

BINGHAM COUNTY EXTENSION UPDATE

UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AND IDAHO COUNTIES COOPERATING

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Hello, Bingham County, 4-H Community:

In order to ensure we are continuously providing the youth of Bingham County a positive, educational, and fulfilling 4-H experience we have established several dates of final opportunity to enroll as leaders, within certain projects, and into the program in general. We want to encourage all leaders to be fully enrolled online, Protecting Minors Training completed, background check if needed and attendance to annual leader training by January 31, 2026 After the leaders have completed all necessary enrollment and training youth will be listed as Activated in their club. This approach will help ensure that all our youth and volunteers are on the same page moving forward into the new 4-H season, helping start off the year with a positive club experience.

Youth will need to be enrolled online at 4h.zsuite.org, enrollment is OPEN now!, and have registration fees paid by the cut off dates listed for the project they are doing. This is required by the University of Idaho for insurance purposes. If you need assistance setting up your Zsuite account, please call the office at 208-785-8060.

Project Registration Cut Off Dates 2025-2026

Leader

Current Leader re-enrollment-
January 31, 2026

Animal Projects

Market Poultry-February 1, 2026
must be ordered and paid through office
Beef-February 27, 2026
Swine-April 10, 2026
Sheep-April 30, 2026
Meat Goats-April 30, 2026

Dog-April 30, 2026
Dairy Goats-April 30, 2026
Dairy Cattle-April 30, 2026
Horse-April 30, 2026
Breeding Poultry-April 30, 2026
Rabbit-April 30, 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS - SAVE THE DATE

2025 Calendar

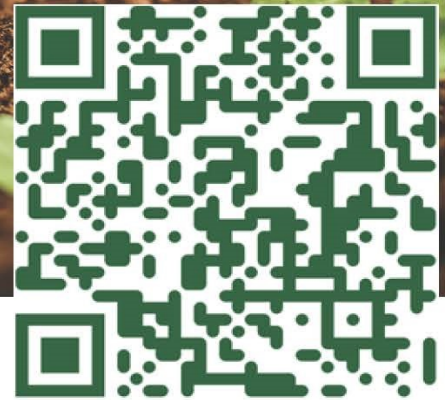
November	5	6 session Tai Chi Class, online, Karie Ure, 208-847-0345
	11	Holiday - Office Closed
	14	DAY CAMPS - see last page for information
	17-19	Artificial Insemination Clinic, Carmen - contact John Hall 208-993-1222
	26	Office Closed
	27-28	Holiday - Office Closed
December	3	Pesticide Applicator Training, online - contact Tom Jacobsen 208-624-3102
	3	Intro to Backyard Beekeeping, on; line - contact Jennifer Werlin 208-776-8235
	12	DAY CAMPS - see last page for information
	25-26	Holiday - Office Closed
	29-31	Office Closed

