

Gooding County 4-H News

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Fair Theme
"Rise and Shine in 2009"
At the Gooding County Fair

August 17-22, 2009

4-H Fundraiser
Gooding Western Heritage Gathering & Ranch Hand Rodeo
Gooding County Fairgrounds
June 26 & 27, 2009

Join us for a weekend of activities the Western way!

- Ranch Hand Rodeo on Friday & Saturday nights
- Wagons circling the campfire & Cowboy Poetry
- Horse or Horse-Drawn Parade Saturday morning
- Draft Horse Show Saturday afternoon
- Dutch Oven Cook-Off Saturday afternoon
- Dance Saturday night

All activities will be family-friendly and alcohol will not be served. All proceeds will go to the Gooding County 4-H program for improvements of the fairground facilities. For more information call:

Ranch Rodeo—Jeff Cole (539-6002 or 837-6210)
Dutch Oven Cook-Off—Lynn Arriaga (837-4635)
Draft Horse Show—Gert Clarkson (934-5316)
4-H Responsibilities—Marie Baucum (934-4417)



Overnight Camps

You might want to consider a few days of overnight camping if you are boy or girl between the ages of 8 and 13 (grades 3-8) who enjoys:

- Being in the great outdoors
- making new friends,
- out of this world activities
- campfires
- fun workshops
- games and camp songs
- group and cabin activities
- great food



Overnight camps are held at the Central Idaho 4-H Camp, 18 miles north of Ketchum. The facility, in the beautiful Boulder Mountains, consists of a lodge, 11 cabins, restroom and shower facilities, a caretakers lodge and a cook's cabin. In addition to youth counselors, each camp is managed by several adult volunteers, an EMT and University of Idaho Extension staff. All activities are supervised by teens and adults who have had a background check. Youth do not need to be 4-H members to attend.

Find the camp registration and health forms in the **University of Idaho District III 4-H Summer Camp Program** book at: [//extension.ag.uidaho.edu/gooding](http://extension.ag.uidaho.edu/gooding) or call the Gooding County Extension Office at 934-4417.

Ready, S.E.T. Go! is the theme for the **June 15-18, 2009 Summer Camp**.

Registration Deadline: (postmarked by)

Early Bird—May 22, 2009

Regular—June 5, 2009

Late—by June 15, 2009

4-H member—\$125 *

Non-4-H—\$135

* **\$57 scholarships available for Gooding County 4-H members!**

Fee includes transportation to camp from Shoshone.



Give'em the Boot is the theme of the **July 7-10, 2009 Summer Camp**.

Registration Deadline: (postmarked by)

Early Bird—June 19, 2009

\$150 *

Late—June 20-26, 2009

\$170

* **\$75 scholarships available for Gooding County 4-H members!**

Fee does not include transportation, but transportation may be provided. Check with the Gooding County Extension Office if interested.



Wildlife Fishing Camp was a Hit!

Fifty youth and adults enjoyed a full day of activities at the Hagerman State Fish Hatchery, Saturday, May 16, 2009. The weather was perfect and the activities were great!

Morning activities included an informative talk by Joe Chapman of the Idaho Fish and Game about fish and fishing in Idaho, learning some fish facts and identifying fish, making a fishing pole from a recycled pop can and practiced casting, making fish prints on t-shirts, climb on the Gooding County Sheriff's safety boat and learn about water safety and laws from Deputy Justin Kimball, and fishing safety and learning about fishing rules and ethics from Joe Chapman.

After a lunch of fish (of course!), Joe Chapman took everyone on a tour of the Hagerman State Fish Hatchery. Afterwards, campers fished and learned how to dissect and clean their fish with the help of aquaculture expert, Gary Fornshell from the University of Idaho Twin Falls County Office. Each camper managed to catch at least one fish with Caleb Jensen-Haner of Gooding catching the largest, a rainbow trout weighing over 7 pounds. Campers also tied flies, built spoons and tackle boxes and practiced casting.

