

EXTENSION TRENDS: **CAMAS COUNTY**

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2025 By the Numbers

- 2,641 direct contacts
- 734 youth contacts
- 12 volunteers
- 240 volunteer hours
- \$26,755 extramural funding

Our Advisory Council

Special thanks to our volunteers who help shape programming and inform the work we do for UI Extension in Camas County: Kristie Olsen, Ed Reagan, Janet Williamson, Roxanne Bell, Amy Botz, Cornelia Williamson, Donna and Glenn Koch, Clare Olsen, Steve Miller, Cecil Swenson, Megan Tews, Logan Patton, Pam Berndt, Tom and Liz Wassing, Sam Stroud, Travis and Randee Martin, Candice Smith, Mike Rice and Athea Hollibaugh.

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2025 Impact

In-school programming engaged K–3 students in science and art. Kindergarten and first grade students explored wild things, studying animal adaptations, beak functions, life cycles, Idaho state symbols and attitudes toward wildlife. Second graders investigated aerospace, learning air pressure and the forces of flight, and building rockets. Third graders participated in Create Art Now, learning contour lines, shape, form, proportion, color theory and composition using oil pastels.

After-school programming focused on earth, wind and water. Youth created volcanoes, crystals, clouds and rain jars, and rain makers. They built balloon rockets, tested wind-powered load lifting, made kites, explored origami engineering, built with KEVA planks, and created wildflower seed bombs as well as a community mural. LEGO Spike Essentials continued to be a favorite coding activity. Ag Robotics Tuesdays engaged youth in building and coding Spike Prime robots for the Native Bee Challenge and participating in a final district event.

Leadership programs supported workforce and life skill development. Teen mentors and camp counselors received training in teaching, safety, and inclusion, and applied their skills through the Teen Club, the Awards Committee, and All Things Wild 4-H Camp. Adult volunteer leadership was strengthened through trainings, district volunteer development, and annual civil rights and program resource education.

4-H in Camas County

The UI Extension, Camas County 4-H program continues to expand the shooting sports program with the support of an external grant. This funding has helped volunteers and county staff provide safety and firearm education. Additionally, clubs are supported by offering volunteer training in parliamentary procedure, helping youth find their spark, and fostering a sense of belonging within club settings. Training sessions guided volunteers and members in understanding 4-H record books, club structure and state policies. Resources and project materials were provided for livestock and family and consumer science clubs. Endowed intern Athea Hollibaugh joined the UI Extension office assisting with 4-H club activities. She organized and ran the 4-H Community Clean-Up Day and the Animal Husbandry Education Day. She also coordinated and taught 4-H Farm and Ranch Safety Day in collaboration with Idaho Power and College of Southern Idaho. Her contributions extended to organizing local 4-H Teen Leaders, conducting the 4-H Cloverbud project, and assisting with 4-H Livestock Jamboree and the 4-H Fair. During her internship, she wrote one grant and researched two additional grant opportunities. Camas County Market Animal Sale Committee continues to move forward on the 4-H Barn project and has raised over \$350,000 through donations.

On the Horizon

In 2026, UI Extension in Camas County will continue outdoor, science and safety programs that will focus on life skills as requested by advisory groups. Extension plans to provide experiential opportunities for the 2026 endowed summer intern.