2026 Calendar

January	1	Holiday - Office Closed
	2	Office Closed
	6	5 wk Winter School, online - contact Shannon Williams 208-742-1696
	8	Idaho Rangeland Livestock Symposium, Grace - contact jhatch@uidaho.edu
	9	DEADLINE - Master Gardener Registration, online, lallen@uidaho.edu
	14	12 wk Master Gardener Course, online - contact lallen@uidaho.edu
	15	DEADLINE - KYG Enrollment, online, 4h.zsuite.org
	19	Holiday - Office Closed
	31	DEADLINE - Leader Enrollment
February	1	DEADLINE - Market Poultry Enrollment and chicks paid for
	4	East Idaho Cereal Conference, Fort Hall - contact Justin Hatch 208-547-3205
	14-16	(KYG) Know your Government conference, Boise Id
	16	Discoveries in Agriculture, Rexburg - contact Jaared Gibbons 208-356-3191
	16	Holiday - Office Closed
	27	DEADLINE - all Beef Project Enrollment (Breeding & Market)
March	4	Upper Valley Soil Health Forum, Rexburg - contact Jared Gibbons 208-356-3191
	5	Forage School, Preston - contact Bracken Henderson 208-852-1097
	6	Forage School - Mud Lake & St Anthony - contact Joseph Sagers 208-270-4031
	11	Pesticide Applicator Training, online - contact Tom Jacobsen 208-624-3102
April	10	DEADLINE - all Swine Project Enrollment (Breeding & Market)
	30	DEADLINE - all Sheep Project Enrollment (Breeding & Market)
	30	DEADLINE - all Meat Goat Project Enrollment (Breeding & Market)
	30	DEADLINE - all Dog Project Enrollment
	30	DEADLINE - all Dairy Goat Project Enrollment
	30	DEADLINE - all Dairy Cattle Project Enrollment
	30	DEADLINE - all Horse Project Enrollment
	30	DEADLINE - Poultry Project Enrollment (Breeding)
	30	DEADLINE - all Rabbit Project Enrollment (Breeding & Market)
May	25	Holiday - Office Closed
June	19	Holiday - Office Closed
July	4	Holiday - Office Closed
September	1	Holiday - Office Closed
November	11	Holiday - Office Closed
	26-27	Holiday - Office Closed



University of Idaho
Master Gardener



HELPING PEOPLE GROW

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Why Master Gardener?

- Large library of gardening education materials
- Make lots of gardening friends in the community
- Learn from the best in the horticulture profession.
- Advancement in the horticulture industry

Register for the course:

- Registration completed online through UofI student catalogue, use QR code
- Cost \$200, \$155 being reimbursed upon completion of course materials & volunteer service
- Registration will close January 9, 2026

Classes Include:

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| • Botany Basics | • Season Extension | • Woody plants |
| • Soils | • Composting | • Fruits |
| • Fertility | • Organics | • Vegetables |
| • Entomology | • Turfgrass | • Weeds |
| • Pruning | • Irrigation | • Pesticides |
| • Ornamental pruning | • Plant Pathology | • Herbaceous Ornamentals |
| | • Propagation | • Landscapes |

About Us

- Intensive 12-week course, mid-January to mid-April.
- Classes taught online- enjoy from the comfort of your own home!
- 36 hours of at your own pace class time, 40 hours of hands-on volunteer training.
- Hands-on lab training at the Extension Office
- Upon completion of the course, Master Gardeners are considered paraprofessionals in home horticulture.
- University credit is available for those interested.
- Contact Lena Allen
Bonnevill county Extension Office
lallen@uidaho.edu

Our Service

Look for Master Gardeners Volunteers in the community at:

- Demonstration Garden and Orchard at Bonneville Extension Office
- Earth Day
- Eastern Idaho State Fair
- Happyville Foodbasket Farm
- Water Festival
- Japanese Garden downtown Idaho Falls
- Diagnostic Clinic at University of Idaho Extension Office



THREE-DAY AI TRAINING COURSE

NOV. 17-19
16 HOT SPRINGS RANCH ROAD | CARMEN

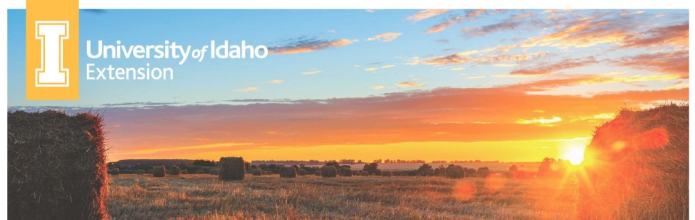
Join the University of Idaho and Select Sires for an AI Certification Course, held at the Nancy M. Cummings Research, Extension and Education Center in Carmen.

The course begins at 9 a.m. on Nov. 17 and ends at 12 p.m. on Nov. 19.

Cost: \$350/person (lunch provided). RSVP required; Space is limited.