Each camper went home that afternoon with their catch of the day, a t-shirt, fishing tackle in their tackle boxes, a Goodie Bag full of fun stuff, plenty to eat and a certificate with a photo of them and their catch. Sponsors included: Magic Valley Fly Fishers, Tamarack Sports, Fairfield Ranger District, United Dairymen of Idaho, Clear Springs Foods, Gary & Linda Lemmon, Steve & Carma Scheer and Tucker & Elijah Demaray. We appreciate Joe Chapman and the Hagerman State Fish Hatchery for hosting this event.



Deadlines

The enrollment deadline for the market lamb project is June 1, 2009.



June 6 is the deadline for current youth to add on new projects.

Youth may join 4-H after June 6, but may not be able to participate fully in the August 2009 Fair, depending on the project they are interested in. They can, however, participate in club meeting and activities, service learning activities and other county activities. For some young people feeling a "sense of belonging" is more important than recognition for a completed project.

Idaho Swine Camp

Gooding County will be hosting the 2009 Swine Camp on **June 12, 2009**, at the Gooding County Fairgrounds. In addition to a fun-filled day of pig activities and learning experiences. Topics that will be taught include: nutrition, identifying pig breeds, learning parts of the pig, health and safety, skin care, giving vaccines and reading labels. This year we are adding an "advanced session" for youth with 4 years or more of swine experience. Leathercraft, games, showing, barn yard Olympics and a camp fire will add variety to the day. Registration forms can be found in the **2009 District III Camp Book** (in our office or on our county website). Forms and the \$12 fee are due in our office by May 26th. Fees go up after that.



Southern Idaho Livestock Judging Camp

When: July 14-16, 2009, 10:00 am on Tuesday through 3:00 pm Thursday

Where: Jerome Fairgrounds, Jerome, Idaho

Who: Youth (4-H and FFA) ages 13-18

Topic: Livestock Judging

What to bring: This camp will be held indoors and out in barns and other buildings.

Fees (below) cover 4 meals, 1 banquet dinner, judging manual, judging notebook, insurance and Judging Contest on Thursday.

Registration and Fees:

Youth Early Bird - postmarked by June 2, 2009, \$75

Youth Late - postmarked by June 19, 2009, \$100

Adult - \$65

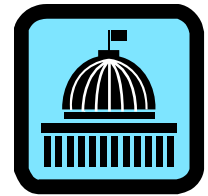
Registration forms are available from the Gooding County Extension Office or in the District III 4-H Summer Camp Program book online at:

//extension.ag.uidaho.edu/gooding.



TEENS, Would you like to

- Travel to Washington, D.C.? Atlanta, Georgia? Madison, Wisconsin?
- Learn how government agencies work—from the inside— and how they affect communities?
- Share your ideas for youth development with other 4-H'ers from across the nation?
- Make new friends from all over the country?



Citizenship-Washington Focus is a program for 4-H members to visit Washington, D.C. and learn about citizenship on the national level. Idaho sends a delegation to CWF every summer. Let us know if you are interested in attending the summer of 2010. **Applications are due by September 15, 2009**

National 4-H Congress will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, November 26—December 1, 2009. It is held to recognize and promote excellence in the 4-H Youth Program. It includes workshops, cultural events, community service projects and sightseeing. Applications are due in the State 4-H Office July 8, 2009.

National 4-H Conference will be held at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland, March 20-25, 2010. The conference provides youth an opportunity to have input into 4-H program development at the national level. Delegates participate in discussion groups, visit their congressmen and visit our Nation's Capitol in Washington D.C. Applications are due December 7, 2009.

Contact our office for more information and application forms for any of the above programs, or download them from the Idaho State 4-H Web page at: www.4h.uidaho.edu.

Gooding County Teens Participating in 2009 Teen Conference

Four youth from Gooding County will be attending the 2009 Teen Conference June 8-12.

Maggie Brown & Emily James of Gooding, and **Heather Hoskovec & Samantha Hoskovec** of Bliss & Jerome, plan to enjoy the full week of classes and activities on the University of Idaho campus with 200 other teens from around the state. Have a **GREAT** time all of you! Teen Conference Orientation will be at the Gooding County Extension Office on Monday, June 1 from 4-5:00 p.m.



