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# IN THE NEWS

A Newsletter for Idaho County 4-H Families

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Dear 4-H Members, Leaders & Parents:

This spring weather makes us excited for 4-H!

The 4-H Party seems to always kick off the fun events for the year. Come join in the fun at the Cottonwood Hall April 18th. The 4-H party flyer is included (bright yellow page). I hope to see all the clubs there with booths. Free BBQ that day provided by the Idaho/Lewis County Cattle Association.

There is a new leader orientation meeting April 8th in Grangeville. This meeting is for any new 4-H leaders. We will be covering all the basics of 4-H, policies, rules, and going over any questions that a new 4-H volunteer may have. Please plan on attending if you are a new leader! This meeting will be held at the Idaho County Courthouse in the Commissioners Room at 5:00 P.M. (Please use the back parking lot door on the Sheriff Department side to enter courthouse after business hours— Look for 4-H sign on door).

All 4-H club books have been compiled, so if your club doesn't have their books, please swing by the Extension Office and pick them up.

Extra copies of the newsletter can be found on our county website: [idahocounty.org](http://idahocounty.org) and click on the 4-H Clover. New 4-H families may not be on our mailing list yet, so be sure to share these events with them.

As always, if you have any questions, feel free to contact me!

Sincerely,

Jill Bruegeman  
Idaho County 4-H Program Manager





## IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP:

April 8	New Leader Meeting, Commissioners Room, Grangeville
April 13-17	Idaho County 4-H Week
April 18	Idaho County 4-H Party, Cottonwood Hall
May 9	Swine Weigh-In, Fairgrounds, Cottonwood
May 16	Idaho County Spring Horse Clinic, Grangeville

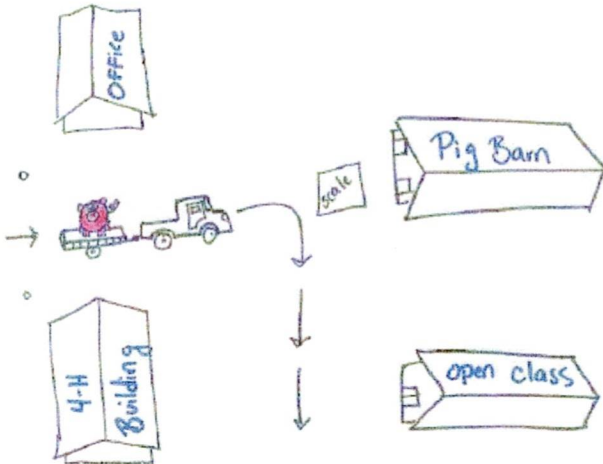
### Swine Weigh-In

May 9th

7:00 A.M.—10:00 A.M.

Idaho County Fairgrounds

All 4-H and FFA swine must be weighed in and tagged on this day to be eligible for fair. See diagram below for directions. Enter by office building and exit by Snack Shack. Parents and members: you will need to load and unload your pigs. Leaders: Don't forget that producer affidavits must be filled out and included in record books this year!



### Helpful Info:

Animal minimum weights for fair weigh-in:

- Market Beef: 1100
- Market Swine: 225
- Market Lamb: 105
- Market Goats: 70

### 4-H Camp

Mark your calendars: July 21 - 23, 2026

Camp Wootan

Join 4-H members from Clearwater, Latah, Lewis, Nez Perce and Idaho Counties for camping and outdoor fun! Open to youth ages 8 through 7th grade. Each county has a limited number of campers that can attend.

### Teens:

We also need teen leaders for camp! If you are a responsible teen in 8th to 12th grade, and would like to be a leader at camp, let me know. There will be some mandatory teen trainings you will have to attend:

May 7 ~ All Counties Zoom with Teens 5:30 P.M.

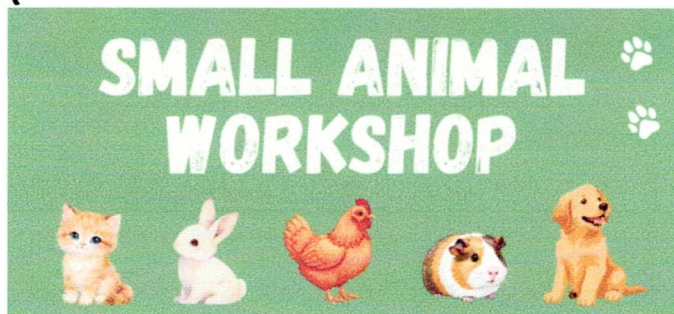
June 11 @ 9:00 A.M. ~ 3:00 P.M.  
In-Person Teen Training, Lewiston

July ~ All Counties Zoom Camp Orientation

**\*\*See Camp Insert for more information and registration.**

### Lamb/Goat Weigh-In

June 10— Idaho County Fairgrounds.  
5:30 P.M.—7:30 P.M.



