

# EXTENSION TRENDS: **BONNER COUNTY**

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## 2022 By the Numbers

- **834** direct contacts
- **413** youth participants
- **104** volunteers
- **133** volunteer hours
- **\$571,075** extramural funding

## Our Advisory Council

Special thanks to our volunteers who help shape programming and inform the work we do for UI Extension in Bonner County: Diane Green, Breigh Peterson, Harry Menser, Connie Trotter, Chris Elliot and Sarah Garcia.

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## 2022 Impact

One of the main horticulture programs offered in 2022 was the Idaho Master Gardener program. The program covers a variety of gardening topics through the 20-class session. Classes were offered both in-person and on Zoom for those not comfortable attending in person. This method of delivery continues to work best for stakeholders. Plant Clinic support was offered in-person during the growing season.

A Lunch and Learn gardening series was held throughout the year, reaching clients who hadn't participated in Extension programs, which led to invitations to present to other local gardening groups like the Ladies Homestead Gathering. Educator Jennifer Jensen worked with Boundary County Educator Amy Robertson to offer online classes that touched on garden planning or harvest and included related food preservation topics.

Cultivating Success advanced trainings included Digging Deeper: Developing Your Idaho Market Garden and Scratching the Surface: poultry production hands-on workshop. Jensen focused primarily on the development of the Digging Deeper curriculum and delivery and helped coordinate the Scratching the Surface workshop. As part of the Digging Deeper course, hands-on workshops were held in late summer at teaching farms around the state.

Area Educator Chris Schnepf offered the Forestry Shortcourse, Idaho Native Tree Identification and Landscaping for Fire Prevention classes in Bonner County.

## 4-H in Bonner County

Bonner County 4-H offered three summer camps for youth ages 5-10. An AmeriCorps member helped make these camps possible and Master Gardeners and Master Food Safety Advisors helped prepare and deliver specific activities during the camps. At the Red, White and Bloom camp, youth participated in red, white and blue themed science and art projects, some of which were then used as fair decorations in the 4-H section of the exhibit hall. Youth who had participated were eager to show off the tie-dye shirts they had made. Five of the participants from this first workshop signed up for the second camp. Farm camp was held at the U of I Sandpoint Organic Agriculture Center. Participants toured the facility and learned about the orchard and animals at the center. They also picked raspberries, created freezer jam and made butter. One parent indicated that their child had continued to make butter on a regular basis at home for several weeks after this camp. A total of 20 youth participated. At Nature Camp, participants learned about the flora and fauna of northern Idaho. Fifteen youth participated in the camp.

## On the Horizon

Additional afterschool youth activities will be offered in 2023, including youth gardening programs.