CONTACT JOHN B. HALL TO LEARN MORE OR REGISTER:
JBHALL@UIDAHO.EDU | 208-993-1222

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FALL & WINTER AGRICULTURE WORKSHOPS

Practical Farm and Ranch Financial Records
Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27 | Online | \$100 per farm unit
Contact Ron Patterson: rpatterson@uidaho.edu | 208-529-1390.

Farm Financial Analysis
Oct. 8, 15, 22, 29 | Online | \$100 per farm unit
Contact Ron Patterson: rpatterson@uidaho.edu | 208-529-1390.

Beef Quality Assurance Certification & Training
Oct. 21 | Challenge | FREE
Contact Sarah Baker: sdbaker@uidaho.edu | 208-879-2344.

Beef School
Oct. 27 | Mag | FREE
Contact Sarah Baker: sdbaker@uidaho.edu | 208-879-2344.

Virtual Pesticide Applicator Training
Dec. 3 | Online | FREE
Contact Tom Jacobsen: tjacobsen@uidaho.edu | 208-624-3102.

Introduction to Backyard Beekeeping
Dec. 3, 10 | Online | \$75
Contact Jennifer Werlin: jwerlin@uidaho.edu | 208-776-8235.

Agriculture Entrepreneurship: Farm and Food Business Planning
Jan.-April | Online | Cost TBD
Contact Jennifer Werlin: jwerlin@uidaho.edu | 208-776-8235.

High-Altitude Idaho Master Gardener Program
Jan.-Sept. | Hybrid | \$175
Contact Jennifer Werlin: jwerlin@uidaho.edu | 208-776-8235.

Winter School
Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27 & Feb. 3 | Online | FREE
Contact Shannon Williams: shannonw@uidaho.edu | 208-742-1696.

Idaho Rangeland Livestock Symposium
Jan. 8 | Grace | FREE
Contact: scottj@uidaho.edu or jlhatch@uidaho.edu.

Idaho Master Gardener Online Program
Jan. 14, 21, 28; Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25; March 4, 11, 18, 25; April 1 | Online | \$200
Contact rpatterson@uidaho.edu or lallen@uidaho.edu.

Discoveries in Agriculture
Feb. 16 | Rexburg | FREE
Contact Jared Gibbons: jaredg@uidaho.edu | 208-356-3191.

East Idaho Cereals Conference
Feb. 4 | Fort Hall | Cost TBD
Contact Justin Hatch: jlhatch@uidaho.edu | 208-547-3205.

Upper Valley Soil Health Forum
March 4 | Rexburg | \$40
Contact Jared Gibbons: jaredg@uidaho.edu | 208-356-3191.

Preston Forage School
March 5 | Preston | \$10
Contact Bracken Hendersont: brackenh@uidaho.edu | 208-852-1097.

Virtual Pesticide Applicator Training
March 11 | Online | FREE
Contact Tom Jacobsen: tjacobsen@uidaho.edu | 208-624-3102.

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2026 Know Your Government Conference

The KYG (Know Your Government) Conference is offered for 8th and 9th-grade 4-H youth interested in learning more about our government and how it works. Highlights include a Mock Legislative Session or Mock Trial Activities; opportunities to meet and observe members of the legislature at work, meet state elected officials and members of the judiciary, and tour the Capitol. Youth Delegate: \$225.00

Feb 14th 4:00pm - Feb 16th 5:00pm
Registration Open: 12/1/2025 12:05 AM
Registration Close: 1/15/2026 11:55 PM
\$250.00
Boise, Idaho
8th grade 9th grade participants



TAI CHI CLASS

November 3, 5, 10, 13, 17, 20
12 - 12:30 p.m. MT / 11 - 11:30 a.m. PT
Virtual

Join University of Idaho Extension for a free Tai Chi class. Classes will be held virtually and weekly wellness tips will be sent to the email used in registration.

Register to receive the link: bit.ly/Extension-Tai-Chi

or scan the QR code.



Take time for personal wellness
going into the holidays!

