



# Gooding County

## 4-H Spotlight

December  
2017



### 2017-18 Enrollments

Volunteer/Leaders: Now through  
December 31, 2017

Youth members: Now through  
April 1, 2018

Cloverbud: \$10

4-H Member: \$11

Horse Member: \$13

### From the Office

Here it is December and cold air brings us closer to the wonderful Holidays!

**4-H Online is open for enrollment!**

<https://www.4-Honline.com>

- ⇒ Remember to pick up your current copy of University of Idaho's 4-H Youth Development Policy and Procedures; 2016-2018.
  - ◇ Don't forget about the age divisions that changed as of last year. These age divisions are now consistent across the nation.
  - ◇ Inspect all record books and other materials.  
*Be sure your club's record books are updated!*
- ⇒ Code of Conduct—please read over this document carefully.
  - ◇ This year Volunteer/Leaders will be required to have a signed copy of this document as part of their 4-H file here in the office.
    - ◆ The annual tasks associated with volunteer certification are:
      - ◆ Re-enrolling in 4-H Online
      - ◆ Completing the Protecting Minors Training
      - ◆ Submitting your updated application page
      - ◆ Meet with Coordinator about projects offered and 4-H online over view.
      - ◆ Read Volunteer Position Descriptions
      - ◆ Signed Code of Conduct
      - ◆ Submit County Projects Form
- ⇒ The deadline for all this is December 31<sup>st</sup>.
- ⇒ The public review (background check) will now be done every three years. If you had a background check in 2016-17 year, you are not required to have another until October 2019.

We sincerely appreciate your help in getting these completed as early as possible for our new 4-H year.

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# District Livestock Management Skill-a-thon Contest

By Cindy Kinder

On December 2, 2017, 57 4-H members and adults from four counties came to Gooding to participate in the annual District Livestock Skill-a-thon Contest. The members were able to spend an hour in the practice room before the main contest. Teen Leaders from across the district taught members and adults about livestock feeds & hay, meat cuts, livestock breeds, quality assurance of livestock, how to evaluate wool, and general topics of Beef, Sheep and Goats.

During the district contest, youth were tested individually on equipment, retail cuts, feed and hay judging, and livestock quality assurance. They were then grouped together to solve a series of scenarios on live cattle marketing, quality assurance ethics and withdrawal times, and livestock feeding methods.

Results are as followed.



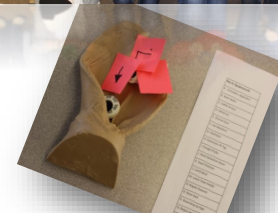
**Cloverbud**—Natalie Gutierrez

**Junior**—1. Michael Newey, Lincoln County, 2. Katherine Kinder, Gooding County 3. Bailee Fuller, Twin Falls County;  
**Honorable Mention:** Jonah Knapp, Rachel Newey, Fallon O'Barr, Brandon Alexander, Cooper Jackson, Gus Dugan, Mackenzie Gill, Adrian Gutierrez, Olivia Gutierrez, Kallee Hendren, and Jacee Fuller.



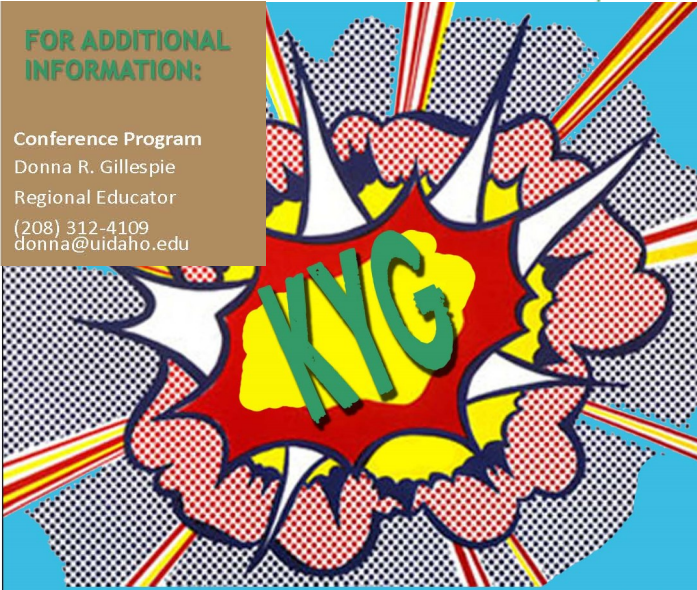
**Intermediate**—1st. Josiah Knapp, Gooding County; 2. Eliza Dugan, Jerome County; 3. Amanda Jackson, Jerome County;  
**Honorable Mention:** Megan Taber, Danica Knapp, Eddie Rios, Jacie Kimball, Vivian Dugan, Lindsey Newey, Kadance Alexander and Kasey Hendren

