

EXTENSION TRENDS: **BOUNDARY COUNTY**

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2022 By the Numbers

- **3,893** direct contacts
- **2,396** youth participants
- **91** volunteers
- **1,995** volunteer hours
- **\$80,657** extramural funding

Our Advisory Council

Special thanks to our volunteers who help shape programming and inform the work we do for UI Extension in Boundary County: Joan Poppino, Andrea Fuentes, Shirley Anderson, Lauren Kuczka, Wally Cossairt, Kimberly Cushman, Laci Click and Tiffani Beggerly.

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2022 Impact

Due to the absence of a county agriculture educator, FCS/4-H Educator Amy Robertson created the Advanced Master Gardener program to help fill the educational needs of Boundary County. This program consisted of 12 volunteer participants. There were several continuing education trainings offered throughout the year as well as many volunteer opportunities. These volunteers helped teach classes to the general public, manned booths at public events such as the farmer's market and the county fair and helped with other needs in the county.

Another successful program was the continuation of virtual food safety and food preservation classes that had been implemented in 2021. Boundary County partnered with Owhyee County to offer monthly classes on a variety of food topics. These classes had statewide attendance as well as some participants from other states as well as a few other countries.

4-H in Boundary County

There were 227 youth participating in the traditional 4-H program in Boundary County who exhibited their projects at the 2022 county fair. For the 2021-22 school year, UI Extension partnered with BCSD 101 to host a full-time AmeriCorps member. This person focused on providing STEAM education to students at three elementary schools and 4-H Friday Friends during the school year.

A \$60,000 grant was received from the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare to implement programming to help fill in the gaps with learning loss due to COVID-19. Two part-time robotics instructors were hired, and robotics curriculum and materials were purchased. Five-week robotics sessions were provided to every K-5th grade class in Boundary County, and several out of school programs and summer programs that also included many homeschool youth.

4-H Friday Friends celebrated its' 15th year of all-day programming for elementary-age children on Fridays during the school year. This program saw participation from many community visitors including the library, sheriff's office, and others. This program received \$10,000 in grants in 2022, allowing enrollment rates to stay affordable for Boundary County families who had children participating in the program.

On the Horizon

Boundary County, along with two other rural counties in Idaho, are part of a three-year Idaho Children's Trust Fund grant. Funds will be used to implement a free 10-week parenting education program for families with youth ages 5-11. As part of this grant, a parenting education curriculum will be created, designed to meet the needs of rural families in Idaho.

UI Extension, Boundary County was also successful in receiving a second year of grant funding from the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare and will be using those funds to continue robotics programming for youth ages 5-13. They will be utilizing a variety of programs including LEGO robotics, KIBO, Sphero BOLT, Robot Mouse and drones.

Boundary County 4-H received a Think Make Create Trailer in the fall of 2021. This trailer has been used quite a bit by 4-H Friday Friends and spent a week at the Boundary County Fair. The goal in 2023 is to partner with the schools and other organizations such as scouts and the Boundary County Library to expose more youth to the STEAM curriculum and materials housed in the trailer.