ADA COUNTY’S OUT-OF-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

What are out-of-school programs?

Out-of-school programs include all opportunities and programs available to school-age youth outside of the school day including before school, after school, evening, during school breaks, on weekends, or during the summer. Programs can include one-time opportunities or programming offered on a consistent basis.

The Idaho Out-of-School Network and University of Idaho conducted a survey of 437 out-of-school programs across the state. This fact sheet represents 130 out-of-school programs in Ada County.

The City of Boise and YMCA provide the most out-of-school programs in Ada County.

Out-of-School Programs in Ada County

Age Groups Served by Ada County Out-of-School Programs

Just 11 programs in this county serve all youth ages 5 to 18, creating barriers for families with multiple children of different ages.

52% of Ada County programs maintain a wait list.

91% of programs serve youth ages 5-11
75% of programs serve youth ages 12-14
60% of programs serve youth ages 15-18
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TOP 3 NEEDED RESOURCES

- **Funding**: 42%
- **Publicity**: 39%
- **Space**: 25%

Many programs offer their services free of charge, use a sliding scale, or provide scholarships.

**46% of programs in Ada County have 3 employees or less**, limiting the number of children that can participate in out-of-school programs.

Out-of-school programs in Ada County serve more than 33,400 youth each year.

**More than one in three of these programs serve more than 500 youth each year.**

Out-of-school programs help Idaho children and communities thrive by:

1. Improving work habits and school grades
2. Increasing school attendance
3. Increasing likelihood of high school graduation
4. Decreasing participation in risky behaviors and crime
5. Increasing job retention
6. Increasing learning engagement and positive social behavior

Sources: Goldschmidt, Huang, & Chinen, 2007; Huang, Gribbons, Kim, Lee, & Baker, 2000; Huang, Leon, Harven, La Torre, & Mostafavi, 2009; Huang, Leon, & La Torre, 2011; Huang, Leon, La Torre, & Mostafavi, 2008; Afterschool Alliance, 2019