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Teton County 4-H Celebrates a Year of Growth and Looks “Beyond Ready”

By Abby Grundler Teton County
4-H Coordinator

As Teton County 4-H closes the 2025–2026 4-H year, we celebrate another successful year of learning, growth, leadership, and opportunity for local youth—and look forward to what is ahead in 2026–2027.

This past year, 308 youth participated in Teton County 4-H, including 226 youth through traditional 4-H clubs and 82 youth through our partnership with ABC. These programs were supported by 67 dedicated volunteer leaders who gave their time, knowledge, and encouragement to help young people learn by doing.

Behind every completed project, animal raised, record book turned in, competition entered, and new skill learned is a young person who had someone willing to teach, encourage, and believe in

them. We are incredibly grateful to our 4-H families, volunteers, community partners, donors, and supporters who make these opportunities possible.

As we begin the 2026–2027 4-H year, we are excited to continue growing and creating new opportunities for Teton County youth.

We will celebrate National 4-H Week, October 4–10, with this year's theme, “Beyond Ready.” The theme reflects what 4-H strives to do every day: prepare young people not just for their next project or competition, but for life.

During National 4-H Week, Teton County 4-H is celebrating Go Green Day on October 5, encouraging members and supporters to wear their 4-H green and show their 4-H spirit.

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We will also celebrate Thankful Thursday, recognizing the volunteers, families, donors, community supporters, and others who invest in the young people of our community on October 8th.

National 4-H Week is also an opportunity to invite new families to discover what 4-H has to offer. This fall, Teton County 4-H is excited to introduce new opportunities, including a Line Dance Club beginning October 14 at the Fair Building, a new Barrel and Pole Bending Club, and a new Dairy Cow Club.

New clubs provide additional opportunities for youth to develop skills, confidence, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

On October 22, Teton County 4-H will also partner with ABC for an after-school night where youth can explore 4-H and discover new interests.

These opportunities represent what makes 4-H special: young people learning by doing, developing confidence, discovering their interests, building relationships, and becoming leaders in their communities.

As we close one 4-H year and begin another, we are proud of what our members have accomplished and excited about what comes next.

To every 4-H member, family, volunteer, and supporter—thank you for being part of the Teton County 4-H community.

Congratulations to our 2025–2026 members, and welcome to a new year of 4-H!

We are ready for another year of learning, growing, leading, and serving our community.

Teton County 4-H is Beyond Ready. 🍀





Black Aspen Leaves in the Tetons

By Jennifer Werlin, University of Idaho Extension
Educator in Community Food Systems

Recently, a blog post was published with the Teton Chapter of the Wyoming Native Plant Society about the blackened leaves on Aspen trees in the region. The post can be read at <https://tetonplants.org/>. This is a short summary of the article.

This autumn, aspens in the Teton region are showing splotchy yellow and orange leaves that become encrusted with black and drop early, so the usual vibrant color is largely missing. The cause is conifer-aspen rust (*Melampsora medusae* f. sp. *tremuloidis*), a fungus that likely thrived this year because of a warm spring and a relatively moist, warm summer. In natural stands, aspens typically suffer little long-term harm unless several bad weather years occur in a row, though some clones may be vulnerable to secondary infection by other pathogens. The rust can be more damaging to aspen or pine plantations and to eastern cottonwoods, and some regions, including Europe and New Zealand, worry about it spreading as an invasive pathogen.

The rust has a complex, five-stage life cycle that needs two hosts: aspen (mainly trembling aspen) and a conifer such as Douglas-fir, lodgepole pine, or limber pine. There the fungus develops through spermatogonia and aecia, and the aeciospores released from the aecia blow back to fresh aspen leaves.



Client photo, 2016.



On aspen, the fungus forms uredinia, which cause yellow-orange spots and release urediniospores that spread from leaf to leaf, producing several generations of infection during the summer. Late in the season, dense black telia form and kill leaf cells, and the blackened leaves fall and overwinter on the ground to restart the cycle.

The infection draws water and nutrients from leaf cells, weakening photosynthesis and defenses and leaving less nitrogen to store for the next growing season. How severe the dull color and early leaf drop appear varies among clones and locations, depending on genetic resistance, stand vigor, microhabitat (warmth, moisture, wind), local weather, and altitude. Frances Clark notes she is not a pathologist and encourages readers to walk through aspen groves, look for signs of rust, and compare differences among clones. She also clarifies that this rust is unrelated to white pine blister rust, which affects whitebark and other five-needled pines.

