



# Washington County

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**Cloverbud Coloring Contest:**

Open to all Washington County youth ages 7 and under. Color the picture on the back of this flyer or pick one up in our office and turn it in to receive a prize. One prize per child, multiple entries will be accepted. All coloring pages will be displayed in the windows at UI Extension Washington County at 21 W. Idaho, Weiser. Coloring pages will be accepted from now until 5pm on Friday 10/12/18. (pg4)



## National 4-H Week



By: Michelle Tate

National 4-H Week is a time to celebrate 4-H and spread the word about University of Idaho Extension's exciting and educational Youth Development Program. The UI Extension Washington County in conjunction with Washington County 4-H leaders are sponsoring the following activities and contests to celebrate National 4-H Week. This year's theme is "Inspire Kids to Do."

**4-H Youth Poster Contest:**

1. Poster must include the following information: the words "National 4-H Week" and dates, October 7-13, 2018; your 4-H Club name; and the theme "Inspire Kids to Do".
2. Any media may be used: paint, magic markers, etc.
3. Poster must be turned into the UI Extension, Washington County office by 9 am on Tuesday, 10/09/18.
4. Poster will be displayed.
5. Prizes will be awarded.

**4-H Youth Essay Contest:**

1. Topic: "Inspire Kids to Do"
2. Awards will be offered in 3 age categories: ages 8-10, 11-13 and 14-18.
3. Essays must be written, typed or printed neatly so they can be easily read.
4. Essays must include at least one photo and be at least 50 words for ages 8-10, 150 words for ages 11-13 and 250 words for 14-18.
5. Essays are due by 5pm on Friday, 10/12/18. They may be dropped off at the office or e-mailed to [slbc@uidaho.edu](mailto:slbc@uidaho.edu).
6. Prizes will be awarded and winning essays will be published.

**4-H Friday:**

Show your spirit by wearing a 4-H Shirt, green or a clover on Friday, October 12. Share your 4-H Stories and photos with friends or on appropriate social media!



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### When, Where, and How to Find Us!

Call or stop by Mon-Fri - 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

We are currently located at 21 W. Idaho Street, Weiser, ID 83672

Or give us a call at 208-414-0415.

We have a Facebook page dedicated to 4-H at "Washington County 4-H in Idaho" and a page dedicated to Extension information at "UI Extension, Washington County".

**Leaders Council Cookbooks are available for \$10 each. They make great gifts!**

**Staff Directory**

- \* **Michelle Tate**—4-H Program Coordinator
- \* **Ronnell Chavarria**—4-H Program Assistant
- \* **Stephanie Butterfield** Customer Service

### 4-H Enrollment

The New 4-H Year begins on October 1! All 4-H'ers, must enroll after October 1, even if you were in 4-H last year. 4-H Online is planning to begin accepting enrollments on October 6 at <https://id.4honline.com>.

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4-H Afterschool is underway at Weiser's Pioneer, Park and Middle Schools. 4-H Program Assistant, Ronnell Chavarria will be bringing a wide-variety of hands-on STEM and Healthy Living activities to students, including drones, We-Do robotics and other active learning games.

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The summit is a statewide event for teens interested in being a 4-H ambassador. At the Summit youth will Learn in workshops:  
Head — Critical Thinking  
Heart — Accepting Differences  
Hands — Self-Motivation  
Health — Lifestyle Choices

- Learn to project a clear and accurate image of Idaho 4-H Youth Development
- Develop leadership and communication skills to promote 4-H
- Meet peers from across the state and develop a network of 4-H advocates

### 4-H Leaders Training



### Important Dates

- Oct 1**—New 4-H Year Begins
- Oct 6**—Enrollment in 4-H Online for new 4-H year opens
- Oct 6**—Registration for Teen Fall Ambassadors Summit opens
- Oct 7-13**—National 4-H Week
- Oct 8**—Extension Office closed in observance of Columbus Day
- Oct 9**— 4-H Youth poster contest entries due by 9am.
- Oct 12**—4-H Youth Essay contest due by 5pm.
- Oct 12**—Cloverbud Coloring Contest closes at 5pm.
- Oct 15**—4-H Club Financial Summaries Due.
- Nov 5**—4-H Leaders Council Meeting, 6:30 PM—Midvale
- Nov 7**—Fair board Meeting
- Nov 11**—Extension Office Closed in observance of Veteran's Day
- Nov 16-18**—Teen Fall Ambassadors Retreat, McCall, Idaho
- Nov 22**—Extension Office closed in observance of Thanksgiving



## Happy New 4-H Year! Volunteers Needed!

The new 4-H year started October 1st, 2018. 4-H could not exist without its volunteers. They are club leaders, robotics judges, project leaders, camp chaperones and nurses, county fair superintendents and judges. They teach cooking, acting, small engine repair, how to run a meeting, entomology, geocaching, and how to write poetry. Volunteers come from all walks of life. They are corporate executives, engineers, hunters, cowboys, geologists, farmers, homemakers and teachers. You can become a volunteer for a day, a week, a month, or a year. If you have a talent that you would like to share with our young people and would like to become a volunteer please call us.

Every year we have kids who want to do fun, new projects, but we don't have volunteers to lead those projects. We hate to turn them away, because we know that 4-H is great for kids. Did you know that kids who are active in 4-H are twice as likely to attend college (or other post-secondary pro-

grams) than kids who aren't in 4-H. There is solid evidence saying that they are also 4 times more likely to give back to their communities and twice as likely to make healthier choices in all areas of their lives. (Tufts) It's a win-win situation. With more leaders, we can serve more kids in a wider variety of projects. If you would like to learn more about 4-H, call, stop by or check out our Facebook page. Info is listed on the facing page (2) of this newsletter.



## Washington County 4-H Volunteer Appreciation and Recognition Night

Monday, September 24, 2018 the Washington County 4-H Leaders Council met at the University of Idaho Extension Washington County office for their regular business meeting as well as their annual appreciation, recognition and program evaluation event. They shared a potluck meal, and had an opportunity to discuss all of the things that had gone well over the previous 4-H year and all of the things they hope to improve on next year. In addition, the leaders spent their 4-H "Cloverbucks."

Cloverbucks are an incentive for Washington County 4-H volunteers. They are also a reminder that everything that leaders do has great value, and that their time is valued by all who receive it. This year, leaders were able to "purchase" everything from 4-H attire, to folding camp chairs, to flag sets for their clubs with their earnings. This is always a lot of fun for participating members.

Volunteers were also recognized for their years of service at this event. First year leaders receive a bronze 4-H clover pin. Fifth year leaders receive a silver clover pin, and ten year leaders receive a gold 4-H pin. Those leaders recognized this year were:

**Year 1:**  
Malissa Barnum, Bonnie Johnson, Sam Luna, Lacy Craig, Meagan Johnson-Reynolds, Megan Inwards, Patricia Matthews, Tammi Hodges and Susie Zenger

**Year 5:**  
Amy McDonald and Stephanie Butterfield

**Year 10:**  
Terry Watts and Zane Davis

Thank you to all of the 4-H Volunteers. We couldn't do it without you!