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“Creating a buzz in Teton Valley”

Story by Jennifer Werlin

Extension Educator in Community Food Systems
University of Idaho Extension, Teton County



Beekeeping is an ancient practice that has been practiced for thousands of years, providing sweet rewards for beekeepers and important pollination services for agricultural producers. Originating in Asia and spreading throughout Europe and Africa, beekeeping spread from Europe in the 16th century to North America and Australia and is thought to have been practiced by Native Americans. Beekeeping’s popularity in the United States is not new. In the 1940’s, there were over 5 million beehives in the United States to help with pollination of over 75% of our agricultural crops. Today, there are about half that. Nevertheless, there is a growing resurgence in beekeeping. There are upwards of 120,000 beekeepers in the United States. Backyard beekeeping with the European honeybee (*Apis mellifera*) is a popular and grow-

ing hobby. Especially since the start of the pandemic in 2020, urban and hobby beekeeping has been booming, along with gardening, homesteading, and the local food movement. As the demand for more sustainably produced and ethically made food rises, so too has the demand for locally produced honey and other bee products such as beeswax, royal jelly, and propolis.



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In Teton Valley and Jackson Hole, new beekeepers are also growing, with nearly 50 Teton Valley beekeepers joining the Teton Valley Beekeepers Association in recent years with the University of Idaho Extension in Teton County office. Established a couple of years ago, High Mountain Pollinators is a nonprofit organization based in Star Valley and Jackson, WY that has also attracted local Teton-area beekeepers eager to learn and contribute to local beekeeping efforts.

The reason for getting into beekeeping varies from individual to individual, but some beekeepers have become interested in beekeeping after hearing about Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD) which is the sudden loss and the absconding of honeybee colonies, decimating upwards of 80% of a colony. Scientists now think CCD is a multitude of factors such as habitat loss, pesticide use, and diseases and pests such as Varroa mite infestations (an introduced parasitic arthropod from Asia that feeds on honeybees). Others become interested in beekeeping for honeybee products and to become connected to the natural world. Many beekeepers want to “save the bees” and find beekeeping as a gateway to learn that helping native pollinators and protecting their habitat and reducing pesticides are also equally, if not more important for the natural environment.

Beekeeping in the Tetons comes with benefits and some ad-



vantages, however there are challenges one may not find in milder climates, such as our long, cold winters. With snow often present from October through April, the time for bees to be without pollen and nectar is considerable. This causes additional stress on bees already facing substantial challenges. Many bee colonies in our area die out due to lack of food (i.e., honey and pollen), mildew and mold, and most often, weak hives too stressed by mites and other environmental issues to survive our long winter months. Honeybees are non-native and domesticated. They are not easily adapted to our Teton climate, which is why some beekeepers are trying to breed honeybee stock and queens that are more resilient to mites, diseases, and cold climates. Some advantages of beekeeping in our locale (besides the bee products, hobby and stewardship joys, and pollination services) are that some of the pests found in milder climates are also not able to survive our freezing, cold winters.



Keeping bees in bear country is also another challenge. Bears and other animals such as skunks find honey and larvae a tempting food source. Once a bear learns that beehives are a yummy treat, more often these bears are euthanized—“a fed bear is a dead bear”. It is imperative that beekeepers are aware of this and particularly in urban-interface areas, beekeepers take measures to protect their hives and make their hive entrances less inviting. The most effective method to do this is to use an electric fence around a compact apiary. Beehives should also be kept as far away from timber and brush with cover and travel routes. Beekeepers should be bear aware and harvest honey as soon as possible to reduce the attractiveness to the hives.

Lastly, if you are interested in keeping your own honeybees in the Tetons, I recommend doing your homework in advance before purchasing bees and learning lessons the hard way. Take a class, learn from others, and join our Teton Valley Beekeeping Association. The association meets twice per year in the spring and fall, has shared-use equipment like honey extractors, and hosts in-person apiary inspections for members during the summer. University of Idaho Extension, Teton County also hosts beginning beekeeping classes as part of our community food systems and 4-H programs.