Reference

Clark, F. (2026, September 23). What's making aspen leaves blacken and fall off? – September 23, 2026. Teton Plants, Teton Chapter, Wyoming Native Plant Society.
<https://tetonplants.org/2026/09/23/whats-making-aspen-leaves-blacken-and-fall-off-september-2026/>





TETON VALLEY BEEKEEPING ASSOCIATION MEETING

TETON VALLEY BEEKEEPING ASSOCIATION FALL 2026 MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27TH

7-8PM MOUNTAIN TIME

WINTERIZATION, COMMON MYTHS, PLANNING FOR THE COMING YEAR.

<https://uidaho.zoom.us/j/81898054112>

Passcode: 230899



Join the Teton Food & Farm Coalition

Strengthening Our Community Food System

Mission

To strengthen our community food system through connection and collaboration across the Teton region.

About TFFC

The Teton Food & Farm Coalition grew from grassroots meetings in 2016, bringing together chefs, farmers, and community members focused on local food initiatives. Today, we operate as a regional coalition connecting food system efforts on both sides of Teton Pass in Wyoming and Idaho. As a collaborative network of businesses, farmers, ranchers, nonprofits, and engaged individuals, we believe in building social and economic resilience across our community.

Get Involved

Who can join? Anyone is welcome!

When we meet: 4th Wednesday of each month (September-May)

Next Meeting: October 28, 2026, 9-10am via Zoom

Register: www.tetonfoodfarmcoalition.org



Small Farm and Ranch Webinars

<https://www.cultivatingsuccess.org/recordedwebinars>

Cultivating Success Webinar Highlight - Unpacking and Planning for the True Costs of Owning and Leasing Farmland

Land seekers often base their decision on whether they can afford to lease or buy farmland on the cost of the lease payment or the price of the land for sale. However, there are many other costs associated with land tenure. This presentation unpacks the sometimes hidden costs of land tenure and provide tools helpful in determining if you can afford land to farm.

Cultivating Success Recorded Webinars

<https://www.youtube.com/@cultivatingsuccessidaho7750>

Access the full catalog of over 100 Cultivating Success Webinars.

University of Idaho Extension Livestock YouTube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/@universityofidahoextension2590>

This YouTube channel has educational videos and recorded webinars on many different livestock topics. This channel is where the monthly Sheep & Goat Webinar recordings are hosted.

UI Rangeland Center YouTube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/@uirangelandcenter>

The University of Idaho Rangeland Center is an interdisciplinary team of researchers and educators, from seven UI departments, three colleges and University of Idaho Extension sites, which conducts research and outreach focused on rangelands. Our partnerships with other individuals, agencies, and organizations enhance our ability to serve those who manage and enjoy rangelands in Idaho and the western region of the United States.

The Rangeland Center is here to use science to find long-term solutions for managing rangelands.



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Utah State University

Sheep IQ:

**Improving Production
Efficiencies for Better Returns**



OCTOBER 16-17, 2026



CEDAR CITY, UT



**LEARN MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES
TO INCREASE PROFITABILITY**



**SMARTER
MANAGEMENT.
BETTER RETURNS.**

OCTOBER 16 (11 AM - 7 PM)

- Aligning Consumer Preferences
- Enterprise Budgeting
- Marketing Strategies
- Breeding Stock Selection & Culling Strategies
- Tour of Local Operation
- Lunch & Dinner *(Included with Registration)*

OCTOBER 17 (8 AM - 2 PM)

- Animal Health Session
 - Deworming, Scrapie & Screwworm Update
 - Genetic Selection for Ewe Longevity
 - Lamb Survivability
- Feeding, Nutrition, & Supplementation Strategies
- Expanding Grazing Opportunities
- Breakfast & Lunch *(Included with Registration)*



REGISTRATION PRICE:

\$75 / Person



REGISTRATION LINK:

<https://rae.wufoo.com/forms/x14iv47h1785r5f/>



MEETING LOCATION:

Festival Hall Conference Center
96 N Main Street
Cedar City, UT 84720

Scan to Register



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UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO: PASTURE MANAGEMENT ESSENTIALS