There's Still Time to Register for 4-H ATV/GPS Camp

The May 29th deadline has been extended for the 4-H ATV/GPS Day Camp which will be held at the Jerome County Fair Grounds on **June 13, 2009**. The registration fee of \$15 will cover lunch, snacks, day insurance and all supplies.

Youth between the ages of 8 and 18 will learn about ATV and ATV safety in the morning session. The afternoon session will cover the basic of GPS followed by hands-on practice.

Registration forms can be found in the **District III 2009 Camp Book** which can be picked up from our office or downloaded from our county website. Send your registration form and fees to the Jerome County Extension Office.



Market Lamb & Goat Weigh-in

June 18, 2009

We will begin weighing lambs in the Beef Barn at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 18th. Everyone should be weighed in or in line by 6:00 p.m.

Lamb project rules and procedures will be mailed to all families. Fees and forms need to be in our office by June 15. Members can weigh-in and tag up to 3 lambs. Remember to record the scrapie tag number on your Bill of Sale if you buy a female lamb or goat. And don't forget to take your beginning and ending photos for your record book.



4-H in Idaho Photography Contest

4-H members, parents, leaders and Extension Staff are invited to submit photographs of Idaho 4-H to use in 4-H publications, displays, and electronic formats. Photos should capture the essence of 4-H and showcase 4-H opportunities. The contest deadline is July 1 so find your cameras and start clicking. Call our office for a copy of the contest guidelines or get them from the state 4-H website: www.4h.uidaho.edu/



Don't forget that Gooding County Extension Office is now on the WEB! Look for the 4-H Calendar, 4-H Newsletter, the 2009 District III Summer Camp Programs book, and more information. Bookmark us today! [//extension.ag.uidaho.edu/gooding](http://extension.ag.uidaho.edu/gooding)

CHECK OUT IDAHO 4-H 'S WEB PAGE

Go to www.4h.uidaho.edu/ to see a list of projects and their requirements, download record books, and get other information such as scholarships and awards. **Caution:** Gooding County does **not** use the non-animal record book that is available online. **Also,** always check with your leader or the office to see if our county has any additional project requirements.

Animal Learning Lab Kits

We have four learning lab kits that leader's can check out of our office: Beef, Horse, Sheep and Swine. These are great educational tools for club meeting and oral presentations.

American Income Life Insurance

\$1.00 of each 4-H member's enrollment fee (\$2.00 for horse) gives members a full year of accident coverage with American Income Life Insurance. Coverage includes all club, county, district and state regularly approved and scheduled activities and meetings. All group activities must be supervised by approved adult volunteers. All activities should be age-appropriate and all attempts used to reduce any risks. Adult volunteers need to take additional safety precautions for high risk activities. Club leaders have information about the benefits, special features and a list of what is not covered. All claims must be filed within 20 days of the accident.

Attention Horse, Shooting Sports and ATV Project Members, Parents & Leaders

Beginning this year, all members entered in these projects (and their legal parent or guardian) will need to complete and sign a University of Idaho Liability Waiver before participating in these projects. Waivers have been given or sent to leaders with these projects and we ask that you get them completed and submitted to our office **BEFORE** continuing with these projects.



Attention Families Who Have Brought or Plan to Bring ATV's or Other Recreational Vehicles to Fair

Beginning this year, the **ONLY** ATV's or other rec vehicles that can be used on the south side of the canal will be used by fair staff, specie superintendents, 4-H BBQ Chair and the 4-H Sound System Manager. These vehicles will be driven by adults only and not their children. Under no circumstances will children be allowed to drive these vehicles in the fairgrounds area south of the canal.