**Senior**—1. Charlotte Brockman, Gooding County; 2. Jessica Schroeder, Twin Falls County; 3. Jacie Kimball, Jerome County;  
**Honorable Mention:** Jillian Young, Madison Crawford, Taylor Newey, Jordan Jackson, Bry Feuz, Tawny Wight, Alicia Easterday, Hunter Hendren, Thomas Kinder, Nevada Schroeder and Ingrid Sandoval.



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**COMMUNITY COUNTRY WORLD**  
CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF IMPACT

**SAVE THE DATES!** Know Your Government (KYG) turns 30 this year and you will not want to miss it.

- October 6 4-H Enrollments open in 4-H Online
- November 13 Delegate and Chaperone APPLICATIONS due to county office
- December 11 County selections due to KYG District Coordinator
- December 11-15 District KYG Coordinator will notify counties of delegates, chaperones, and alternates selected
- Dec 11—Jan 8 REGISTRATION for KYG via 4-H Online Please note: youth and adults must be enrolled and active in order to register for the KYG Conference as delegates, chaperones, or steering committee



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The Gooding 4-H office will be selling calendars for year 2018. Each calendar will have great pictures of 4-H from 2017.

So come on in and make a donation for your calendar and tell your friends, family and neighbors, so they can enjoy the pictures as they happen to be our member's biggest fans.



A festive poster for a 'Holiday Kickoff' event. It features a row of red and white Christmas ornaments at the top. The text reads: 'Holiday Kickoff', 'Saturday, December 9th', 'Downtown Gooding', 'Join us for an old-fashioned Christmas celebration, sponsored by the Gooding Chamber of Commerce.', 'LIGHTING OF CHRISTMAS TREE', 'Gooding Courthouse Lawn at 6:00pm', 'Parade of Lights', and 'Line up behind Columbia Bank at 6:00pm', 'Parade starts at 6:30pm'. There are also illustrations of a yellow balloon and a red lantern.

## 2017 District 4-H Contest Results

We had a very good turnout from Gooding County at the District 4-H Contests held in September. Gooding County was represented well. I am very proud of everyone who participated, and I hope to see even more participation next year!

2018 Fair Dates:

August 15–19

Fair Theme suggestions  
will be taken at the  
Leaders Council,  
January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting

Essential Elements of  
4-H Youth Development

**Generosity**

Youth need to feel their lives have  
meaning and purpose.

Throughout each project, youth  
are encouraged to broaden their  
perspectives, find relevance in  
the topic area and bring ideas  
back to their community

Serving to Learn, Learning to Serve

Through its pledge of 'hands to larger service,' 4-H has historically given back to the community by encouraging young people and adults to volunteer. In 4-H, service is commonly defined as the voluntary action of an individual or a group of individuals without pay. Service to the community helps young people learn caring, leadership and citizenship. Service-learning is a teaching and learning strategy that integrates meaningful community service with reflection, to enrich the learning experience, teach responsibility and strengthen communities. For more information on service learning and community service and steps for planning quality service learning experiences please call or come into the Gooding County 4-H office and let's make plans for some meaningful activities - let's get involved!

4-HER'S GET A HELPING HAND WITH SPECIALTY PLATES

BUT SALES ARE LOW; AND THE STATE MAY RECONSIDER THE CONTINUAL OFFERING OF THE PLATES.