Press Release | March 4, 2025

The Launch of the 2nd Edition Shared Kitchen Toolkit

A Comprehensive Guide for the Shared Kitchen Community

*Shared kitchen operators in Colorado, Wyoming, Idaho, Montana, Washington, and Oregon now have free access to the **Shared Kitchen Toolkit** through funding provided by the Northwest and Rocky Mountain USDA Regional Food Business Center.*

The 2nd Edition **Shared Kitchen Toolkit** is an exclusive guide to planning, launching, and managing a shared-use commercial kitchen. This comprehensive resource was created by **The Food Corridor**, in collaboration with **Fruition Planning and Management**. The Northwest and Rocky Mountain USDA Regional Food Business Center (NWRM RFBC) sponsored the development and industry updates included in the 2nd Edition **Shared Kitchen Toolkit**, securing a license to distribute the resource to shared kitchen operators, food businesses, and other stakeholders in the Center's six-state region of Colorado, Wyoming, Idaho, Montana, Washington, and Oregon.



The **Shared Kitchen Toolkit** is the only resource of its kind, offering operators the industry benchmarks, knowledge and tools they need to build sustainable and high-impact shared kitchens. Whether starting a new kitchen, refining operations, or scaling up, this guide is the go-to roadmap for success. Originally launched in 2017, the newly updated 2nd Edition reflects the latest industry trends, challenges, and solutions.

This latest edition has been expanded with new and updated chapters covering essential topics such as pricing models, updated shared kitchen market research, financial planning, facility design, and member management. Backed by industry insights from a national survey of over 250 shared kitchen operators, this edition provides key benchmarks and emerging trends such as ghost kitchens, Tribal-led initiatives, and diverse incubation models. Readers will also gain valuable perspectives from real-world case studies and expert contributions from the Network for Incubator and Commissary Kitchens (NICK) community.

For a more detailed overview of the Toolkit, please watch **February's webinar "Unveiling the 2nd Edition Shared Toolkit,"** hosted by the Center and led by The Food Corridor and Fruition Planning and Management.

How to Access the Shared Kitchen Toolkit

Kitchen operators in the Northwest and Rocky Mountain region (CO, WY, ID, MT, WA, OR) can access the free PDF download through the **NWRM RFBC website**: <https://nwrockymountainregionalfoodbusiness.com/shared-kitchen-toolkit/> Users will be asked to verify their address to allow regional access.

If you are outside of the region and looking to distribute copies of the Toolkit to your center, agency, or network, contact hello@thefoodcorridor.com for information on licensing the Toolkit for additional access in your community. The Toolkit is also available for free viewing online: <https://www.thefoodcorridor.com/request-shared-kitchen-toolkit/>

About the Northwest and Rocky Mountain USDA Regional Food Business Center

The Northwest and Rocky Mountain Regional Food Business Center is a node for the region's small and mid-tier food and farm businesses and local and regional food sector development initiatives. The Center supports cross-regional collaboration, provides technical assistance, and serves as an information gateway for USDA programs and other third-party funding opportunities. Over one quarter of the Center's resources are being invested in farms, ranches or food businesses who need capital to launch or expand their businesses (known as **Business Builder grants**).

Contact Information

For Northwest and Rocky Mountain USDA Regional Food Business Center media inquiries, please contact Chelsea Bonser (chelsea.bonser@colostate.edu).

Grants/ Funding Open Now

USDA Value-Added Producer Grant



The Value-Added Producer Grant (VAPG) program helps agricultural producers enter value-added activities to generate new products, create and expand marketing opportunities, and increase producer income.

Maximum Grant Amount: Planning Grants \$75,000; Working Capital Grants: \$250,000.

Matching Funds Requirements: Matching funds requirement of 100 percent of the grant amount required for all applications.

Matching funds may be in the form of cash or eligible in-kind contributions.

Who may apply for this program?

Agricultural producers (includes harvesters and steering committees), agricultural producer groups, farmer- or rancher-cooperatives, and majority-controlled producer-based business ventures, as defined in the program regulation, are eligible to apply for this program.

Application Deadline: April 17

Informational Webinar: <https://youtu.be/e7XefleZlFE>

Download the Full Announcement: <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/358236>



Online Fitness Classes University of Idaho Extension



Fitness Made Simple!
Thursdays, 10:00-11:00AM MST

Chair-based seated and standing toning/strengthening exercises. Use of hand weights, resistance bands, and/or exercise balls optional. Modifiable for a variety of fitness levels.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://uidaho.zoom.us/j/85143098244>
Meeting ID: 851 4309 8244
Passcode: 693155

Suggested Equipment
Resistance bands
1-5-pound weights
7-9-inch exercise ball

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Champion Training



What is a Dementia Champion?
A Dementia Champion is a person who is able to provide Dementia Friends Information Sessions to the community. They are a volunteer who goes through training and is able to make a positive difference on people living with dementia in their community.

Requirements to become a Dementia Champion
To become a Dementia Champion, you must have attended a Dementia Friends Information Session PRIOR to becoming a champion. A champion follows guidelines set by Dementia Friends USA, and reports all data in a timely manner.

