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LATAH COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

"To Make the Best Better"

LATAH COUNTY 4-H OFFICE

We are a month into the new 4-H year, and are excited to see so many returning members and leaders. We can't wait to see what you accomplish in the year ahead. It is also a lot of fun getting to know new families who join our program. To those of you who have just joined 4-H, welcome! We are glad you are here.

Returning members and leaders who have yet to enroll, please take care of that as soon as possible. The process for payment remains the same. See page 2 for more.

If you are a teen (8th grade and up), there are upcoming regional and statewide event opportunities at your fingertips such as Know Your Government, Ambassadors, and STAC. These are great ways to meet new friends, develop your leadership skills, and serve your community from a regional or state level. Stay tuned for details!

The holidays are right around the corner, and we know you are looking forward to spending time celebrating among family and friends in the weeks ahead. On behalf of our team at Latah County Extension, Happy Thanksgiving!

Sara Fluer Associate Extension Educator UI Extension, Latah County

<u>Upcoming holiday office closures:</u> November 11th (Veteran's Day) & November 25th - November 26th (Thanksgiving).

FALL ENROLLMENT ANNOUNCEMENT!



The new 4-H year began October 1. 4-H Online has been phased out, and all enrollments for youth *and* leaders will be managed through ZSuite, the same system you currently use for your record books.

Please bookmark https://4h.zsuite.org/ for easy access.

If you are already set up in ZSuite for record books, please *do not* create a new account. Enrollment will happen through your existing family account.

Please see page 2 for directions on how to enroll and view recordings of statewide trainings for families and leaders.

Members & Leaders are not covered by 4-H accident insurance until dues are paid!

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4-H Members & Returning Leaders...

TIME TO ENROLL IN THE NEW 4-H YEAR!

How to Enroll:

- 1) Go to https://4h.zsuite.org/
- 2) Existing users—log in using your family's email address & password. New users—create an account.
- 3) From your Family Dashboard, select the family member you want to enroll.
- 4) Click on the blue button, <u>'UPDATE ENROLLMENT'</u>, to initiate the 2021-2022 enrollment process. You will update your contact/personal information, sign the required waivers, & make your club & project selections. Please do not enroll using your junk or spam email address. News & updates about 4-H are communicated primarily by email.
- 5) Submit enrollment & follow up by paying your 4-H dues*. See below for payment process.

* Complete your enrollment by paying your dues via check, cash, or call us to pay w/ credit card (service fee applies).

General Members: \$25 Horse Members: \$30 Leaders: \$5 Family Cap (3+ enrolled members): \$75

Enrollment is not considered complete & members are not covered by 4-H accident insurance until dues are paid!



Stay in the loop! Our office sends a monthly e-newsletter to all families & leaders.

This is your primary source of information for all Latah County 4-H news.

You can also follow us on Facebook @LatahCounty4H

ZSUITE ENROLLMENT TRAINING

Below are two Zoom recordings from statewide trainings for Idaho 4-H, facilitated by the ZSuite tech team. Check them out if you are interested in additional information.



ZSuite training for 4-H families & Leaders: https://tinyurl.com/ZSuiteTraining.

Passcode: Wt+3&u&T

• ZSuite Training for Leaders: https://tinyurl.com/j4m3pvfm

Passcode: 7CRF6*BR

Note: You may encounter issues copying/pasting the passcode. RETYPE the passcode when prompted instead.

GENERAL 4-H NEWS

AWARDS NIGHT UPDATE

Latah County Extension, in cooperation with Latah County Leader's Council has decided to cancel the large-scale potluck and award ceremony for 2021 to minimize possible exposure to COVID.

Just like last year, we invite clubs to recognize and celebrate the outstanding accomplishments of their members at the club level. We encourage you to plan a date in November or December to celebrate the accomplishments of your club members together.

Club Organizational Leaders will receive a box containing:

- Year pins for all members who successfully completed a project(s).
- Any awards and certificates for recipients of county awards
- Market animal record books will be returned.

