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LATAH COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

"To Make the Best Better"

LATAH COUNTY 4-H OFFICE

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving! In December our office will be closed the week of Christmas (23-27) and New Years Eve/Day (31-1). We will also be away for the Latah County Christmas on Dec 13 (12-2) and a training on Dec 18 (11-2). I will also be out of the office Dec 5-6, 9-10, and 16-17. Please be sure to check the calendar on the last page for the events that have been scheduled for this upcoming year (so far). If there are any events that you would like to attend that you need/want financial assistance for, please contact the office! Similarly, if you would like financial assistance for 4-H dues, we can help! Please feel free to email me with any questions or call the office. Ember and Zoey are great resources and are collecting all credit card payments!

Happy holiday season!

-*Jessie Van Buren*

2024-2025 ENROLLMENT IS OPEN!

Latah County opened enrollment for the new 4-H year in ZSuite on **October 15**. If you are already have a ZSuite account, please do not create a new account. Enrollment will happen through your existing family account.

Enrollment is not considered COMPLETE until your dues are paid via check, cash, or credit card:

General Members: \$25

Horse Members: \$30

Leaders: \$5

Family Cap (3+ members): \$75

Pay online: Latah County has an online payment platform! You can pay dues here: <http://tinyurl.com/Latah4HEnrollment>. The credit card processing fee is 3%+\$1 or you can opt to pay via e-check with a \$1 fee.

Deadline: Latah County 4-H enrollment (ZSuite submitted & dues paid) will be due March 31 in order to have a project at the Latah County Fair.

Be sure to follow *UI Extension 4-H, Latah County* on Facebook to stay up to date on county events and other regional opportunities!



Opportunities

4-H COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships for the 2024-2025 school year are available for 4-H youth who plan to attend post-secondary institutions in Idaho. For information on the scholarships available and how to apply: <https://www.uidaho.edu/extension/4h/programs/scholarships>. Applications are due by December 15. If you have questions, please contact the UI 4-H Office at 208-885-7700 or fourh@uidaho.edu.

IAC Scholarship

The Idaho Association of Counties (IAC) Scholarship was created for children of county employees working 20+ hours per week and the children/grandchildren of county elected officials. Applications are due February 27. Learn more by visiting our website [here](#). Please contact Gracee Gorrell at ggorrell@idcounties.org or 208.345.1618 with any questions.






2024-25 BEEF PROJECT MEETINGS

JAN 12	Maintaining Your Calf's Health 3:00 PM at the Knott Residence	MAY 25	Meats & Carcass Evaluation 3:00 PM at TBD
FEB 16	Feeding & Nutrition 3:00 PM at the Knott Residence	JUN 29	Clipping & Fitting 3:00 PM at TBD
MAR 16	Genetics & Reproduction 3:00 PM at TBD	AUG 8	Fair Fun Friday Latah County Fairgrounds
APR 12	Beef Weigh-In University of Idaho	AUG/ SEPT	Showmanship Practices TBD at Smith Residence

WE ARE EXCITED TO INVITE ALL LATAH COUNTY 4-H AND FFA MEMBERS TO THE COUNTY WIDE BEEF SERIES. EACH TOPIC IS SELECTED TO ENHANCE MEMBER LEARNING AND OPPORTUNITIES IN THEIR 4-H AND FFA BEEF PROJECT(S)

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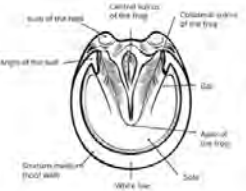

FREE Equine Clinic


Farrier Panel: Discussing Hoof Health Issues and Preventative Care

Come learn from local Farriers in the LC Valley

WHEN: DECEMBER 5TH
TIME: 6 PM
LOCATION: INTERMOUNTAIN FEED


★HOT COCOA & TREATS WITH SANTA 5-6PM
★DOOR PRIZES
★EXCLUSIVE DEALS



HOW TO RSVP:
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Learn
from the past,
Prepare
for the future,
Live
in the present!




**Youth Registration
is open!**



Know Your Government 2025
February 15-17, 2025

Registration is located in ZSuite under Events

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Opportunities



Level 1 Archery & Pistol 4-H Volunteer Training



Date: January 11th, 2025

Location: Kootenai County Fairgrounds in Coeur d'Alene

Sign up on ZSuite!

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Basic Project Requirements

Meetings

- Youth must attend 6 club meetings for their primary club.
- Youth must also attend a majority of the project meetings offered for each project.

Leaders, please have a sign in sheet at each meeting for verification purposes.

Project-related

- Youth must complete a demonstration for each project.
- Youth must have an exhibit at the Latah County Fair or another community event or show as approved by the Extension Office.
- Youth must complete a record book in ZSuite.

