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Teamwork provides camping success for international 4-H youth

AT A GLANCE

Youth and adults work together to provide a camping experience for international 4-H participants.

The Situation

International 4-H members from Japan and Korea were traveling to Idaho to experience the culture of our state. The youth that were visiting Idaho lived in big cities in their own country and had limited camping opportunities. The program directors from those countries communicated with University of Idaho Extension 4-H Youth Development staff about the potential of providing an overnight camping experience. The international leaders were interested in a safe place where youth could learn about nature and the environment in America.

Our Response

UI Extension 4-H Youth Development staff members cooperated together with University of Wyoming Extension educators to plan a camping experience for these youth. Camp organizers were able to schedule the Alpine 4-H Camp in Alpine, Wyoming as the site to hold the camp. The 4-H regional educator from Idaho's eastern district as well as the Wyoming educators had participated at Alpine 4-H camping programs for many years and realized it would take teamwork to put on a successful camping experience for the youth. Potential camp workshop presenters were identified and contacted.



Youth from Korea and Japan learn about native plants at Alpine 4-H Camp. Photo by Scott Nash.

Program Outcomes

The 4-H staff members from Idaho and educators from Wyoming worked together with the international leaders to develop a camping program that was acceptable to the international 4-H program leaders. The University of Wyoming teen officers were able to attend the camp to lead get acquainted activities, campfire programs and help the international youth learn about teen experiences in the western United States. An Idaho 4-H teen living advocate was able to attend camp to help the youth learn about healthy living nutrition programs. A team of Wyoming educators was able to put on a Dutch oven dinner and teach the youth about outdoor cooking. This team of educators also taught a craft class where the youth were able

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to make survival bracelets and learn how to tie flies for fishing. A nearby UI Extension educator was able to teach the youth about native trees, plants insect as they went on a nature hike. Another Idaho team of 4-H professionals taught the youth about archery safety and gave them the opportunity to learn how to shoot a bow. The youth were led on a mountain hike where they were able to see the beauty being in the mountains offers. An Idaho Fish and Game officer taught the youth about area fish and wildlife.

All youth were surveyed using Common Measures questions. The results in the table below indicate a positive experience.

4-H is a place where...	
they belong.	94%
they get to make group decisions.	81%
you get to figure things out for yourself.	56%
it's okay for you to make mistakes.	87.5%
you get to teach others what you've learned.	87%
they feel included.	94%

The teamwork among the 4-H professionals and the 4-H teens for this international and multistate activity was key to the positive experience for the youth.

The Future

University of Idaho Extension 4-H Youth Development program will continue to provide leadership in providing positive experiences for our youth. 4-H will be the leaders in collaborating with others to offer high quality youth development programming.

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