### Small Animal Workshop for Idaho, Lewis & Clearwater County 4-H members

When: May 16th @ 3:00 P.M.

Where: Clearwater County Fair Barn, Orofino

Who: Open to all Cloverbud and 4-H members

How: Call 208-476-4434 to register

### Idaho 4-H State Teen Association Convention (STAC)

June 22 - 25, Moscow, ID

This is an opportunity for youth to experience college life, explore career opportunities, and prepare for a lifetime of success. Youth finishing grades 8-12 may attend. Come join the fun, and meet other 4-H teens from around the state!

2026 STAC registration opens April 8th in ZSuite.



### New Fair Camping Info for Families:

Out of town area reservations: Camper reservations for the out-of-town area will be as normal. You will email [aleciahagen@gmail.com](mailto:aleciahagen@gmail.com) on a preset date. This is for 4-H families who live in the Kamiah, Woodland, Kooskia, Whitebird, Elk City and Riggins area.

Only 27 spots are available for out of town reservations. These are limited to families who have kids in the 4-H program.

All local area reservations will be required to complete a Google Form on a preset date, which will be provided in the Newsletter. The Newsletter will include a QR code that takes you to the Google Form. This form will only be available on the preset date. The first 34 forms received will get the local spots. You will be notified about your confirmation to camp in the local area. Anyone after that will get the wall. The wall is free to park. Parking is open in the local area only from 6 am-9 am on Saturday, August 15th. If you miss your time, you miss out, and the spot goes to the next form in line.

New rules for all campers:

1. Cost is \$100 for the week. The wall is free.
2. Camping is restricted to one RV/Camper spot per exhibiting family. No spots available for extended family
3. Turn off lights and keep the camping area quiet between 10 pm and 5 am.
4. Keep the camper area clean.
5. Adults must accompany minors in campers overnight.
6. Limited number of cars/trucks in the camper area to accommodate the demand for camping space and to keep the required fire lanes open.
7. Any exhibiting family that does not adhere to these guidelines will be notified and will not be allowed to camp in the campground the following year.

The fairgrounds space is limited, and our wonderful fairboard is doing the best they can with the space available, so please be understanding and courteous! Thank you!



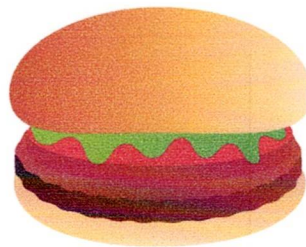
# Idaho County 4-H Party



**Saturday, April 18, 2026**  
**Cottonwood Community Hall**

**Booth Set-Up**            9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  
**Games Begin**            10:00 a.m. - Noon

**Free Hamburger B-B-Q Lunch At Noon**  
Provided by  
**Idaho/Lewis County Cattle Association**



## Join The Fun!



More Details On Back



Each club sets up a booth/game to sell chances for a penny (sometimes more). Drawings are held, chances are drawn, and games are played.



Clubs need to bring their own prizes for the games they offer at their booth. Most clubs choose some type of candy item as a prize. Parents need to be aware that some clubs do bring homemade food items for their games. Cake walks and cookie decorating have been popular games in the past. So if this is an issue that concerns you, you may want to caution your children not to eat the homemade food items.



Clubs may set up their booth spaces at 9:30 a.m. If your club wants to reserve a particular area for the booth ( a corner area, an area near the door, etc.), you may call the Extension Office to reserve the space. Reservations will be taken on a first call, first served basis.



When your club is making plans for the games they want to play, please remember that your club is responsible for cleaning up the booth area at the end of the day. The messier the game, the longer cleanup takes.



A free BBQ hamburger lunch will be served at noon! The Idaho/Lewis County Cattle Association will be cooking up burgers!



**REMEMBER - We are guests using the Cottonwood Community Hall and we need to treat this facility with care. Keep this in mind as you are planning your games. If your club game causes damage to the tables we are using or the floor, your club will be responsible for paying for the repair.**