Register here:



Or call 208-459-6003



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Join University of Idaho Extension for the

Idaho Young Cattle Producer Conference

June 23-25, 2025 | Burley

- Gain in-depth information on the Idaho cattle industry and valuable tools to be successful in the cattle business.
- Open to cattle producers between the age of 18 and 40.
- Highlights include a tour of the cattle industry, meat cutting demonstration, updates on current issues facing the cattle industry, information on financing a cattle operation, how to utilize risk management tools, innovative range management practices, and endangered species issues.

To apply:

- Complete application at www.uidaho.edu/YCC by **June 1**
- 20 participants will be selected to attend
- Conference registration is free; participants are responsible for travel and lodging

Questions? Contact:

Meranda Small, UI Extension | 208-983-2667 or msmall@uidaho.edu
Or contact your local UI Extension office's livestock educator

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YCC
YOUNG CATTLE
PRODUCER CONFERENCE



University of Idaho
College of Agricultural
and Life Sciences



Plant & Preserve

Join us for a collaborative mini workshop to plan your vegetable garden with food preservation in mind

Presenters

Tom Jacobson, Fremont Extension Ag/Hort Educator
 Joseph Sagers, Jefferson Extension County Ag Educator
 Deanna Poulsen, Jefferson Extension County FCS Educator

Thursday, April 17th, from 6-8 pm
 Jefferson Co. Extension Office
 210 Courthouse Way, Rigby
 Downstairs Classroom

Refreshments provided
 by Farm Bureau

To register, call our office
 at (208) 745-6685
 or scan this QR code:



by April 15th to reserve your seat!

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Freezer Meals Bootcamp

With Deanna Poulsen, FCS Educator



TWO class options! (pick one)

Friday, April 18, 6-9 pm
or Saturday, April 19, 9-12 am

Jefferson County Extension
Upstairs Kitchen/Classroom
210 Courthouse Way, Rigby

Class Fee: \$50

Participants will make & take:

Cilantro Lime Chicken for 4
Creamy Beef Stroganoff for 4
Cheesy Garlic Pork Chops for 4
Southwest Burritos for 4

Participants will prep and compile each meal in a gallon zip-lock bag.
Bring a large cooler with 1 bag of ice.

Scan the QR code
to register!

Space is limited.

Got questions?
Call Deanna at (208) 745-6685

If you have a family of 6+, it is suggested to sign up for an additional set of meals, and bring an additional person (age 12+) to assist in compiling ingredients.

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Jefferson County



All About

FREEZE DRYING, 2.0

An in-depth study of freeze drying techniques, recipes, and comparison of multiple freeze drying machines.



Wed. April 23, 2025

1pm – 2pm

210 Courthouse Way

Extension Office

Upstairs Classroom

Rigby, Idaho

To register, scan the QR code
or call us at:

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(208) 745-6685

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Sabbatical Update: Costa Rica

By Jennifer Werlin

Learning a Foreign Language is Difficult, but Worth It

As I learn Spanish, I've been humbled but also enjoy the process. I began studying Spanish in elementary school and completed AP Spanish as a high school junior. I was proficient and had even started dreaming in Spanish before my exam. However, in college, I tested out of my language requirements and subsequently forgot much of what I had learned. In retrospect, I wish I had stuck with my Spanish studies. Now, over 20 years later, I'm back at it, probably close to where I was in high school—but not yet fluent. While I can hold a conversation, I've realized there's so much more to learning a language.



Language school "Intercultura" by the Sámara beach. Is ranked the 7th best language school in the world for Spanish.

Patience and Persistence

Learning a language is difficult, especially when time is limited. While immersion is the quickest path to fluency, I believe proficiency is still possible with consistent practice. After four weeks of group immersion classes and several private lessons, I've likely absorbed two years' worth of learning in a traditional classroom in just under three months. Understanding Spanish is easier than speaking it. I often struggle with grammar rules and mix up vocabulary when speaking, but I can usually understand others. This can be frustrating. It's similar to how young children learn a language: our brains are forming new neural pathways, which takes time and effort. However, unlike children, we don't have the benefit of constant interaction with a native speaker. Though I've accumulated a lot of vocabulary, I sometimes struggle to string words together.

I've also had to let go of perfectionism and not fear making mistakes. I've found that when speaking to locals, they don't mind my errors and are kind and encouraging. They appreciate the effort. As an educator who often speaks in public, some might think I'm extroverted, but I often am shy. Pushing through my occasional nervousness is helping me come out of my shell.