Three outdoor pasture management clinics



TOPICS COVERED

- Soil health and how to take a soil sample
- Irrigation principles and how to use* the K-Pod system
- Fence building and management, including hands-on fence building

CLINIC 1

Friday,
October 23, 2026

8:30 AM–12:00 PM —
Payette

*for owner privacy locations will
be emailed after registration*

CLINIC 2

Friday,
October 23, 2026

2:30–6:00 PM —
Emmett

*for owner privacy locations will
be emailed after registration*

CLINIC 3

Saturday,
October 24, 2026

8:30 AM–12:00 PM —
Location to be
announced



\$30 per person



Light refreshments
provided



Fully outdoors —
dress accordingly



Bring a chair



Registration closes
October 19, 2026

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To register online, click [here!](#)

Questions? Email cheyannem@uidaho.edu

To register by phone, call 208-365-3636

Payment accepted by cash, check, or online



MEATS FIELD DAY

And Carcass Contest

Come learn about all species and put your skills to the test in the Meats Judging & ID contest!

Carcass Contest - We will be going over beef carcass results for Clearwater, Latah, Lewis, Idaho and Nez Perce County fair participants.

NOVEMBER 7, 2026 AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO

SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY:

8:30 AM - Check-In

9:00 AM - Welcome

9:15 to 11:30 AM - Rotations

- Meats Judging
- Meats Cooking Lesson
- Meats Cutting Demonstration

11:30 AM - Lunch & Carcass Contest Results

- Lunch Provided: Vandal Dogs & Fixings

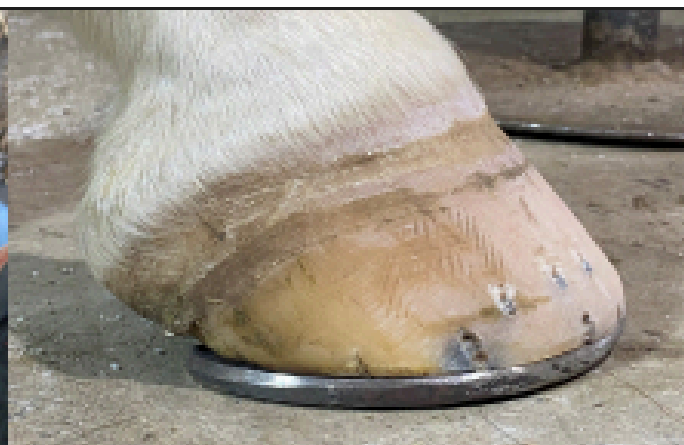
12:15 PM - Meats Judging Contest

1:30 PM - Judging Contest Results

2:00 PM - Vandal Football Kickoff!

**SCAN THE QR CODE
TO REGISTER!**





BALANCE IN THE EQUINE HOOF

FARRIER, VETERINARIAN, AND EQUINE OWNER WORKSHOP

November 19, 2026 | 6:00-8:30 PM

UI Extension, Caribou County | 117 West 1st North, Grace, Idaho

Speakers: Danny Smith and Dr. Karl Hoopes

Creating balance in the equine hoof often requires the combined effort of the owner, the farrier and the veterinarian. The event will include:

- Lectures on balance of the equine lower limb, confirmation, evaluation, diagnostic x-rays, and farrier veterinary relationship.
- Demonstration of farrier and veterinarians working together.
- Hands on opportunities to work together to evaluate, diagnose and treat equine hoof imbalance

\$50 pre-registration

\$65 at the door

Dinner included

2 CE hours for veterinarians

**REGISTRATION
FORM:**



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Caribou County

Purpose

University of Idaho Extension offers the Master Food Safety Advisor Program (aka Master Food Preserver) to teach participants how to safely preserve high-quality foods. After completion of the coursework, participants work with the community to complete their volunteer time (see Phase 2—Volunteer Service). This is a great opportunity to share your knowledge.



Who can apply?

- Anyone with an interest in food preservation and food safety
- Anyone with little to no food preservation experience
- Anyone interested in expanding and sharing their knowledge with others
- Anyone who enjoys being involved in their community
- Residents who live in Lemhi, Custer, Butte, Clark, Freemont, Jefferson, Madison, Teton, Bonneville, Bingham, Bannock, Caribou, Franklin or Bear Lake Counties.