Each project has specific requirements in addition to these. Please check what the requirements are here: <https://www.uidaho.edu/extension/4h/projects>.

2024-2025 Information from 10.28.24 Meeting

2024-2025 Fair Board Changes:

Theme: *Feelin' Alive in 2025*

- Initial Weigh In required for 4-H and FFA for large market animals. There will be no sheep shearing offered.
- Floater Animal Limits are set by the size of family. A full policy will be provided the Fair Board and included in the December Newsletter.
- All 4-H and FFA market turkeys and broilers must be acquired through a county-wide order. Club/chapter orders and payments are due to Extension Office on February 1 for turkey and March 31 for broilers.
- Fair Entry Limit – four animals total, 1 market animal per species, 1 animal per other class. Limits and new classes will be stated in fair book.
- 4-H/FFA Combined Classes – If there are 6 or fewer entries in either a 4-H or FFA Quality class, per species, it will be combined and awarded as a single class.

# of Exhibitors in Family	# of Floater Animals
1	1
2	2
3	2
4	2
5 or more	3

2024-2025 LMAS Changes:

<u>Species</u>	Min Sale Weight	Max Pay Weight	Max Sale Weight	Max Sale Age
Beef	1100	1550		30 months
Stocker/Feeder	550	900		
Swine	240	295	325	
Sheep	110	150		1 year
Goat	70	120		1 year
Turkeys	15 (hens) 20 (toms)	NA		See Fair protocol
Chickens	5.5 ea	NA		See Fair protocol
Rabbit	3.5 ea	5.5 ea	5.5 ea	See Fair protocol

- Final weigh in – *Animals must be CLEAN, DRY and any halters with metal/leather removed prior to final weigh in.*

2024-2025 4-H Changes:

- Projects
 - Rabbit checklist NEW
 - Beef/swine/sheep/goat (market, dairy, breeding, pet, pack) – Animal Science Skills Checklist*
 - Cavy Checklist, Horse Checklists, Llama Checklist*
 - Poultry lesson plans, Pocket Pet Project Manual*
 - “Animal Science Activities” – cat, dog*
 - Forest nursery project – coming soon
 - New Projects - Satisfy your sweet tooth
- Record books *1 general due Wednesday of fair, 1 animal due Sunday of fair*
Examples and details to be distributed to clubs in January.
- Major Idaho 4-H policy change—Each club MUST have at least 2 leaders.

2024-2025 4-H Dates to Remember

December 5	Intermountain Feed	Equine Clinic (Regional)
December 15	Online	Scholarship Applications DUE (State)
January 12	Knott Residence	Beef Meeting (County)
January 27	Latah County Fairgrounds	Leaders Meetings (County)
February 15-17	Boise	Know Your Government (State)
February 16	Knott Residence	Beef Meeting (County)
February 23	Latah County Fairgrounds	Model Horse Show (County)
March 8	Whitman County Fairgrounds	Horse Field Day (Regional)
March 15	University of Idaho	Advanced Animal Science Field Day (Regional)
March 16		Beef Meeting (County)
March 22	Nez Perce County Fairgrounds	Swine Field Day (Regional)
March 24	Latah County Fairgrounds	Leaders Meetings (County)
March 31	Extension Office	Enrollment DUE (County)
April 12		Beef Weigh In (County)
May 25		Beef Meeting (County)
May 27	Latah County Fairgrounds	Leaders Meetings (County)
May 28-29	Latah County Fairgrounds	Swine Weigh In (County)
June 23-26	UI Campus, Moscow	State Teen Association Convention (STAC)
June 29		Beef Meeting (County)
July 7	Latah County Fairgrounds	Sheep/Goat Weigh In (County)
July 7-8	Lewiston	State Horse Contest (State)
July 18-21	Camp Wooten	CL2NI Camp (Regional)
July 28	Latah County Fairgrounds	Leaders Meetings (County)
August 6	Latah County Fairgrounds	Cat Show (County)
August 8	Latah County Fairgrounds	Fair Fun Friday—Beef & Swine (County)
August 13	Latah County Fairgrounds	Dog Show (County)
August 15	Latah County Fairgrounds	Fair Fun Friday—Sheep & Goat (County)
August 20	Latah County Fairgrounds	Fashion Revue Orientation (County)
August 22	Latah County Fairgrounds	Fair Fun Friday—Small Animal (County)
August 25	Latah County Fairgrounds	Pre-Fair Meeting (County)
August 27	Latah County Fairgrounds	Fashion Revue (County)
September 10-14	Latah County Fairgrounds	Latah County Fair (County)