Tips for Improving

Watching Spanish television has been incredibly helpful for learning cadence and pronunciation. It's also useful for hearing how words are strung together, which makes the often difficult task of language learning more enjoyable.

When I first set out to learn Spanish, my goal was to communicate better with Spanish-speaking clientele and contribute to bilingual programming in Extension. Nearly 20% of our county is Hispanic/Latino, and Idaho's Hispanic/Latino population is rapidly growing.

I also enjoy learning about and participating in Latino culture. I love Hispanic and Latino food, art, and music. Plus, some of my favorite travel destinations are in Latin America.

I hope to stay motivated to continue learning Spanish. My goal is to host Spanish-English meet-ups where community members can practice speaking and learn about Latino culture. I also plan to increase access to bilingual programming in Extension and 4-H by developing bilingual curriculum and marketing materials.





State 4-H



AgRobotics



NATIVE BEE CHALLENGE

Join this exciting competition where youth build and program LEGO Spike Prime robots to tackle challenges inspired by native bees and their vital role in pollination.

Show off your creativity and teamwork while celebrating the importance of native bees in our ecosystem.

Register today and join the buzz!



KNOWN GAME OBJECTIVES

- BEE LIFE CYCLE
- STACKING HIVES
- WAGGLE DANCE

Register now by contacting
 Abby Grundler
 208-776-8235
 teton4h@uidaho.edu



Mandatory project meeting dates

- May 15, 22, 29 4:00-5:30 pm
- Jun 18, 19, 25, 26 10 am -12 pm
- Jul 9, 10 10 am - 12 pm

Competition date: July 12, 2025 9 am to 2 pm

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Sign Up today State 4-H “NATIVE BEE CHALLENGE”



Teton County 4-H is excited to announce the upcoming 2025 Idaho 4-H Ag-Robotics **Native Bee Challenge** Competition. This is the 2nd year Teton County will participate in this State event. The event merges agriculture and robotics, providing youth with hands-on experiences in agricultural technology.

While the honeybee gets a lot of attention, there are a wide variety of bee species, and all of them play an important role in agriculture through their role as pollinators. It is estimated that in the United States alone, bees contribute more than \$14 billion (that's billion with a B(ee)! In crop production. Youth participating in this year's challenge will learn the important role bees play in our world, as well as their life cycle, nesting habits, and threats to their population.

Event Details:

- **Date:** July 12, 2025
- 9:00 am – 2:00 PM
- **Location:** UI Extension Office, Teton County 445 N. Main Driggs

About the Competition:

The Idaho 4-H Ag-Robotics **Native Bee Challenge** Competition will require participants to design and build autonomous robots capable of performing specific agricultural tasks.

2025 Known Game Objectives:

Bee Life Cycle
Stacking Bee Hives
Waggle Dance

2025 Unknown Challenges will be announced on July 12, 2025, on the day of competition....

This initiative aims to foster interest in agricultural science and technology among young people, equipping them with skills essential for future careers in these fields.

Participation:

The competition is open to all active Teton County 4-H members aged 9-14. Please contact Abby Grundler to enroll in this exciting event (teton4h@uidaho.edu or 208-776-8235). Not enrolled in 4-H? Enroll via 4h.zsuite.org today and join



the “Buzz”. Enrollment fees and dues are \$60.00 payable to Teton County 4-H. (We accept Cash, Checks and Credit Cards (fee will be applied) Scholarships are available. Event Participants will form teams of 3 through the Teton County 4-H S.T.E.A.M. club. No prior robotics experience is necessary; mentors and resources will be available to guide teams through the process. **Deadline to sign up for this exciting event is Monday May 12, 5:00 PM.**

Planning and Preparation Meetings

May -15, 22, 29 4:00-5:30 PM

June -18, 19, 25, 26, 10:00-12:00 PM

July -9, 10 10:00-12:00 PM

Benefits of Participation:

- **Skill Development:** Engage in practical applications of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) concepts.
 - **Teamwork:** Collaborate with peers to solve complex problems.
 - **Innovation:** Explore creative solutions to real-world agricultural challenges.
- Career Exploration:** Gain insights into agricultural science and technology careers.

How to Get Involved:

Contact University of Idaho Extension, Teton County 4-H for information on registration and preparation workshops at 208-776-8235 or teton4h@uidaho.edu.

Stay tuned for further announcements regarding preparation and practice times, competition specifics, and team selections. This is an excellent opportunity for Teton County youth to immerse themselves in the exciting intersection of agriculture and technology.