Training Phases

Phase 1—Select your Course Options

Deanna Poulsen, Family & Consumer Sciences Extension Educator and educators from surrounding counties, will teach the course. The in-person classes will be held at the Jefferson County Extension Office for 7 weeks, and include lecture/discussion/hands-on preservation labs to enhance your learning experience.

Topics Include:

- Canning High-Acid Foods (fruit and tomatoes)
- Canning Low-Acid Foods (meats and vegetables)
- Jams, jellies, and preserves
- Pickling
- Dehydration
- Food Safety
- Freezing Methods
- Teaching tips and aids
- Volunteering success

Phase 2—Volunteer Service*

Participants are required to complete 30 hours of volunteer service, which can be completed in their county of residence. Opportunities include answering food safety questions via phone, assisting with and/or teaching classes, staffing booths, and making displays.

When should I apply?

Online Application Deadline:
December 11th, 2026



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Questions?

University of Idaho, Jefferson County Extension
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In-Person Course

Participants attend discussion, demonstration and labs at the Jefferson County Extension Office From Jan 14-Feb 25, 2027. They will complete 30 hours of volunteer service in their respective communities. All participants in this course are expected to attend each week in person.

Hybrid Course

Participants attend discussion only on zoom, at the same time as the In-Person Course.

Demonstrations and labs will be combined for two Saturdays (Jan 30 and Feb 20, 2027) with 10 hour labs each Saturday. Participants will still complete 30 hours of volunteer service in their respective communities.

Online Course

At a TBD date (March/April) Participants will join the discussion on zoom, followed by virtual lab instruction. The lab portions will be conducted with an instructor on zoom to demonstrate and answer questions for that 3-hour lab. Attendance and participation is crucial.

Participants will still complete 30 hours of volunteer service in their respective communities.



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Learn or Enhance your Food Preservation Skills



Courses taught by: Deanna Poulsen

Jefferson County Extension Educator

Guest presenters include extension educators from surrounding counties in Eastern Idaho: Katie McFarland, Lance Hanson, Laura Sant, Abby May and Jennifer Reader, along with other Master Food Preservers

In-Person & Hybrid Class options

Jefferson County Annex Classroom (upstairs)
210 Courthouse Way, Rigby, Idaho 83442
Thursdays, from 9 am–3:00 pm, on Jan 14, 21, 28 and Feb 4, 11, 18 & 25, 2027.

In-Person & Hybrid Course Fee: \$285

(with Volunteer time)

\$200 fee includes a handbook, printed reference materials, ingredients and lab supplies, and 40 hours of instruction time with the hands-on labs.

*If participants are unable to complete the 30 hours of volunteer service or choose to complete only phase 1, participants will be charged an additional \$100. Preference will be given to individuals interested in completing both phases of the course.



Online Course Fee: \$120

(with Volunteer time)

\$120 fee includes a handbook, printed reference materials, and 40 hours of online instruction time. Participants will need to provide their own produce and jars for lab experience. Canning equipment may be checked out through the University of Idaho Canning Essentials program at no extra expense to participant. You will receive specific instructions upon application acceptance.

4-H BARRELL RACING CLUB



**JOIN TODAY
AT ZSUITE.ORG**





Line Dancing 4-H Club



learn and master one or two line dances, building skills and confidence as you go. No dance experience is needed, just a positive attitude, and a willingness to have fun!

4-H club for boys and girls 8-18.
want to learn some country moves?
The final class will celebrate with a
Boot Scootin' Dance Party! Wear
what you like, boots are encouraged
for the fun of it!



Sign up at
4H.zsuite.org

Fall Sessions |
7:00-8:00 PM
Fair Building
October 14
October 28
November 11
We'll offer
another
three-class
session in late
winter



Wednesdays 7:00-8:00 PM Fair Building

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Teton County 4-H



Dairy Cow Club

Are you interested in learning about dairy animals, animal care, feeding, handling, and showing? Dairy Cow club members will gain hands-on experience while developing responsibility, confidence, and valuable livestock skills. Whether you are new to dairy animals or already have experience, all interested youth are welcome to learn and participate.

The club is led by Cheyenne Durbin, who also serves as Teton County 4-H Rabbit Club leader.

Meetings begin in January.

Sign up today at 4h.zsuite.org or scan QR Code



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IDAHO 4-H KNOW YOUR GOVERNMENT Conference

February 13-15, 2027
 Boise, Idaho



YOUTH EXPERIENCE

Open to youth in grades 8 to 10

(2 years total unless selected to serve on the Steering Committee)

Participants in the Legislative Workshop learn about the state government decision-making process by participating in mock committee meetings with guidance from legislators at the Capitol, then participating in a mock legislative session.

