



# Lines For Leaders

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## Working with the Unexpected

The Extension office has been taking about the unexpected a lot in the last few months. Late last fall we got the wonderful news that our office floor was going to be abated and we would be getting new flooring. We were excited because we would no longer have the strange bumps on the floor. The hard part has been wrapping our heads around working remotely when our programming is going strong. We not only have youth enrolling in clubs and purchasing curriculum, but we have 4 schools that we are teaching 4-H afterschool lessons at, STEP projects, volunteer trainings, Clover Sparks (Cloverbud) meetings, and spring break day camps coming up. Once we realized all of this, we started planning and preparing, but can we plan for everything? Here are some tips that you can use for the unexpected with your 4-H groups:

- Look at what you do have. What supplies are readily available? Where can you store things? Where can you meet if you have to move locations? Who can help you? What other assets do you have? For the Extension office, we are moving everything we think we or our clubs may need to use to the garage (there are a few things we can't move). We are also asking 4-H volunteers to pick up things early and hold onto them until after the abatement. Further, our friends at the UI Caldwell R&E Center have offered us use of their classroom for meetings and our friends in Ada County 4-H have offered to help us with items we maybe didn't get moved to the garage.
- Look at how you can communicate. Do you have a list handy of your club members? Do you have a quick, easy method of communication? For the Extension office, our admins will be taking turns on who will have the office phone forwarded to them. We all have laptops with email set up and we have an in-office Slack set up.
- Have an Emergency Plan. Just like you have an emergency plan at home, you should have something for your club. If there was a fire, where would everyone meet? Do you have a list of everyone that comes to club meetings? Leaders, we can help you pull a report from ZSuite.
- Have a first-aid kit handy. Doesn't have to be fancy, but band aids are highly recommended. I keep a first aid kit in my car and we keep several stashed in the back of the office.
- Have someone certified in CPR or first aid in your club. Better yet, a few people would be great. The American Red Cross has lots of options for trainings: <https://www.redcross.org/take-a-class>
- Have someone or a few someones certified in Youth Mental Health First Aid. Tasha, our FCS Extension Educator, is hosting a certification class on May 13<sup>th</sup> in the office.

You can't plan for everything in life, but you can plan for common things. We recommend taking a little time to brush up on some basics and check that you have everything in place.

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# 4-H Event Calendar

## February

- 9 Canyon County 4-H Leaders' Council Meeting - 7pm - **ZOOM** – [Meeting ID: 847 0928 0173](#)
  - 11 Southern District 4-H Volunteer Training, Idaho Arts Primary Charter School, Nampa
  - 18 Canyon County Horse Bowl Contest—Nampa First Christian Church
  - 18-20 Know Your Government Conference - Boise
  - 20 *Office Closed - Presidents' Day*
  - 20-24 Southern District Horsemanship Testing
  - 25 Canyon County 4-H Horse Oral Presentation Contest - Middleton Community Center
  - 25-26 Shooting Sports Volunteer Training
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## March

- 4 Southern District 4-H Horse Bowl Contest - Payette County Fairgrounds
  - 11 Beef Field Day - Owyhee County Community Center, Homedale - 1-4pm
  - 20-24 4-H Adventure Camp, Spring Break Camp - Eagle Island State Park - Registration available at: <https://4h.zsuite.org/external-event-registration/18390>
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## Canyon County 4-H Spring Break Day Camp Information

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## Office Closures - UPDATED

The University of Idaho Extension Canyon County office will be closed for maintenance;

**Friday, February 10** as well as  
**\*February 13—March 13, 2023**

Employees will be working remotely during these times. You can contact us via email at [canyon@uidaho.edu](mailto:canyon@uidaho.edu).

**IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF SUPPLIES/CURRICULUM/EQUIPMENT  
PLEASE PLAN AHEAD AND PICK UP ITEMS BY THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9.**

Limited availability for staff to meet you and hand-off items. Not items will be accessible.

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## Important Dates to Remember



### February

- 3 Shooting Sport Training Registration Due
- 3 Horsemanship Award Application Due
- 10 County Horse Bowl Registration Due
- 17 County Horse Oral Registration Due
- 27 Market Beef Declaration Deadline
- 28 TVDRHP Application Deadline

### March

- 25 Canyon County Fair Market Tag Pick-Up Day

## Congratulations - New Certified Volunteers!

Zachary Asher—County Club

Brittany Harrison—Critters of Gold

Krystal Bickford—Clover Sparks

Steven Platt—Clover Quest

Catherine Gruner—Busy Bugs

Genia Watkins—Parma Partners



## 2023 Canyon County Fair Market Tag and Declaration Information

In 2023, all market species and horses will complete declarations through an online process. Please note that the declaration process is separate from your fair entry. Declaration due dates are scheduled by species and listed below. Declarations are not required for breeding animals and small animals.