The year-end award slideshow will be released county-wide for viewing. Leaders are welcome to incorporate this presentation into their own club awards, if they so choose.

If you would like Extension to attend your club awards ceremony to assist with handing out awards, please contact Sara Fluer at sfluer@uidaho.edu ASAP to confirm availability.

Club leaders, we will notify you via email in mid-November when your club boxes and awards are ready to be picked up at the Extension office.

4-H COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS



4-H College Scholarships are available for Idaho 4-H youth who plan to attend any post-secondary institution, including universities, colleges, technical and trade schools! Applicants are not limited to those planning to attend the University of Idaho or other Idaho

institutions. Over 20 scholarships will be awarded with a selection emphasis on 4-H leadership and achievement.

Please review the information on the scholarships available for additional details and requirements! Visit https://www.uidaho.edu/extension/4h/programs/scholarships for more information and learn how to apply! Applications are due by Dec. 15 please plan ahead and apply early. Reminder: High School Senior's FAFSA application for

college opened on Oct. 1. Be sure to get it completed and turned in as soon as possible as may schools use that information for awarding scholarships in early January. Contact your local High School Counselor for information. If you have questions please contact the State UI 4-H Office at 208-885-7700 or fourh@uidaho.edu.

4-H INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE



Idaho 4-H is excited to offer the opportunity of the States' 4-H International Exchange Outbound Summer Program to our 4-H members. Additional information can also be found at www.states4hexchange.org.

The States' 4-H Inbound Summer Programs will be announced in the next few months. Contact Tami Crowley at tcrowley@uidaho.edu with any questions.



INSPIRE



LEADER'S CORNER

ZSUITE LEADER ACCESS

If you have enrolled in the new 4-H year, paid your dues, and are in 'active' status in ZSuite, you can request leader access to view your club and member information.

From your personal ZSuite profile, click on your name from your Dashboard household list. An accordion will open and give you the option to request leader access.

Extension will approve your access if you are a certified, enrolled leader. Now is a great time to take care of your leader enrollment and dues so you can access your member information sooner.

A help guide is attached at the end of this newsletter with step-by-step instructions. Upcoming meetings for Horse Leaders, Livestock Leaders, & Leader's Council:

- November 22
- January 24
- March 28
- May 23

Meetings will be held at the Latah County Fairgrounds unless otherwise noted. Groups meet as follows:

- Horse Leaders—5:30 pm
- Livestock Leaders—6:00 pm
- Leaders Council—6:30 pm

Leaders, please direct your club member's attention to these important documents at the beginning and throughout the 4-H year.

Many questions and concerns can be answered by referring to these resources.

This information will be posted in every 4-H newsletter and can be found online on the UI Extension, 4-H Youth Development website.

IMPORTANT 4-H RESOURCES

All 4-H families and leaders should be aware of the following guiding documents for 4-H operations in Latah County and across all Idaho 4-H programs.

Bookmark the UI Extension 4-H Youth Development website for access to all sorts of 4-H resources! https://www.uidaho.edu/extension/4h/documents-records

Idaho 4-H Policies & Procedures

Pit is the responsibility of all members, leaders, and parents/guardians to follow 4-H policies and procedures, which includes the 4-H Code of Conduct. You are asked to review and consent to this each year during enrollment.

Idaho 4-H Project Requirements Handbook

Not sure what is required of your project? Need some project specific resources to get started? Use the project requirement handbook throughout the year to answer your questions!

Latah County Animal Project Policies

This document pertains to county-specific policies for all animal projects, including breeding, market, pet, and small animals.

These are policies that are not already published in the Policies & Procedures and the Project Requirements Handbook. Please make yourself aware of its contents and keep a copy nearby.

