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To enrich education through diversity, the University of Idaho is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer and educational institution.
For more than a century, University of Idaho Extension has led the way in bringing research-based education to Idahoans of all ages.

Building vital communities and small businesses . . . strengthening families . . . keeping our food and environment safe . . . sustaining small and large agricultural enterprises . . . promoting health- and wealth-building behaviors . . . and developing young people’s life and leadership skills have long been at the very heart of what we do.

Today, we’ve harnessed 21st century technologies in our educational delivery and we’re still helping Idahoans address complex issues and meet current challenges.

Local solutions
Our extension specialists have regional or statewide assignments, while our extension educators work from nearly every Idaho county. Together—and with hundreds of partners and thousands of volunteers—they deliver focused, factual education that’s defined by local input and grounded in local needs:

FOR FAMILIES
• Gardening and landscapes
• Personal finance
• Parenting and child development
• Nutrition and health
• Food safety from farm to plate
• Special programs for Native American and Hispanic families

FOR YOUTH IN CITIES AND ON FARMS
• After-school enrichment programs
• 4-H Youth Development

FOR AGRICULTURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT
• Pest and invasive species management
• Crop and livestock production and marketing
• Farm, range, and private forest management
• Nutrient/waste management and water quality
• Small farm and business management

FOR COMMUNITIES
• Community and leadership development
• Training for small-business entrepreneurs

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