Think like a **Stemist**

SCIENCE. TECHNOLOGY.
ENGINEERING. MATHEMATICS

Think Like a STEMist day camp is an immersive and engaging program designed to ignite curiosity and inspire young minds in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). Through hands-on activities, interactive experiments, and collaborative projects, campers will explore the wonders of the STEM world and develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

Tuesday, April 1
10 am-3 pm



Science of Slime day camp lets kids explore the science behind slime through hands-on activities. They'll learn about polymers, chemical reactions, and non-Newtonian fluids while creating their own colorful slime. By the end, campers will have a fun understanding of science and a slime souvenir to take home!

Wednesday, April 2
10 am-3 pm



GEOLOGY ROCKS

Join us for a fun-filled 4-H day camp all about rocks, minerals, and fossils! Campers will explore the fascinating world of geology through hands-on activities, rock identification, and exciting experiments. Dig into the science behind how rocks are formed and uncover the hidden stories they tell. Get ready to crack open some fun—because **Geology Rocks!**

Thursday, April 3
10 am-3 pm



Ages 8-18 Lunch and Snack included. \$40 per day. Register via QR codes.

Contact: Abby Grundler or Jennifer Brown
208-776-8235 teton4h@uidaho.edu

Teton County 4-H
Spring Break Day Camps
Hosted by **4-H S.T.E.A.M Club**

Location:
445 North Main St
Driggs, ID 83422



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4-H S.T.E.A.M Club

Think like a **Stemist**

4-H Spring Break Day Camp

SCIENCE. TECHNOLOGY. ENGINEERING. MATHEMATICS
Inspiring students to think creatively, collaborate, and solve problems.

"Think Like a STEMist" day camp is an immersive and engaging program designed to ignite curiosity and inspire young minds in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). Through hands-on activities, interactive experiments, and collaborative projects, campers will explore the wonders of the STEM world and develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

Date: Tuesday, April 1st
Time: 10 am - 3 pm
Cost: \$40 per student (ages 8 to 18)
Location: 445 North Main St
Driggs, ID 83422

Contact: Abby Grundler or Jennifer Brown
208-776-8235 teton4h@uidaho.edu

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4-H S.T.E.A.M Club

SLIME

4-H SPRING BREAK DAY CAMP

Wed April 2
10 am - 3 pm

UI Extension
445 North Main St
Driggs, ID 83422

\$40 per student
includes lunch and a snack

AGES 8-18

REGISTER NOW

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Beyond Ready
Hosted by Teton County
4-H S.T.E.A.M Club

GEOLOGY ROCKS

4-H SPRING BREAK DAY CAMP

Thursday, April 3
10 AM - 3 pm
Open to youth ages 8-18
Registration limited to 20 youth
\$40, non-refundable
includes lunch and a snack

REGISTER NOW

Contact: Abby Grundler or Jennifer Brown
208-776-8235 teton4h@uidaho.edu

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TETON COUNTY 4-H

ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP DINNER

SAVE THE DATE

Teton County Fairgrounds
May 19, 2025
5:00-7:30 PM

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Serve with 4-H STEM Corps Teton County!

4-H STEM CORPS INSTRUCTOR

- Service Commitment
- 450 hours 16 Weeks 25-30 hours per week
- Boise, Idaho
- Apply by April 20th

BENEFITS

- Earn a living allowance!
- \$6,200.00 paid in allotments of \$775.00 every two weeks
- Get money for school!
- \$1,956.35
- Professional Development
- Networking

Apply today





4-H STEM CORPS



April is Horse Maintenance Month

Time to take care of our furry friends.
 Awesome Veterinary Services in Teton Valley

Circle S Mobile Vet 208-201-8188
Driggs Vet Clinic 208-354-2212
Wydaho Mobile Vet 307-699-9255
Victor Vet Clinic 208-787-2114



IDAHO SHOOTING SPORTS FUNDRAISER

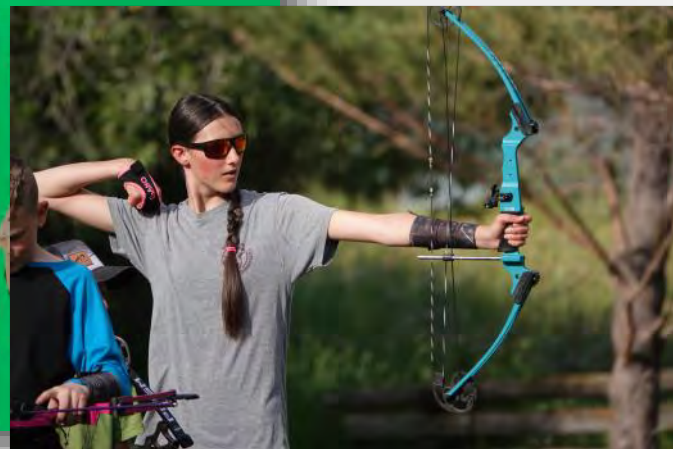
Supporting 4-H Idaho Youth Heading To National Competition



Drawing June 7th, 2025 @ Idaho 4-H Shooting Sports State Competition.

