

EXTENSION TRENDS: **SCHITSU'UMSH RESERVATION**

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2025 By the Numbers

- **2,779** direct contacts
- **1,474** youth participants
- **20** volunteers
- **197** volunteer hours
- **\$230,000** extramural funding

Our Advisory Council

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2025 Impact

The UI Extension, Schitsu'umsh Reservation delivered comprehensive programming that reached 2,779 participants through 196.5 hours of year-round educational activities. Programs integrated positive youth development, food sovereignty and community empowerment through culturally responsive approaches honoring tribal values. The One Sky One Earth Farmers Market generated \$10,049.90 in sales while serving 883 customer contacts and engaging 199 youth participants across 17 weeks, strengthening local food systems and economic development. The Juntos program contributed to measurable academic improvement, with 9th grade attendance increasing from 82.11% to 88.13%. Leadership development achieved exceptional outcomes with five delegates attending the Know Your Government Conference (KYG), two youth attending State Teen Association Convention (STAC) and four delegates selected to attend the National Ignite Summit. Comprehensive STEM education engaged diverse audiences through drone workshops (39 participants), embryology projects (40 participants) and STEM family nights (76 participants). Environmental stewardship programming included the Salmon Release Celebration engaging 113 participants and bike rides reaching 68 participants. The College & Career Fair expanded post-secondary awareness for 235 students, while community service through 2nd Harvest engaged 259 participants, demonstrating sustained commitment to holistic community development.

Schitsu'umsh Reservation 4-H

4-H programming achieved exceptional leadership outcomes in 2025. Five delegates attended the KYG Conference, with one successfully interviewing and accepting a competitive 2026 Steering Committee position. Two youth attended STAC, with one securing a highly competitive steering committee role for 2026 and 2027 – these positions require rigorous interviews and represent outstanding youth leadership achievement. The Juntos program provided sustained academic support across 8-9th grades, contributing to improved attendance rates and college/career readiness. Programming reached students three times weekly for 8th graders and twice weekly for 9th graders throughout the academic year, integrating STEAM activities, hands-on projects including Lego art and vision boards, and family engagement events. STEM education expanded significantly through drone workshops engaging 39 participants, Success Center embryology projects reaching 40 participants and rocket launcher design activities. Trail of the Coeur d'Alene bike rides provided weekly outdoor recreation throughout the summer. The Salmon Release Celebration combined traditional ecological knowledge with STEAM education. STAC workshops featured quick breads, cookie making service learning and cooking programs that developed practical skills while strengthening community service values among teen participants.

On the Horizon

A Teaching Garden will be launched at the Tribe's Natural Resources building, creating a permanent outdoor classroom for year-round education in sustainable agriculture, traditional food systems, nutrition and environmental stewardship. This initiative integrates traditional ecological knowledge with modern practices. Expanded staffing will support weekly middle and high school workshops combining art and life skills, fostering creativity and practical development. Youth leadership opportunities will grow through participation in the State Teen Association Convention, Know Your Government, National 4-H Ignite conferences and the new Idaho Northern District ILEADS Leadership Camp, building regional networks and leadership skills. The Farmers Market will build on 2025's success while maintaining youth engagement and educational programming. The Think Make Create Lab continues delivering hands-on STEM education across multiple sites. Strategic partnerships with Tribal Education, Natural Resources and Food Distribution departments strengthen culturally responsive programming, address tribally identified priorities and establish sustainability and knowledge transfer protocols.