I know that some of you stay in the RV Park and use these vehicles to get to the barn area. At this time, there are no restrictions against that but we advise parents to use caution when allowing your children to drive them for even that short distance. Accidents involving youth often occur because parents allow their children to ride adult-sized machines. An ATV needs an experienced mature driver. Nearly all (if not all) of the youth we have observed driving ATV's the past few years at fair have been breaking all the guidelines suggested by our government's ATVSafety.gov web site and the 4-H ATV Safety Program, some of which are:

- Anyone under the age of 16 years of age should never be on an adult ATV.
- Ride without passengers.
- Wear a helmet.
- Ride on unpaved trails.
- Ride slow enough to be in control.
- Know the terrain.
- Know the rules



Let's have a **Safe** fair. Keep your children off adult ATV's. No ATV's south of canal.

*Note: In 2008 the "Cowboy Articles" were written to help you with your beef project.
Remember when Cowboy did this?*

Practice, Practice, Practice & Ultrasound!

By Cindy A. Kinder, Area 4-H Extension Educator



I took Cowboy to a practice day on June 25th, 2008 at the Camas County Jamboree. Cowboy did well for his first major trailer ride and the process of being loaded, unloaded and tied in a stall all day with all the different noises. Cowboy had the show halter on for the first time. He did not like the chain under his chin. I should have practiced that at home. I led him with a rope halter instead. With more practice at home Cowboy and I should know what to expect at fair.

Cowboy had an ultrasound done while at the Jamboree. He has an 11.6 square inch ribeye, .28 inches back fat, and marbling score of 3.6 which is a select grade. There was 60 days until fair so I hope that the marbling score would increase to 4.0 which is a quality grade of choice. I could see Cowboy was starting to get fat; there are fat deposits around his tail head and his back is getting broader; maybe he is going to weigh closer to 1250 lbs at fair.



This year's steer - Dash

Dash now weighs 948 lbs (5/27); he is gaining 2.73 lbs per day. He is getting 19 lbs of grain ($948 \text{ lbs} \times 2\% = 18.96 \text{ lbs per day}$) and approximately 3 large flakes of alfalfa hay ($948 \times 1\% = 9.48 \text{ lbs hay/roughage}$) per day. The last few days he has not cleaned up his feed. It has been HOT; this is probably why. However, I did check the water tank just in case and the water was cool to the touch. Usually, Dash eats all of this grain and sometimes he does not clean up his hay. He is telling me that I might be feeding too much hay or the hay quality is low (lots of coarse stems). Feeding quality hay is important for the rumen (stomach) to stay healthy and provide enough protein. Too much hay can cause my steer to gain slower. I want my steer to gain and get fat because that is an indication of high carcass quality. Last year I learned the slower my steer gained the more money I lost. Grain is an energy feed and helps my steer gain weight and fat faster and I that is why I push the grain. I can tell Dash is getting fatter. I can see the change from when he was first weighed in. Fat is starting to deposit in his brisket, over his back/loin and on his tail head.

How is your project going? Here are some questions you can ask yourself.

- What does your animal weigh?
- How many pounds of grain and hay (or other roughage) are you feeding?
- What is your animal telling you?
- How are you practicing for show day?
- Is your animal getting fatter? How can you tell?
- What is a good carcass quality?



Note: I am enrolled in a swine project and feeding two pigs this summer just like youth members and their projects.

How Do You Do Mr. Pig?

Cindy A. Kinder, University of Idaho Area Extension Educator

I got my pigs! Adams and Siren are their names. They are a Yorkshire cross.

Adams, named after the second president of the United States, is a large frame, heavy muscled pig. I rated him good for trimness, excellent for muscling, and good for structure and balance. I estimate that he should weigh 280

pounds by fair time. Siren, named after the fire truck siren, is also a large frame, heavy muscled pig. I rated him average for trimness, excellent for muscling and average for structure and balance. I estimate that he should weigh 280 pounds by fair time.



They both weighed 100 lbs when I got them. I started hand feeding the pigs 3 scoops of pelleted feed morning and night. One scoop of pelleted feed weighs 1 lb. The pigs were cleaning up the 3 scoops per feeding so I increased that to 5 scoops but that was too much. They had a lot left over! Feed needs to be kept fresh so I decreased the amount fed. The heat has caused the pigs to eat less. I also make sure their water nipple has cool water, the hose I have connecting the nipple and the water tank is covered to keep it in the shade.