THE PURCHASE OF 4-H SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATES BY IDAHO DRIVERS HELPS SUPPORT LOCAL 4-H GROUPS.

A portion of the purchase price of every Idaho specialty plate is donated to the sponsor. From every 4-H plate sold, \$22.00 goes back into the county where it was purchased. Each time the plate is renewed, \$12.00 comes back. That can add up if only more Gooding County drivers bought 4-H plates. State wide only 277 4-H plates were purchased in 2015, if the number sold does not hit 1000 in 2018 there will be no 4-H specialty plates and no extra donation into Gooding County's 4-H funds.



# 2018 MVDHP APPLICATION

## PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

- Complete this application (2 pages)
- Enclose a **\$100.00** deposit (check payable to Magic Valley Dairy Heifer Program) this is non-refundable if you voluntarily withdraw
- **Separate piece of paper write a brief explanation why you want to be in the program**
- **Letter of recommendation from your 4-H leader/FFA advisor** (if applicant is related to their 4-H leader, the 4-H Coordinator in the applicant's county must write the letter of recommendation for the applicant.
- Return them to the MVDHP, c/o Teresa Tverdy, 630 Addison Ave. W. Suite 1600, Twin Falls, ID 83301, no later than 4:00 p.m., **Friday, January 26, 2018.**
- To be eligible to participate, applicants must be 8 years old by January 1, of current year and not older than the 11th grade in the year the application is made. It is strongly recommended that participants have at least one-year dairy showing experience prior to applying. For questions call Alvina Kral at (208)731-6863 or Teresa Tverdy at (208)735-4420.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Male/Female: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Name(s) Cell Phone

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Name(s) Cell Phone

4-H Club/FFA Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of 4-H Leader in good standing or FFA Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # of 4-H Leader or FFA Advisor from listed above: \_\_\_\_\_



## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

**(INITIAL** each line indicating you have read & agree to fulfill each requirement)

**By not initialing the application will not be considered.**

**Applicant      Parent**

\_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_ I agree to enroll in and be an active member of a 4-H Club/FFA Chapter, complete a dairy project, a project record book, and participate in the 4-H/FFA Dairy Show at my County Fair. Once the projects starts in 4-H or the FFA program, it **must** finish in the same program started.

\_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_ I agree to attend the scheduled educational activities (**Spring Education & Sale Day, Achievement Day** and **Fall Education Day**) as well as, if unable to attend any one of the educational activities I will attend either the MVDHP meeting before the activity or the MVDHP meeting immediately after the activity with a report and submit the report to the committee at this time to be excused for being absent from that activity.

\_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_ I agree to show in the Magic Valley Dairy Heifer Program Show held at the Twin Falls County Fair and follow the rules required for the MVDHP Show & Sale (copy provided upon request).

\_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_ I agree to properly care for my project animal, providing proper feed, medical care and training as needed.

\_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_ I agree to ensure that my animal meets all health requirements as set by the Twin Falls County Fair Board as well as the Showring Code of Ethics and sell my heifer at the Magic Valley Dairy Heifer Program Sale at the Twin Falls County Fair at the completion of my project.

\_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_ **I agree to turn in to the MVDHP, c/o Teresa Tverdy, a thank you card (stamped and addressed to the buyer of my heifer) before payment is made for my heifer.**

\_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_ I agree to contact the MVDHP Steering Committee as soon as possible should I become ineligible. Move from the area or if I have problems with my animal.

**Applicant's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

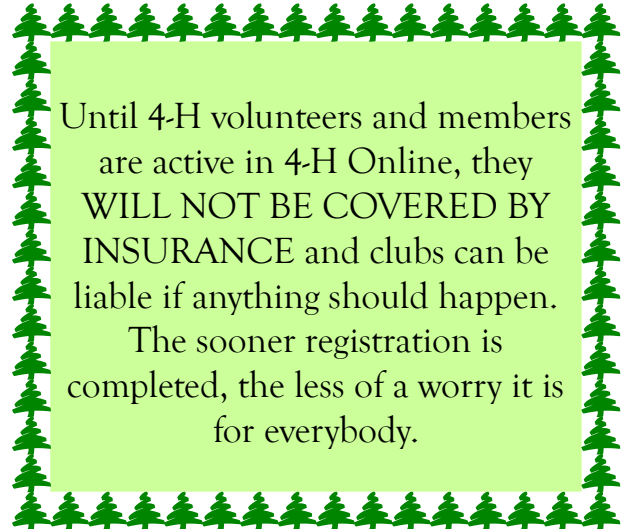
**Parent/Guardian's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

