn how government decision making works, how the judicial system works, observe the legislative process in action, share breakfast with legislators and judges, meet teens from across the state and more!



## Important Dates

- Oct. 7 4-H Enrollments open in 4-H Online
- Nov. 4- Jan. 6 REGISTRATION opens for KYG in 4-H Online. Please note: youth and adults must be enrolled in the appropriate project, and active status in 4-H Online in order to register for the KYG Conference as either delegates, chaperones, or steering committee
- Feb. 15-17 KYG Conference, Boise ID



# 4-H News

## Leaders Lowdown

### Volunteer Association

The first Volunteer Association Meeting is scheduled for *January 16th at 7:00 pm*, at the Extension Office. They will be forming committees, preparing for upcoming events for the 2019-2020 year. If you are a 4-H leader, parent, or teen member and would like to stay on top of what is going on and have some influence in the direction of our 4-H program be sure to become involved in the related committees and attend these meetings. They will also meet on *March 19th at 7:00 pm*.

### Organizational Leaders

Organizational Leader training was at the beginning of the 4-H year in October. It is designed to update Organizational Leaders on their responsibilities. They will review 4-H and Extension Office policies and procedure in regards to the upcoming 2019-2020 year. This is also a time that they will visit about ideas and concerns that clubs and leaders might have.

If you are an organizational leader and have missed this training, please contact Teresa and set up a time to come in and visit about the changes.



## WIN A PIG!!!

Kootenai/Shoshone 4-H

2020

### Enter an essay!

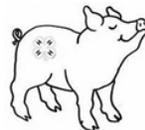
This year our 4-H program has once again been gifted a swine project! All you need to do is submit an essay and you could win a piglet and 700 pounds of pig feed. The pig will be from B&B Livestock in Post Falls. It's a FREE swine project!

### How to Enter

Contestant will submit a personally written one page essay on what ownership of this pig would mean to them. Essay needs to include previous 4-H experience. Be sure to include your full name, age, and address on the top of the page.

### Contest Rules

Contestants must be an active member of the Kootenai/Shoshone County 4-H program enrolled in the market swine project and exhibit at the 2020 North Idaho State Fair. Essay winners will be required to give a monthly progress report of their swine project.



Essay must be submitted to Teresa Balderrama by 5 PM on February 28, 2020.

Winners will be announced March 13th.



# 4-H News

## The Stock Barn

### Small Animal Council

Small Animal Council Update:

We have many new rules in the rabbit and poultry projects this year. If you are taking the market projects, you will want to be sure and read the project requirements and fair rules to find out what has changed!

New this year—our small animal sale processor will NOT be processing any animal that is not sold in the small animal auction.

Once again, we will be testing all poultry exhibited at the North Idaho State Fair for avian influenza. The test date will be announced in the next newsletter. The testing is free and done by the state veterinarian. It will be mandatory to bring your animals to the fairgrounds this year (see the project requirements for more information)

**Next Meeting:**

**February 3rd @ 6 PM**



Weight requirements have changed for livestock projects. Be sure to check your species!

### Livestock Leaders

**\*\*\*NEW\*\*\***

Livestock leaders will be required to attend a leaders meeting before July 1st to receive a wrist band at the North Idaho State Fair.

Leaders can attend any volunteer meeting (horse, dog, small animal, livestock, or volunteer association). Leaders must attend in person, and sign in the attendance log book.

Failure to attend one meeting before July 1st, forfeits the free wristband given by the extension office for the North Idaho State Fair.

**Next Meeting:**

**January 8th @ 7PM**

	Beef	Goat	Sheep	Swine
<b>Minimum Weight</b>	1,100 lbs*	65 lbs	110 lbs	230 lbs
<b>Maximum Weight</b> (Capped weight)	1,500 lbs	110 lbs	165lbs	300 lbs
<b>Minimum ADG</b> (to qualify for finals)	2.00 lbs/day	0.25 lbs/day	0.40 lbs/day	1.50 lbs/day

*\* for those members with registered Aberdeen steers, the minimum weight for 75% to fullblood is 750lbs and for 50% to 74% is 900 lbs.*



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## Horse Leaders

### Horse Leader Meetings

Horse Leaders meetings will continue to be held on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 6 pm at the Extension Office.

The next meeting will be on *January 7th at 6pm* at the Extension Office. They will be planning for the 2020 events and shows including selecting judges. This is a great time to come and get involved so that we can provide the best horse events for our members!

