

EXTENSION TRENDS: **CAMAS COUNTY**

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2023 By the Numbers

- 5,806 direct contacts
- 730 youth participants
- 14 volunteers
- 612 volunteer hours
- \$125,000 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, Randy Jewett, Janet Williamson, Roxanne Bell, Amy Botz, Angela Thompson, Cornelia Williamson, Donna Koch, Glenn Koch, Harold Lefler, Travis Martin, Clare Olsen, Steve Miller, Mike Rice, Cecil Swenson, Megan Tews, Danyon Fontenot and Logan Patton.

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2023 Impact

Out-of-school time activities were designed to develop skills in science, technology, art and engineering through Outdoor Exploration and Safety as described as a need by advisory groups. Programs were developed, conducted and supported through external funding. Program efforts conducted during the spring included plant identification and safety, plus understanding of waterway ecosystems. Summer education events included bicycle safety, with break checks, bike maintenance and road safety. Fall education efforts included stargazing, orienteering, telescopes and constellations mapping. Winter education included learning about lifetime sports of skiing, snowshoeing and snowboarding. An overnight event in a yurt was conducted in partnership with Idaho Fish and Game, Solider Mountain Ski Patrol and a local 4-H volunteer teaching about outdoor winter survival, safety and animal ecosystems. The summer non-traditional programming and activities saw 487 youth contacts.

4-H in Camas County

In Camas County 4-H was able to expand the shooting sports program efforts to include shotgun and pistol. This is a 200% increase in topics provided. An external grant supported volunteers and county efforts of providing safety and firearm education. Volunteers were able to purchase much needed equipment and storage items. At the All Things Wild 4-H Summer Camp lifetime sports of archery, hunting and rifles were taught. The program reached 57 youth from across the Magic Valley. Youth learned hunting skills and hunter decisions skills and can put them into practice in the future. Youth also participated in map reading and observations, gravity and trajectory, air rifle safety, hiking, campfire, songs, skits, and being a camp counselor.

In-school, after-school, homeschool, and out-of-school activities were offered through 4-H and continued community partnerships with the Camas County Public Library and Camas County Schools. Camas County had 13 traditional 4-H clubs with 38 youth enrolled, 20 projects including newly added sewing, knitting, and astronomy, and four new volunteers joined the 4-H family. Camas County welcomed its third summer intern in 2023 with funding from an endowment set up specifically for summer interns to gain experience and insight into running programs and activities, grant writing, and organizing events. The intern ran two Education Days – Woodworking/Pinewood Derby and Bike Safety – organized the Livestock Jamboree and helped write a grant.

On the Horizon

In 2024, the UI Extension, Camas County office hopes to continue shooting sports and outdoor/safety programs including a focus on public speaking skills as requested by advisory groups. The Extension office plans to provide job skills and opportunities to a 2024 summer intern and expand into school 4-H Fun Fridays and Cloverbud efforts.