*The Magic Valley Dairy Heifer Program Steering Committee reserves the right to refuse an animal to an individual based on prior performance, ability, or if references indicate that it would be in the best interest of the child or the animal that the animal be denied. In the event the Steering Committee votes to reclaim an animal, it will be purchased from the dismissed participant at fair market price.*

***No animals will be replaced except for non-breeders, at the discretion of the Steering Committee.***



## 4-H Online Enrollment



Until 4-H volunteers and members are active in 4-H Online, they **WILL NOT BE COVERED BY INSURANCE** and clubs can be liable if anything should happen.

The sooner registration is completed, the less of a worry it is for everybody.

### Process for Returning Volunteers:

- ◆ 4-H Online Enrollment – After logging on 4-H Online, please update your personal and family information, which should include a **current, valid email address and phone number**, as well as medical information and projects.
- ◆ Protecting Minors Training – After enrolling in 4-H Online, you can complete the Protecting Minors Training, which is part of the “training module” within this same system.  
Anyone who opts to not complete all of the certification requirements necessary before December 31<sup>st</sup> will be required to complete the entire application/certification process to volunteer for the Idaho 4-H Youth Development.

### Points System

There have been questions about the points system for our end of the year awards. These awards sometimes don't go to the Grand Champion, or even the Reserve Champion from the fair. This is because the points system takes into account from the involvement report;

- ◆ Activities
- ◆ Leadership
- ◆ Community service
- ◆ 4-H Promotion

### In addition to involvement report points:

The livestock points system accounts for:

- ◆ Record book and interview scores
- ◆ Showmanship ribbon color
- ◆ The number of animals exhibited

The horse points system accounts for:


- ◆ Record book and interview score
- ◆ County horse show participation
- ◆ District horse show participation

The FCS points system accounts for:

- ◆ Project ribbon placing at the county and District levels.

If you have questions please contact the Gooding County 4-H Extension office.

**The points system makes accurate involvement reports very valuable. Involvement reports should be turned in with your last record book. If you have only FCS or Horse projects, you can add to your involvement report until the market project record book deadline.**



**“Leaders become great, not because of their power, but because of their ability to empower others.”**

~ John Maxwell

## Swing into Spring

Spring break for schools in Gooding County is not too far away. I am setting up a schedule of activities for our 4-H Swing into Spring. This Spring, The Gooding County 4-H Extension office wishes to start off our Swing into Spring with 3 classes each day, for 2 hours each. The classes will be held at the Fairgrounds, in the Flower building. Also a couple of classes will be scheduled at the Wendell, Hagerman and Gooding libraries. Excluding the weekend. Students will be out of school starting Wednesday March 21<sup>st</sup>. classes will be offered through Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>.

The schedule for classes will look something like this:

Date: // Venue	Fairgrounds 9:30-11:30 slot	Fairgrounds 12:30-2:30 slot	Fairgrounds 3:00-5:00 slot	Bliss/Hagerman Library slots	Gooding/Wendell Library slots
Wed. March 21					
Thur. March 22					
Fri. March 23					
Mon. March 26					
Tues. March 27					
Wed. March 28					
Thurs. March 29					

We do hope to have all the slots taken for both, at the Fairgrounds and the library locations. Gooding County youth will be out of school for 7 days, let's give them a great place to be, and get them interested in 4-H.

We want to encourage parents and teachers to trust that our 4-H youth development program is the best place for these youths to be when not in school.

Remember; Volunteers who conduct activities are not required to be 4-H members, nor do youth participating in activities.

If you home school and/or know of others who do, please spread the word. 4-H youth development programs can work for them in support of their educational curriculum.

If you have a subject that you would enjoy as an activity to do with these kids, please call the 4-H office to get on the schedule.