Prior to tags being available participants will need to be enrolled in the correct market project in Zsuite. **Members will need to reserve tags by midnight the night before at [canyoncountyfair.org](https://canyoncountyfair.org).** Tags should be placed in the animals left ear (when you stand over the animal)

THERE ARE NO IN-PERSON WEIGH-INS FOR ANY SPECIES. Tags will be available as follows:

**Saturday, March 25, 2023**

**Saturday, April 29, 2023**

Declarations will be completed online at <https://canyonsale.fairwire.com> by the following dates:

**Beef** Monday, February 27, 2023

**Sheep/Goat** Monday, May 15, 2023

**Swine** Monday, April 17, 2023

**Market Broiler** Monday, April 10, 2023 (Intent to Participate)

**Horse** Saturday, April 15, 2023

Fair Entries for all animals are due by June 15, 2023

Youth participating in market animal/horse projects must be enrolled in that project and active in Zsuite prior to the declaration deadlines.

## 2023-2024 Treasure Valley Dairy Replacement Heifer Project

Applicants must be currently enrolled as a 4-H or FFA member. All participants must attend an orientation meeting and will select a heifer during Selection Day in April. An application for financial assistance is included in the application packet.

Application packets are available at the Canyon County Extension office or emailed upon request. They are also available on the website at [Canyon County Extension](#) under *Animals and Livestock*.

Applications are due **February 28** along with a **\$25** deposit made payable to "TVDRHP." For questions or more information, please contact the TVDRHP Committee at [treasurevalleydairy@gmail.com](mailto:treasurevalleydairy@gmail.com).



## 2022/2023 Clover Sparks Programming

Clover Sparks will begin providing programming for Cloverbuds (youth ages 5-7, as of January 1, 2023) starting in November across Canyon County. Youth will receive fun and interactive education programming at monthly meetings. Come and learn with us!

Dates and locations provided below. Pick the location that works best for your family.

**Bowmont Community Life Center** –  
7263 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Nampa | 6-7pm

**Chula Vista Community Center** –  
15B Andrew Cir., Wilder | 6-7pm

**University of Idaho Research & Education Center** –  
1904 E Chicago St., Caldwell  
6:30-730pm

- Tuesday, February 7
- Tuesday, March 7
- Tuesday, April 4
- Tuesday, May 2

- Thursday, February 9
- Thursday, March 9
- Thursday, April 6
- Thursday, May 4

- Tuesday, February 21
- Tuesday, March 21
- Tuesday, April 18
- Tuesday, May 16



## State Hunting Contest

Shooting Stars 4-H Club sent 5 youth to the State Hunting contest in December 2022. Some of the things learned in the hunting project are ethics, conservation and preparedness. Youth have learned how and why we have regulations on our resources and how to be good stewards of the land. Youth did a lesson on safety and preparedness and finished off with a field dressing activity using candy bars. Canyon County 4-H was well represented at the State hunting contest.

### Junior

Parker A.—**3rd Place**

### Intermediate

Reese G.—**All Blue Ribbons**  
Laura W.—**5th Place**

### Qualified for the National Contest

Cody B.  
Ford S.

## Southern District 4-H Volunteer Training

Saturday, February 11, 10am-2pm

Come and grow your leadership knowledge at the 2023 Southern District Volunteer Training. Grow your spark for volunteering with hands-on interactive workshops or attend the New Volunteer Training, if you are working on becoming a certified volunteer.



Workshops include; Ambassadors & Teen Leaders, Zsuite & Records Books, Volunteer Recruitment, Cloverbuds & More!

**Location:** Idaho Arts Primary Charter School  
525 N Broadmore Way, Nampa

Canyon County 4-H Leaders' Council will be covering the \$15.00 cost for all Canyon County Volunteers that attend. No application needed.

Registration is available in Zsuite events, until Monday, February 6, or by clicking the link: <https://4h.zsuite.org/external-event-registration/17593>

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## Shooting Sports Volunteer Training

**Archery:** Saturday, February 25

**Rifle:** Sunday, February 26

**Pistol:** Saturday February 25

**Shotgun:** Sunday, February 26

**Required Training** prior to **February 25:** Complete **all four** Youth Development/Risk Management online modules. Print & bring completion certificate to registration.

**Make checks payable to:** Canyon County Extension, 501 Main St., Caldwell, ID 83605  
(no electronic payments will be accepted)

**Single discipline—\$80/person** (lunch, refreshments & printed materials provided)

**Double discipline—\$105/person** (lunch, refreshments & printed materials provided)

**Registration Deadline: February 3** by 5pm (Registration, release forms & payment must be **received**)

This statewide volunteer 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**

Canyon County 4-H Council offers scholarships to volunteers. The Canyon County 4-H Council Scholarship can be found on the county website or by clicking the link [HERE](#).