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

- 11—Veteran's Day, Latah County Extension closed (holiday)
- 14—Latah County Awards Night Awards will be handed over to clubs for club celebrations. See page 3 for more information.
- 22—Leader's Council Meeting
- 25-26—Thanksgiving, Latah County Extension closed (holiday)

DECEMBER

- 24—Christmas (observed), Latah County Extension closed (holiday)
- 31—New Year's Day (observed), Latah County Extension closed (holiday)

JANUARY

- 15-16—Northern District Ambassador Retreat, Location TBA
- 17—MLK Day, Latah County Extension closed (holiday)
- 24—Leader's Council meeting

FEBRUARY

- 19-21—Know Your Government Conference
- 21—President's Day, Latah County Extension closed (holiday)
- 27—Model Horse Show

MARCH

28—Leader's Council meeting

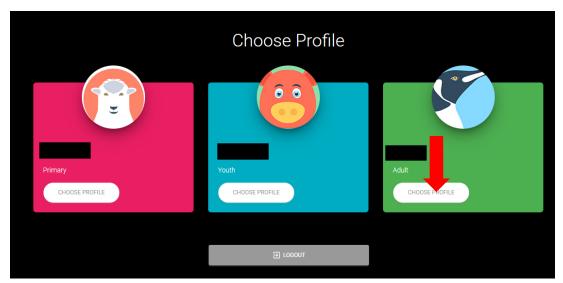
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• 9-Latah County Horse Judging

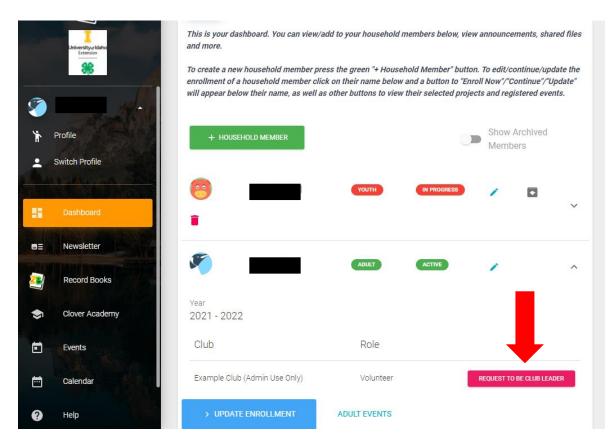
Stay tuned for additional dates TBA in the next few weeks. We are busy setting dates for the 2022 4-H calendar!



How to Request Leader Access



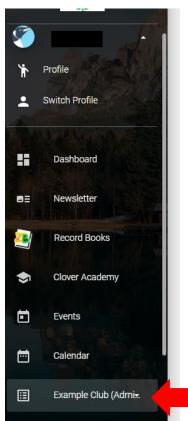
Step 1: Log into ZSuite at https://4h.zsuite.org/ using your email and password credentials. When you log in, you will be prompted to choose a profile. Select your Adult/Leader profile.



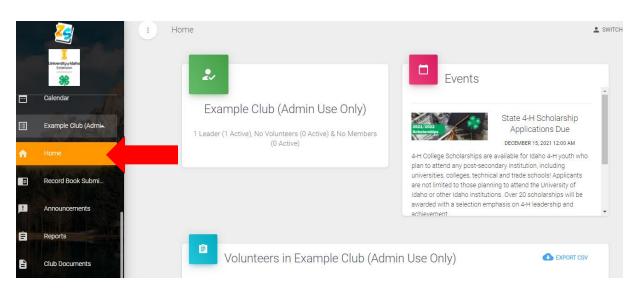
Step 2: From your profile Dashboard, select your name. When you click on it, an accordion will open with additional options. Select the pink button, 'Request to be Club (or Project) Leader'.

Step 3: Your request will then go to the Extension office, and if you are a certified, enrolled leader who has paid dues, you will be approved for club access.

How to Request Leader Access



Step 4: Once you have been approved for club access, you should see the name of your club listed on the left side of your screen in the black navigation bar. Click on your club's name to open up additional options.



Step 5: Once you have clicked on your club, select 'Home'. This will open a club dashboard and give you an overview of your leader and youth membership.

Take some time to maneuver around the system and explore. That is the best way to learn and become familiar with the features you have access to as a leader.