\$10 Per Ticket

Prizes -Gun Cleaning kit, Impact Driver, Dual Rifle Bag, Frig Cooler, and much more.



Support Brynlee Foley as she heads to Nationals in Archery, proudly representing **Teton County 4-H!**

Purchase a ticket for just \$10 to support her journey.

Drawing Date: June 7th, 2025

Location: Idaho 4-H Shooting Sports State Competition

Prizes Include: Gun Cleaning Kit, Impact Driver, Dual Rifle Bag, Fridge Cooler, and much more!

Contact:
Idaho4h@uidaho.edu
or call UI Extension 208-776-8235 to purchase tickets.



Alpine 4-H Horse Camp
July 8th - 11th 2025

Registration Opens May 15th

Scholarship Applications OPEN NOW

Your Home Away From Home

At Alpine 4-H Horse Camp, we offer kids of all ages and backgrounds a structured opportunity for growth. Our enriched program is designed for campers to promote independence and self-confidence all while making new friends and learning exciting new skills. To find out more and to discover if our Horse Riding Camp is a good fit for your child, please read on or get in touch with us.

Important Camp Information

Application Due Date: June 27th

CAMP LIMIT - 120 4-H youth participants, plus accompanying leaders, parents, and family members. Registration will be accepted on a "first come", "first serve basis" with preference to Idaho residence;

CAMP FEE – \$100.00 PER PERSON attending camp. Please make checks payable to Alpine 4-H Horse Camp. This fee will be required for EACH AND EVERY person 5 years of age and older who is attending camp regardless of reason for being in camp. No exceptions.

There will be NO refunds issued unless cancellation in writing is received by June 30, 2022. Extenuating circumstances after June 30th must be presented, in writing, no later than seven days after camp, for consideration by the camp board for refund.



2025 PISTOL Training

Saturday, April 5
at the Minidoka County Extension
85 East Baseline Rd, Rupert, ID 83350

This statewide leader training and certification will support the State 4-H Policy regarding the 4-H Shooting Sports instructors in Idaho. The policy states that Idaho 4-H Shooting Sports instructors on the county level must:

- Be at least 21 years of age (18 years for assistant instructors)
- Be screened, trained and appointed as a current 4-H volunteer through their local County Extension Office.
- Successfully complete instructor discipline training administered/sanctioned through the University of Idaho 4-H Youth Development Office.
- Be trained and certified in any discipline(s) that they are teaching at the county level.
- Participants must attend the entire training and successfully complete all aspects to receive their respective discipline certification.

Prior to April 5:
Complete all four Youth Development/Risk Management online modules / print & bring completion certificate

Saturday, April 5, 2025:
9:00am – 12:00pm: Welcome; transition into discipline instruction
12:00pm – 12:30pm: Lunch (provided)
12:30pm – 5:00pm: Continue discipline instruction & practicum. Wrap-up, evaluation & discipline recognition

\$80 per participant
Register on ZSuite by
March 21

Payment instructions will be emailed following registration

For questions, contact Jeni Bywater
at (208)436-7184 or jbywater@uidaho.edu



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Save the Date!!

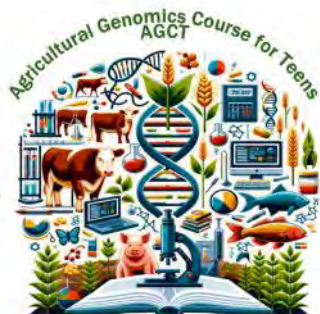


INTERMOUNTAIN LIVESTOCK JUDGES TRAINING

Spanish Fork, Utah
May 8th - 10th 2025

Open to youth and adults.

The cost to attend is \$150 and includes judging notebook, 4 meals and final day judging contest entry. For more information contact Scott Nash, snash@uidaho.edu



Ag. Genomics Workshop

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT AGRICULTURE, GENOMICS, AND BIOTECHNOLOGY?