Participants in the Judicial Workshop learn about the Idaho court system, how laws affect teenagers, and participate in mock trials held at the Ada County courthouse. They take tours of the Supreme Court building and visit with judges and attorneys.

- Learn how the state government decision-making process works.
- Learn how teens can participate politically to influence state government.



Action to improve communities requires knowledge of government and how it works. Join 4-H'ers from across the state to see our government in action.

MISSION

Provide 4-H members with an opportunity to become knowledgeable about the decision-making process in their communities and state. This strengthens the connection between youth and our political system.

GET INVOLVED!



**Registration opens
December 1st in ZSuite Events.**

For more information about the Know Your Government Conference:

REGISTRATION OPENS DECEMBER 1
in ZSuite Events.

Delegates who have attended for two years and are currently in 9th or 10th grade can apply to become members of the Know Your Government Steering Committee. The following positions *(the numbers indicate the number of positions needed)* are selected each year:

- Legislators (6)
- Judges (6)
- Reporters (8)
- Chief Justice (1)
- Speaker of the House (1)
- Social Media/Video Producer (1)
- News Editor (1)

Mike Knutz
Conference Chair
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Learn Everywhere with 4-H

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NEWSLETTER

Fall 2026

Welcome

It was an exciting summer for the program with 14 students from across Idaho successfully earning school credit with their 4-H experience.

It is not too late for students to sign up for the fall term. Students can enroll at any time and need to complete their work by 12/31.

A student can use their summer 4-H project for the fall term and build on the work they have already completed. There is no need to start a new project!

Thank you for being an important part of this work and helping the program grow.

Reminders

Dates to Know:

- Enrollment is still open through the fall term
- 10/5 First day to sign up for Know Your Government Course
- 12/31 Last day to complete fall course
- 1/1 First day to sign up for spring

Our Why

The mission of Learn Everywhere with 4-H is to expand educational pathways by translating 4-H experiences into recognized academic credit, providing youth with innovative, hands-on learning opportunities that foster academic success, career readiness, and lifelong skills.

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Participating Schools



More schools across Idaho are joining to partner with Learn Everywhere with 4-H to provide academic credit for completed courses.

Check out the list to see if your local school district has agreed to partner!

We invite you to connect with the LE4-H team to explore how the school district(s) in your county can be part of this exciting opportunity.



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Welcome:

New Plymouth School District

All Homeschool Families
American Heritage Charter
Blackfoot School District
Boise School District
Bonneville Joint School District
Cascade School District
Castelford School District
Challis School District
Clearwater Valley School District
Compass Charter School
Cottonwood Joint School District
Emmett Virtual Prep Academy of Idaho
Firth School District
Gooding School District
Hagerman School District
Hansen School District
Idaho Home Learning Academy
Idaho Virtual Academy
Inspire Connections
iSucceed Virtual Schools, Inc.
Lake Pend Oreille School District
Madison School District
Marsh Valley School District
Middleton School District
North Gem School District
North Valley Academy Charter
Richfield School District
Ririe School District
Shelley School District
Snake River Opportunities
Snake River School District
Sugar-Salem Online
Troy School District
Twin Falls School District
Valley School District
West Ada School District

Learn Everywhere with 4-H

LE-4H Course Highlight



Course Highlight:

The Cooking 101 course is the introductory course on cooking. It covers USDA dietary guidelines, the basics of food & kitchen safety, planning meals, measuring and cooking basic 'how to's'. You will receive recipes of snacks, side dishes, main dishes, quick breads, and desserts to prepare.

The lessons covered include:

- Kitchen Basics including mealtime and measuring basics
- USDA Dietary Guidelines
- Food & Kitchen Safety
- Cooking Basics

Family Consumer Science 101 Cooking 101

Course enrollment is now open

Steps to enroll:

1. Contact a LE-4H team member or local University of Idaho Extension office
2. Confirm credit participation with the school
3. Enroll in LE-4H course online through University of Idaho Keep Learning portal

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Learn Everywhere with 4-H

Announcements:

Course Updates



New Learn Everywhere with 4-H year-long courses open for enrollment October 5, 2026. Students can enroll at any time during the 4-H year to complete the course.