I have Adams and Siren pinned in a smaller part of the large pen for now. I can work with them and they can get to know me better. Since I hand feed them they come up to me and know I want to be their friend. I have starting brushing them too. I brush them front to rear and slightly downward. Adams especially likes his belly brushed. Siren still likes to run away from me. I hope I can touch him soon.

I started using the show stick with my pigs. They did not respond well to the tapping. Adams bit the stick and Siren was running and playing. As my pigs get use to me tapping them and moving around in the smaller pen. I will let my pigs out into the larger part of the corral. This way we can take daily walks and teach my pigs to respond to the tapping. These walks should also condition the muscles of my pigs. As I walk with Adams, I lightly tap him on the left side of the neck and shoulder to make him turn right. Tap him on the right to turn left. When Adams is walking straight, I gently tap him on the top of the back between the shoulder blades. Eventually he will learn that if I tap him on the top of the back I mean for him to walk straight.

My pigs are planning to attend a few summer shows. As I go to the summer shows, I need to evaluate the health of my pigs before I go and after I come home. Biosecurity is very important. I am going to learn more about that at Swine Camp. If I or my pig show flu like symptoms I will stay home and let the show management know. Pigs can show similar flu symptoms as humans.

How is your project going? Here are some questions you can ask yourself.

- ◆ What does your pig weigh?
- ◆ What should it weigh at fair time?
- ◆ How much is your pig eating? Is the water cool to the touch?
- ◆ What does your scoop of feed weigh?
- ◆ Is your pig healthy?
- ◆ How are you practicing for the fair?
- ◆ Are you going to Swine Camp?? See you there!



JUNE

- 1 Enrollment deadline for sheep projects**
- 1 Natural Resource Camp final registration deadline
- 1 County Teen Conference Orientation, 4:00 pm, Gooding CEO**
- 2 District Lamb Camp, Minidoka County Fairgrounds (will accept registration that day)
- 2 Idaho Swine Camp late registration deadline
- 2 Southern Idaho Livestock Judging Camp early bird registration and fee due in Gooding CEO.
- 5 ATV/GPS Camp late registration deadline
- 5 June Summer Camp registration deadline (Gooding CEO)
- 5 Magic Valley Classic Swine Show registration deadline
- 8-12 Idaho 4-H Teen Conference Week, University of Idaho Campus, Moscow
- 9 Market Animal Sale Committee Meeting, 8:00 pm, Gooding CEO
- 12 July Camp Counselor registration deadline (Gooding CEO)
- 12 Idaho Swine Camp, Gooding Fairgrounds**
- 13 4-H ATV/GPS Camp, Jerome County Fairgrounds
- 13 Magic Valley Classic Swine Show, Gooding Fairgrounds**
- 15 Market lamb forms and fees due in Gooding CEO**
- 15-18 June Camp, Central Idaho 4-H Camp, (will accept registrations on June 15th)**
- 15 4-H Leaders' Council and Committee Meetings, Gooding CEO, 6:00 pm**
- 16 July Camp Counselor Training, Red Fish Lake
- 17 June Jamboree, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Gooding CEO (**postponed until July 15**)
- 18 Market Lamb Weigh-in, 4:00 to 6:00 pm, Gooding Fairgrounds, Beef Barn**
- 19 Southern Idaho Livestock Judging Camp final registration deadline in Gooding CEO
- 19 July Summer Camp early bird registration deadline (Camas CEO)
- 20 MVDHP Dairy Achievement Day, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- 23 Cat Clinic, 7:00 p.m., Gooding Fairgrounds, Rabbit & Poultry Area
- 22-27 Natural Resources Workshop, Central Idaho 4-H Camp, Ketchum
- ? County Rabbit Clinic, 7:00 p.m., Rabbit Pen Area
- ? Poultry Clinic, 7:00 pm, Gooding Fairgrounds
- ? Goat Clinic, 7:00 pm, Gooding Fairgrounds
- 26 July Summer Camp final registration deadline (Camas CEO)
- 26-27 Ranch Hand Rodeo**

JULY

- 1 Distinguished Service Awards nominations due to Minidoka CEO