### Basic Horse Requirements & Dates

Horse ID's in 4-H Online Due *April 1st*

Participate in at least 1 County Activity:

*Horse Bowl - March 14*

*Horse Judging - April 11*

*Oral Presentations - April 18*

*Hippology - April 24*

Exhibit in at least 1 4-H Horse Show (note that at the County 4-H Horse Show, 1st-3rd year members must participate in Fitting & Showing)



### Helping Hands

1st and 2nd year horse members - this is just for you! There will be a clinic about getting ready for a 4-H Horse Show on *April 25th*. This will be followed up with the Helping Hands Horse Show on *May 9th*, where you can see what you have learned so far and get tips and help to improve in and out of the show ring.

## DOG Leaders



If you are interested in becoming a dog leader, contact the Extension Office for more information!



# 4-H News



Souper Saturday is coming! February 22, 2020

At Lakeland Jr High School, Rathdrum

If you need your training hours for the year, be sure to attend. We will have a variety of topics to choose from.

Don't forget to enter your favorite Soup, salad, bread, or desert in our contest! We will sample all those that are entered and voting on your favorite. Watch your email for more details.

**Did you hear?  
Electronic record books  
are here!**





# WIN A LAMB!!!

Kootenai/Shoshone 4-H

2020

## Enter an essay!

This year our 4-H program has been gifted a lamb project! All you need to do is submit an essay and you could win a lamb and lamb feed.

## How to Enter

Contestant will submit a personally written one page essay on what ownership of this lamb would mean to them. Essay needs to include previous 4-H experience. Be sure to include your full name, age, and address on the top of the page.

## Contest Rules

Contestants must be an active member of the Kootenai/Shoshone County 4-H program enrolled in the market sheep project and exhibit at the 2020 North Idaho State Fair. Essay winners will be required to give a monthly progress report of their sheep project.

Essay must be



submitted to Teresa Balderrama by 5 PM on February 28, 2020.

Winners will be announced March 13th.

# 2020 Fair Theme



**The theme for the  
2020 North Idaho State Fair is  
*There's Magic in the Fair!***

Do you have questions about what to do to get ready for fair?

Check out the back of the Kootenai/Shoshone 4-H Project Requirements.

Not only will you find the project requirements but you will also find the fair rules, departments and classes and a 4-H Fair Calendar!

*Plan now for the Magic in the Fair!*

## Dates to Remember



### January

- 1 Material/Registrations Due: Beef Ownership for Jr. Show
- 7 Horse Leaders 6:00 PM, Extension Office, Room 7
- 8 Livestock Leaders, 7:00 PM, Extension Office, Room 7
- 13 Dog Leaders, 7:00 PM, Extension Office, Room 7
- 16 New Volunteer Orientation, 6:00 PM, Extension Office, Room 7 (New Leader Training)
- 16 Volunteer Association, 7:00 PM, Extension Office, Room 7
- 18-20 Northern District 4-H Ambassador Retreat, Camp Lutherhaven
- 30 Know Your Government Conference Orientation, 6:00 PM, Extension Office, Room 7

### February

- 1 Material/Registrations Due: Swine Ownership for Jr. Show
- 3 Small Animal Council , 6:00 PM, Extension Office, Room 7
- 4 Horse Leaders, 6:00 PM, Extension Office, Room 7
- 8 4-H Annual Fundraiser and Awards Night, 6:00 PM, Fairgrounds, Jacklin Building
- 15-17 Know Your Government Conference, Boise, ID
- 22 4-H Souper Saturday

### March

- 2 Final Day for the Member and Leader Enrollment
- 2 Material/Registrations Due: Sheep and Goat Ownership for Jr. Show
- 2 County Horse Bowl Registrations Due
- 3 Equine Camp Scholarship Applications Due
- 3 Horse Leaders 6:00 PM, Extension Office, Room 7
- 6 County Dog Bowl Registrations Due
- 9 Dog Leaders, 6:00 PM, Extension Office, Room 6
- 11 Livestock Leaders, 7:00 PM, Extension Office, Room 6
- 12 New Volunteer Orientation and Training, 6:30-9:30 PM, Extension Office, Room 6
- 13 Material/Registrations Due: State Teen Association Conference Endowment Scholarship
- 14 County Dog Bowl, 10:00 AM, TBA
- 14 County Horse Bowl, 1:00 PM, TBA
- 19 Oral Presentation Committee, 6:30 PM, Extension Office, Room 7
- 19 Volunteer Association, 7:00 PM, Extension Office, Room 7
- 28 County Fair Beef Ownership Deadline (150 Days to Fair)
- 28-4/2 National 4-H Conference, Washington DC
- 23-4/12 Panhandle Ambassadors Food Drive

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