We welcome any volunteers especially teens, who could give a small bit of their time to inspire the Gooding County youth to participate in 4-H youth development activities.

Please get involved & sign up. Some time slots for classes are already taken.

For a pick of the schedule Call Loretta at : (208) 934-4417 or email: [Loretta@uidaho.edu](mailto:Loretta@uidaho.edu)

### STRUCTURE OF A 4-H CLUB:

- ◆ A 4-H club must be chartered through County Extension office.
- ◆ Enrolls at least 5 youth members from at least 3 families.
- ◆ Conducts a minimum of 6 regular club meetings per year.
- ◆ Selects youth officers to provide leadership to the club.
- ◆ Is advised by adult staff or volunteers who have been screened and trained.
- ◆ Selects its own club name. (Please see the Fact Sheet on Naming 4-H Clubs).  
<https://nifa.usda.gov/program/4-h-positive-youth-development>
- ◆ Complies with applicable state 4-H Youth Development Policies and Procedures.

## Membership Requirements:

Youth Between the ages of 8 and 18 (as of Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>) are eligible to enroll in 4-H projects.

Cloverbud members between 5 and 7 years are eligible for approved Cloverbud curriculum, but are not eligible for competitive shows or contests. They may enter and exhibit in the fair and receive a Cloverbud ribbon.

**Membership is established when enrollment on 4-H Online is complete and enrollment fees have been paid.**

All returning 4-H members must be enrolled by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

➡ New members may enroll at any time but may not be able to participate in fair activities, depending on the date of enrollment.

FCS & Miscellaneous Projects may be added until the first Friday in June.

## Animal project rules and guidelines:

1. **Members must have completed enrollment**
2. **Signed Commitment to Excellence form and Bill of Sale must be submitted prior to deadline.**
3. **Weigh-in fees must be paid by deadline. (for each species and each animal weighed)**

Members may weigh in 1 to 3 animals and a Family/club may decide to tag a floater. Ownership of that animal must be decided by the fair weigh-in.

4. **Ear tags will identify each animal at initial weigh-in**

Breeding projects must provide one or more items as positive proof of ownership for the required 'days of ownership' before fair.

5. **All animals exhibited at the fair must be included in member's record book.**

➡ **Animals will not be weighed in unless all fees are paid, all forms are signed and in the office by deadline and member is active in a club with the proper project in 4-H online and enrollment is paid.**

Specific Specie deadlines for weigh-in fees and proof of ownership are:

March 1	Market Beef
April 1	Horse & Llama
April 1	Market Swine
May 1	Breeding projects, to include Beef, Swine, Sheep, Goat and Dairy
May 1	Small Animal, Birds/Poultry and Pet projects
May 1	January Market Dairy Heifer projects
June 1	Sheep and Meat Goats



OPEN ENROLLMENT

NOV DEC JAN FEB

AMERICA'S FARMERS GROW AG LEADERS  
622 Emerson Road, Suite 150  
St. Louis, MO 63141-9586

### THERE ARE MORE AG-RELATED JOBS THAN GRADS TO FILL THEM.\*

Help spread the word by telling students you know to apply today. You can also participate by endorsing student applications. America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund, is offering more than \$500,000 in scholarships to students in rural communities who are looking to continue their education in an ag-related field of study and become the next generation of ag leaders. Here's how students apply:

1. **Go to [GrowAgLeaders.com](http://GrowAgLeaders.com) for more information and official rules**
2. **Apply at [FFA.org/scholarships](http://FFA.org/scholarships) for a \$1,500 scholarship**  
**Applications accepted from November 15, 2017 – February 1, 2018**
3. **Students must obtain two farmer endorsements of their application by February 8, 2018**

Though we are partnering with FFA, students need not be FFA members to apply. Tell a deserving student about this opportunity today!



