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 52 out-of-school programs in Bingham, Bonneville, Butte, Clark, Custer, Fremont, Jefferson, Lemhi, Madison, and Teton Counties.

There is a need for more programs in Idaho's rural counties.

Most out-of-school programs in Region 6 are provided by schools, libraries, and 4-H.

Out-of-School Programs in Region 6 by County

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Age Groups Served by Region 6 Out-of-School Programs

- 86% programs serve youth ages 5-11
- 76% programs serve youth ages 12-14
- 62% programs serve youth ages 15-18

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

32% of Region 6 programs maintain a wait list.
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

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

50% of programs in Region 6 have 3 employees or less, limiting the number of children that can participate in out-of-school programs.

Out-of-school programs in Region 6 serve more than 10,500 youth each year.

One in four of these programs serve more than 500 youth each year.

Youth Served by Region 6 Programs Annually

- Youth Served Annually
  - 6-50: 10
  - 51-100: 10
  - 101-200: 13
  - 201-500: 5
  - 500+: 14

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