WHEN: June 30th – July 2, 2025 (Mon-Wed) – detailed agenda on back
WHERE: University of Idaho Hagerman Fish Culture Experiment Station (HFCEs) 3059F National Fish Hatchery Rd., Hagerman, ID 83332

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN: How to isolate DNA? How DNA sequencing works? What is CRISPR? How is biotechnology used in agriculture, from disease diagnostics to plant and animal breeding?

WHO: Teens (Grades 10-12) interested in genetics and science
Prior completion of high-school science course(s) recommended (chemistry, biology, etc.)

COST: \$50 / participant

REGISTRATION: Open until June 15, 2025 [Online Registration Link - UI Marketplace](https://4h.zsuite.org/external-event-registration/37171)
<https://4h.zsuite.org/external-event-registration/37171>

LODGING: Lodging provided in Twin Falls (youth must be accompanied by adult)

TRANSPORT: Daily transportation provided in Twin Falls to/from course location (HFCEs)

Questions? Please contact Mike Knutz (mknutz@uidaho.edu) or Jake Bledsoe (bledsoe@uidaho.edu)

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2025 4-H/FFA Southeast Idaho Beef Judging Clinic and Contest



Friday, April 18th

At Dirk and Marnie Johnson's Sale Barn
2055 Ivins Rd.
Bancroft, ID

Schedule

10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Livestock Judging Education
10:40 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Judging Practice
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Judging Contest
12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Lunch
12:30 p.m. - Announce Winners

Please RSVP by calling
Caribou County Extension
(208) 547-3205

The top three in each age division will receive prize money!

1st place - \$100
2nd place - \$50
3rd place - \$25

We will have an adult class!

1st place - \$50
2nd place - \$25

This event is intended for all youth and parents who are involved in the market animal program (regardless of what species you show).

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I VANDAL GIVING DAY

SUPPORT WHAT YOU LOVE!

University of Idaho Extension 4-H will be participating in Vandal Giving Day April 1-2! Gifts can be made to support programs at the state level or your local county programs. Please consider supporting Idaho 4-H during Vandal Giving Day!

University of Idaho Extension 4-H empowers more than 75,000 Idaho youth to learn by doing through fun, hands-on experiences. Your gift to University of Idaho Extension 4-H gives current and future Idaho youth the opportunity to explore new interests, develop life-long skills and become positive and productive members of the community.

We appreciate all your support of 4-H youth across Idaho!

Give April 1-2 and support Idaho 4-H!

<https://vandalsgive.uidaho.edu/giving-day/98415/set/6120>





2025 4-H Essay Contest

The Importance of Youth in Beekeeping: How 4-H Members Can Make a Difference!

For this essay, a 4-H student should answer these questions: Why youth is important in beekeeping? How can 4-H members make a difference? How can more young people involved in beekeeping? What are your future plans as a beekeeper? What is a major contribution a young beekeeper has brought to the industry?

Eligibility: The 2025 National 4-H Beekeeping Essay Competition is open to active 4-H Club members only.

Any 4-H Club member who placed first, second or third in previous years of the national competition is NOT eligible to win in 2025; however, state competition winners remain eligible to enter the national competition. Essays entered must encompass the designated topic only. There will be no exceptions.

Competition Rules & Essay Requirements: Any 4-H Club member interested in writing an essay should contact their local 4-H office for competition details. The state selection process must be completed through the 4-H system.

Failure to meet any one of the essay requirements will result in disqualification.

Essay Requirements for National Judging: Essays must be typewritten or computer-generated on single-sided pages and formatted following standard manuscript format using double-spaced type and 12pt font in a legible font face.

Essays must encompass the designated topic in 750 to 1,000 words. Word count does not include sources, works cited, or the writer's biographical statement.

All factual statements and interview references must be cited in a "sources" or "bibliography."

Essays will be judged on (a) scope of research, 40%; (b) accuracy, 30%; (c) creativity, 10%; (d) conciseness, 10%; and (e) logical development of the topic, 10%.

On a separate page, please include a brief biographical statement of the writer including mailing address, email address, and phone number.

The deadline for national submission was May 1, 2025.

National winners will be announced: June 15, 2025

Each state may submit only ONE entry.

National competition entries may be submitted for judging via mail to the address listed below or email to abfnet.org@gmail.com. Use "4-H Essay Entry from <State>" as the subject line.

**Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees
480 Town Center St. N, PMB #253
Mooreville, IN 46158**

Decisions made by the trustees of the Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees during national judging are final. All national competition entries become the property of the foundation and may be used as it sees fit. No essays will be returned.