# Idaho 4-H Livestock Skill-a-thon Contest January 27, 2018 Jerome County Fairgrounds

Go to [www.uidaho.edu/4hevents](http://www.uidaho.edu/4hevents) - Register today



*So, what is the skill-a-thon and what are the objectives?*

- To provide youth with the opportunity to blend knowledge and skills acquired in livestock judging, demonstrations, care, and exhibition of animals into one activity.
- To provide youth who have no opportunity for livestock ownership to learn about the importance of livestock and their products to the environment.
- To encourage youth to continue expanding their knowledge and participation.
- To recognize youth for their total involvement in and comprehension in the livestock industry.
- To instill ethical values, good sportsmanship and evaluation skills.

**Registration deadline (and fees being paid) is January 5, 2018**

An entry fee of \$20 per team member will be due with the team entry.

These funds are used to help defray the expenses of the contest.

Leaders and parents are welcome to lunch for \$10 per person.

Please include lunch costs with registration.

The University of Idaho has a policy of nondiscrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, sexual orientation, gender identity/ expression, disability, genetic information, or status as any protected veteran or military status. This policy applies to all programs, services, and facilities, and includes, but is not limited to, applications, admissions, access to programs and services, and employment and advancement.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication or program information or reasonable accommodations need to contact



THE PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARDS  
*Honoring Outstanding Community Service by Young Americans*

## How to Apply for The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

If you're an Idaho student in grades 5-8 who's made a difference through volunteering over the past year, you could win \$1,000 – by applying for a Prudential Spirit of Community Award! Even more importantly, you could win recognition that might inspire other young people to follow your example. These prestigious awards, sponsored by Prudential Financial and the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), have honored more than 120,000 youth volunteers at the local, state and national level over the past 22 years.

It's easy to apply – just fill out an application by clicking here:

<https://aim.applyISTS.net/Spirit>

Once you've completed your application, you will need to have an authorized certifier (a school principal or head of a Girl Scout council, county 4-H group, American Red Cross chapter, YMCA or Affiliate of Points of Light's HandsOn Network) certify your application for state-level judging. Email or print out instructions for your certifier on the application's "Certification" tab.

Certifiers whose schools or organizations include both middle and high school students are allowed to select one student from each category – so they can still certify your application even if they've already certified one for someone in grades 9-12.

Certifiers have until Friday, December 8, 2017 to certify applications for state-level judging.

Before submitting your application, you and your parent or guardian must complete the student/parent agreement page on the last tab of the application.

State-level honorees will be announced in February. From two to 10 runners-up in each state, called Distinguished Finalists, will get bronze medallions. Other state-level winners will receive Certificates of Excellence. The top middle level and high school applicant in each state and the District of Columbia, called State Honorees, will receive an award of \$1,000, an engraved silver medallion, and all-expense-paid trip with a parent or guardian to four days of special recognition events in Washington, D.C., from April 28 – May 1, 2018. Finally, 10 of the State Honorees will be named America's top youth volunteers of the year at a special ceremony on Monday, April 30, 2018. These National Honorees will be awarded an additional \$5,000, gold medallions, crystal trophies and \$5,000 grants for the charities of their choice.

All Local Honorees who have devoted a minimum number of hours to their volunteer activities also will receive the President's Volunteer Service Award.

<http://spirit.prudential.com> or [www.nassp.org/spirit](http://www.nassp.org/spirit)  
Questions? Call 855-670-4787 or write [spirit@applyists.com](mailto:spirit@applyists.com)

## Application deadline: Friday, December 8, 2017



# 4-H Calendar

## December

December 25—

January 1: Christmas and New Year  
Holidays, Gooding Extension Office Closed



## January

Jan. 8 Leaders Council Meeting—Mandatory  
Jan. 24 State 4-H Skill-a-thon—Jerome, Fairgrounds

## February

Feb. 10 Gem State Classic Beef Judging Contest, Twin Falls

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## Attention Club Leaders

Anyone who opts to **not** complete all of the recertification requirements necessary before December 31<sup>st</sup> will need to complete the entire certification process to volunteer for the Idaho 4-H Youth Development Program in Gooding County.

### Please remember :

All clubs must have an activated leader before any club members can join the club.

**ALL CLUB VOLUNTEERS AND CLUB MEMBERS MUST BE ENROLLED AND DUES PAID:**

Before you attend a meeting.  
Before there is a club activity.