Courses:

- Know Your Government (multiple courses)
- Cooking 101 and Cooking 201

Course Fee Discount

Students who enroll in a Learn Everywhere with 4-H course during National 4-H Week Oct. 5 - 11 get 10% off the \$125 course fee.

Ways to Help Spread the Word

- Follow the University of Idaho Extension 4-H Youth Development social media pages for promotional posts to share.
 - www.facebook.com/UI4HYD
 - www.instagram.com/idaho_4h/



- Share the LE4-H poster on the next page with your community online or print off to have at an open house.

- Invite a LE4-H program coordinator to your Leadership Council meeting. They may be able to attend remotely to share about the program.

- Please send any interested students or questions to the Learn Everywhere with 4-H team: learneverywhere@uidaho.edu

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Learn Everywhere with 4-H



New Director of the UI Extension 4-H Youth Development Program

Dr. Andrew “Andy” Toelle

MESSAGE FROM UI CALS DEAN EDGAR

I am pleased to announce that Dr. Andrew “Andy” Toelle has accepted the position of director of the UI Extension 4-H Youth Development program, effective Nov. 2. He will be based on the Moscow campus.

A nationally recognized 4-H and Extension leader, Andy brings more than three decades of experience in youth development, volunteer engagement, and Extension program leadership. Most recently, he served as the Northeast District 4-H Regional Specialized Agent with the University of Florida.

Andy earned a doctorate in agricultural education and communication, with a specialization in leadership and Extension, from the University of Florida. He also holds a master’s degree in family and child development and a bachelor’s degree in psychology, both from Auburn University.

Throughout his career, Andy has led statewide initiatives focused on 4-H volunteer development, school enrichment programming, youth leadership, staff development, and organizational improvement. He currently chairs the University of Florida’s School Enrichment/4-H in School Action Team.

Andy is no stranger to the University of Idaho, having previously served as an associate Extension professor from 1992 to 1994. We are excited to welcome him back to Idaho to lead our 4-H program into its next chapter. As director, Andy will provide strategic leadership for a statewide program that reaches more than 75,000 young people annually in communities throughout Idaho. His leadership and experience will help CALS continue to strengthen the reach, quality, and impact of our positive youth development programming.

I would also like to thank Nancy Shelstad for her leadership and willingness to serve as interim 4-H director for the past two years. We are grateful for her service and wish her well in retirement. Until Andy begins in November, I will serve as acting 4-H director and work closely with the 4-H team to maintain continuity, address immediate needs, and prepare the program for a successful leadership transition. Please join me in welcoming Andy back to the University of Idaho and congratulating him on his new role.



🎉 Meet the 2027 Youth in Action Winners 🎉

We're proud to introduce four incredible young people who are making a difference and inspiring others along the way. Although their stories are vastly different, their passion, leadership, and commitment to their communities are the same. These 4-H'ers embody what it means to be Beyond Ready!

Aarush Muthukrishnan – Pennsylvania 4-H'er

Aarush Muthukrishnan

Pennsylvania 4-H

Harrison Crenshaw – Tennessee 4-H'er

Harrison Crenshaw

Tennessee 4-H

Lilly Lucas – Colorado 4-H'er

Lilly Lucas

Colorado 4-H

Musiq Williams – Florida 4-H'er

Musiq Williams

Florida 4-H

Our winners know how to turn bold ideas into meaningful action. We look forward to celebrating their accomplishments and sharing their stories all year long.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Registration 4-H 2026-2027 year
Now Open 4h.zsuite.org

Teton Farm and Coalition meeting

Online via Zoom

October 28, 12am-1 pm

www.tetonfoodfarmcoalition.org

Fair Board Meeting

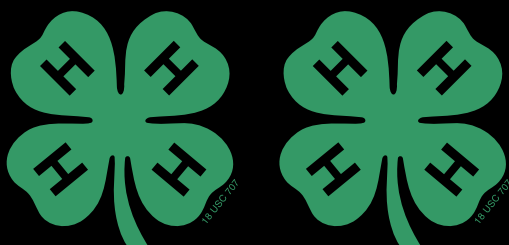
October 14, 7 pm

Teton County, ID Courthouse

Teton Valley Beekeeping Association Fall 2026 Meeting

Online via Zoom

October 27, 7-8 PM



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