Awards:

Three cash prizes will be awarded in the 2025 National 4-H Beekeeping Essay Competition. The author of the highest-scoring essay will win first prize. The author of the second-highest scoring essay will win second prize. The author of the third-highest scoring essay will win third prize.

First Prize: \$750

Second Prize: \$500

Third Prize: \$250

The three prize-winning essays will be published in ABF Quarterly, the magazine of the American Beekeeping Federation. All authors of essays submitted to the national competition will receive a relevant book on honey bees, beekeeping, or honey.

Teton County 4-H

Livestock Tagging Information

It's time for the **2025 Teton Valley Fair!** If you will be exhibiting livestock, remember that **all required paperwork must be completed and submitted** either **before or at the time of weigh-in.**

Required Information: All paperwork must include:

1. Animal sex, breed, and color
2. Date of birth
3. Tag number
4. Other necessary details

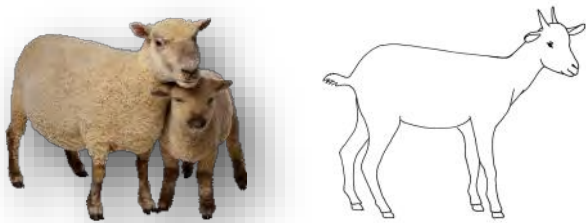
IMPORTANT: Animals cannot be tagged or weighed without proper paperwork.

Tagging Dates:

Swine – April 28, 2025 4:00–6:00 PM



Sheep/Goat – May 27, 2025 | 4:00–6:00 PM



Breeding & Non-Market Animals & Poultry Paperwork Due: May 8, 2025, by 4:00 PM

If you have any questions, please reach out to the **Teton County 4-H Office** 208-776-8235 or teton@uidaho.edu
Thank you for preparing ahead and ensuring a smooth tagging process!

4-H CALENDAR

April

- 1st-**Steam Club Day Camp**-“Think Like a STEMIST”
- 2nd-**Steam Club Day Camp**-“Slime Camp”
- 3rd-**Steam Club Day Camp**-“Geology Rocks”
- 19th-**Earthday Celebration**-Teton County Fairgrounds
- 28th-**Swine Weigh-In** 4-6 pm Fairground

May

- 1st-4-H Scholarship Applications Due
- 8th-Horse, Rabbit, Dog, Cat, Poultry, Breeding Livestock Paperwork-**Due by 4pm**
- 19th-4-H Scholarship Fundraising Dinner
- 27th-**Lamb/Goat Weigh-In** 4-6pm Fairgrounds

June

- 11th-13th- 4-H Alpine Camp
- 13th- Tin Cup Giving Opens
- 16th, 23rd, 30th- Record Book Help 10-Noon
- 20th- ABC 4-H Friday Summer Day Camp- “Garden Camp”
- 27th- ABC 4-H Friday Summer Day Camp- “Farm Camp”

July

- 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th-Record Book Help 10-Noon
- 8th-10th-Alpine Horse Camp, Alpine Wyoming
- 11th- ABC 4-H Friday Summer Day Camp- Aerospace”
- 12th- AgRobotics Competition: “Native Bees”
- 18th- ABC 4-H Friday Summer Day Camp- “Wild Things”
- 19th- Annual Tin Cup Event 7-12 PM
- 25th- ABC 4-H Friday Summer Day Camp- “Survivor Camp”

August

- 1st- ABC 4-H Friday Summer Day Camp- “4-H Olympics”
- 4th-9th-Teton County Fair

UPCOMING EVENTS

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

April 19, 2025 10-1 PM

Teton County Fair Grounds

SWINE WEIGH-IN

April 27, 2025 4-6 PM

ANNUAL 4-H SCHOLARSHIP DINNER FUNDRAISER

May 19, 2025 5-7:30 PM

Teton County Fairgrounds: Dinner served 5-6:30 Auction begins at 6:30 Pm

TETON FOOD & FARM COALITION MEETING

May 28th | 12-1 pm

Register: <https://www.tetonfoodfarmcoalition.org/>

4-H ALPINE CAMP

June 11-13

4-H Alpine Camp, Alpine Wyoming

ABC 4-H FRIDAY DAY CAMPS

June 20, 2025 "Garden Camp"

June 27, 2025 "Farm Camp"

July 11, 2025 "Aero space"

July 18, 2025 "Wild Things"

July 25, 2025 "Survivor Camp"

August 1, 2025 "4-H Olympics Celebration"

TETON COUNTY FAIR

AUGUST 7-12, 2025



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