## Southern District Horse Contests

### Idaho Horsemanship Test:

Application Due Feb.3, 2023

Test Week Feb. 20-24, 2023

Performance Sunday, July 9, 2023

### Horse Bowl:

Saturday, March 4, 2023 - Payette Co. Fairgrounds

### Oral Presentation:

Saturday, April 15, 2023 - Location TBD

### Horse Hippology:

Saturday, May 20, 2023 - Payette Co. Fairgrounds

### Horse Judging:

Saturday, May 20, 2023 - Payette Co. Fairgrounds

### ISHA Show:

Fundraiser for Leaders Retreat -

Friday, May 26, 2023

### Ranch -

Saturday, May 27, 2023 - Payette Co. Fairgrounds

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## U and I Together - Winter Schedule

Tuesdays February 14—April 4

Have you checked out the fall lineup of U & I Together lessons? There is a variety of fun activities 4-H and beyond. You'll find something for everyone from age 1-101! This series takes place online every Tuesday from 4:00-4:30pm.

- **February 14** - Satisfy Your Sweet Tooth: The Science of Sugar
- **February 21** - Family Fun with Physical Activity
- **February 28** - Creating with Oil Pastels
- **March 7** - Carrot Cake Oatmeal Bake
- **March 14** - Salad Bowl Gardening

U and I  
TOGETHER

All activities are free. Preregistration is required. Registration can be completed by visiting [bit.ly/ui2023](https://bit.ly/ui2023)

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## 4-H Adventure Camp Spring Break Camp

March 20-24, 10am-3pm

Eagle Island State Park

Join 4-H Adventure Camp for a week of fun and learning at Eagle Island State Park! Youth will explore the park while learning different outdoor activities, animals and plants. All youth will need a backpack, water and a lunch. All other materials will be provided. Cost is \$100 per youth. Registration is open to youth 8-13 years old. For more information and to register visit <https://4h.zsuite.org/external-event-registration/18390>. Let's GET OUTSIDE!



### Activities Include:

Canoeing, Fishing, Dutch Oven Cooking, Biking  
And much more!



## Canyon County 4-H Adventure Camp Counselors!

We would like to congratulate our youth who will be representing Canyon County as 2023 4-H Adventure Camp Counselors. They are:

Amelia A.	Kamila C.	Ivy H.	Aurora K.	Hailey N.
Riley A.	Alyssa H.	Jessica K.	Jacob M.	Trustin S.

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## 2023 4-H Adventure Camps

Welcome to 4-H Adventure Camp, we have so much to offer you and your camper! There will always be a place for your kid here at camp. Please come join us!

4-H Adventure Camp is open to ALL youth who've completed 3rd - 8th grades. From the moment campers get on the bus to the moment they learn what cabin they are in, these kids will have an experience they soon won't forget!

We offer a variety of sessions to give campers the opportunities to experience new things. Workshops include; canoeing, archery, tie-dye, fishing, swing dance, crafts, riflery, cooking, outdoor games, swimming and many more!

Each day is brought to a close by the camp fire. Counselors lead the campers in songs and perform skits. Chaperones also get involved by telling stories, while the kids have their evening snack. The last night of camp is concluded with wish boats that each cabin puts together and sends off onto the lake.

**June Kids Camp** | 3rd - 5th Grades | June 19-22

Registration Link: <https://4h.zsuite.org/external-event-registration/16674>

**July Mixed Camp** | 3rd - 8th Grades | July 6-9

Registration Link: <https://4h.zsuite.org/external-event-registration/16919>

**July Teen Camp** | 6th - 8th Grades | July 17-21

Registration Link: <https://4h.zsuite.org/external-event-registration/16918>

Registration is open for 2023 4-H Adventure Camp. Registration is completed online.

**Registration will close May 19.**

Each camp is **\$295** per youth. Registration must be paid before registration is accepted.

Partial scholarships are available with application. To request a scholarship application please email [idaho4hadventurecamp@uidaho.edu](mailto:idaho4hadventurecamp@uidaho.edu). **Scholarship applications MUST be submitted BEFORE April 1 to be considered.**

For questions or more information contact us at:



[idaho4hadventurecamp@uidaho.edu](mailto:idaho4hadventurecamp@uidaho.edu)



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## Canyon County *Lines For Leaders*

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Canyon County Extension needs your help! We want your feedback about what kind of programming you would like to see from Canyon County Extension.

Each week, in the Friday email, we share programming information from cooking, food preservation, mental health first aid, gardening, livestock education and more. We ask that you take this opportunity to tell us what programming you would like to see or continue. This help guide future programming.

This brief questionnaire can be accessed by scanning the QR code or clicking the link [HERE](#). Thank you for your support.