MORE INFORMATION: KURE@UIDAHO.EDU | 208-847-0345

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What is a 4-H Club?

The definition of a 4-H Club is an organized group of youth who meet regularly with adult volunteers and staff for a progressive series of educational experiences. 4-H Clubs also must meet the required:

- Must have five members from no fewer than three families
- Must be organized with youth officers
- Must meet six or more times per year
- Must be supervised by one or more certified 4-H volunteers

Volunteer Certification

Attention!!! All Certified 4-H

Volunteer Leaders- Please Read!

All returning certified 4-H Volunteer leaders from last year will need to re-certify for the 2025-26 4-H year. **Volunteer Leaders cannot begin club meetings, activities until certification is met.** As a reminder, the certification process includes:

- Re-enrollment into your family profile on 4h.zsuite.org (use the same login and password you use for record book purposes). Sign all waivers and update all personal and club information as needed. **If you are combining with another club or changing your club name, please let us know, ASAP!**
- Complete the “Protecting Minor’s Training” (required every 3 years) located in the Clover Academy on the left side of the screen. Choose the “Protecting Minor’s Training”. This alerts staff of your completion.
- Update the background screening every three years. **Volunteers that need to update their screening will**

be notified and sent the link to do so.

- Insurance fee for volunteers will be paid by Bingham County 4-H.
- Once the above steps are completed and verified, volunteer leaders will receive a certification letter via email.

It’s time to enroll for the 2025-2026

4h.zsuite.org

There is a payment drop box (GRAY box) now available in the breezeway at the Extension Office. Please feel free to use that to drop off 4-H enrollment fees after hours. We can , also, accept payment by card over the phone or in person. There is a \$3 or 3% service charge that will apply.

Regular Enrollment:

Ages 8-18 (by Jan. 1,2026)

Idaho 4-H Fee- 15.00

B.C. 4-H programming– 4.00

Member insurance- 1.00

Total: \$20 (each up to 3 children

In family, then \$5 each)

Clover Bud:

Ages 5-7 (by Jan.1, 2026)

Idaho 4-H fee- 15.00

Member Insurance- 1.00

Total: \$16.00 (each up to 3 children

In family, then \$1 each)

Horse Project Members:

Ages 8-18 (by Jan.1,2026)

Idaho 4-H fee- 15.00

B.C. 4-H programming– 4.00

Eastern District 4-H horse activities participation fee- 4.00

Member Insurance- 2.00

Total: \$25.00 (each up to 3 children, then \$10.00 each)

Zsuite Record Books

You can start entering information into your record books .

- All market animal projects will create a new record book for this year’s project.
- Please label your record book the type of project you are doing. For example Market Beef or Breeding Beef, Poultry, or Dairy Goat. Do not label them the animal's name.
- Everyone is required to complete an involvement report along with their project record book. If you completed one last year, just unarchive it and change the dates to current year and add to it. If you are new to 4-H this year just title it involvement report.

If you have any questions or need assistance with record books, please call the 4-H office to schedule an appointment to go through it with you. 208-785-8060.

UPCOMING DAY CAMPS

ALL DAY CAMPS ARE LOCATED AT THE OFFICE UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED

You MUST be completely enrolled on 4h.zsuite.org and have enrollment fees paid at the office PRIOR to being added to any day camp lists.

Registration for day camps are **NOW** on 4h.zsuite.org in the events sections of your family profile. **Register online. Limited space!**

ALL FEES MUST BE PAID AT THE OFFICE 1 WEEK PRIOR TO DAY CAMP IN ORDER TO ATTEND!

We are able to accept cards over the phone or at office with a \$3 service fee.

Nov	14	Rope Baskets, CLOVERBUD, 10-noon, \$TBD
	14	Rope Baskets, TRADITIONAL, 1-3 p.m., \$TBD
Dec	12	Tic Tac Toe bag, TRADITIONAL, 10-noon \$TBD

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