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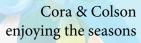






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- Make sure the roof is in good shape. Inspect for missing and loose shingles.
- Clean out gutters and downspouts and tighten brackets if necessary to help avoid an ice dam.
- Weather-strip your garage door.
- Have your heating system serviced by a licensed HVAC company to help ensure more fuel efficiency, fewer problems and longer life of the system.
- Change the direction of your ceiling fan to create an upward draft for redistribution of warm air.
- Drain garden hoses and shut off outdoor water valves.
- Check to see that all of your snow equipment is up and running before the first snow falls!

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Part 1: Youth, Technology, and the Internet – A Personal

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Recently, I was asked to share my personal views on technology, the internet, and today's youth. In response, I've put together a three-part series of articles to explore some of my thoughts specific to these topics.

With over 25 years of experience in digital literacy and internet safety education, I have closely studied how technology impacts youth and families – as most who follow me know, I look to the good evidence-based peer-reviewed research to help guide my beliefs and teachings when it comes to digital literacy and internet safety education. In today's hyper-connected world, the internet has become more than just a communication tool – it is a core element of youth culture, influencing how young people learn, socialize, and grow. Some adults may willfully choose to overlook this reality, but with these opportunities come significant responsibilities. As adults, whether parents, educators, or policymakers, we must help guide young people through this vast digital landscape together. Youth have valuable insights to offer adults; it's up to us as parents, caregivers, and educators to engage with them and listen.

Technology offers endless possibilities. It has revolutionized how youth access information, allowing them to learn about cultures, sciences, and experiences far beyond their immediate surroundings. The digital world opens doors to creativity, self-expression, and social interaction that previous generations could never have imagined. However, this onlife

world also brings real risks such as privacy concerns, cyberbullying, misinformation, inappropriate content, toxicity in all its forms, and exploitation – all very real threats that young people can face online. It's not a matter about "if" our kids come across this content, it's more about "when" they do!

I believe that the challenges our kids face shouldn't be addressed by banning, delaying, or heavily restricting technology, as some suggest. Instead, the focus should be on teaching youth how to use it responsibly and safely in a manner that's appropriate for their age and emotional development. Much like we wouldn't throw a teenager behind the wheel of a car without driver's education, we shouldn't let them loose in the online world without equipping them with digital literacy education, critical thinking skills, and access to developmentally age-appropriate technology.

I have found that when adults discuss youth and technology, the conversation often centers around fear. Fear of cyberbullying, fear of online predators, fear of what some call social media addiction, fear of age-inappropriate content. As Dr Candice Odgers, a well respected researcher in the area of teens and their use of technology stated in her most recent article in the Atlantic , "Caregivers are frightened, and people are just trying to do the right thing for young people. No one wants their children exploited online, or to be fed misinformation or sexually explicit

and violent content. Pointing a finger squarely at smartphones and social media offers people common and unlikeable enemies. But we simply do not know that these are the right targets."

While these fears are extremely valid, they should not dominate our approach to youth, technology, and the internet. Instead, we need to shift our focus from fear to empowerment. By teaching young people how to manage risks, we enable them to embrace the internet as a positive and enriching force in their lives thus building resiliency, especially when outside the home when parents aren't around. Rather than being "threatened" about how our kids are using technology, let's get "challenged" about how we can teach them to use it in a positive rather than a negative way – something we do here at the White Hatter.

One of the biggest mistakes we can make is assuming that technology is inherently harmful or inherently good. The reality is, it's not the technology itself that's the issue, it's how it's used. When young people are educated on digital literacy, online safety, privacy settings, recognizing manipulative content, and understanding how algorithms work, they become informed users who can make informed decisions that protect their well-being.

I believe that in today's onlife world, digital literacy education is an extremely important skillset for youth and teens. It encompasses much more than just knowing how to use a smartphone or navigate a social media app. True digital literacy involves understanding the ethical and practical implications of online behavior, recognizing the potential impact of one's digital dossier, and being able to critically assess the reliability of online information.

Social media is often painted as a space where youth are vulnerable to harmful content. But with proper education, young people can learn to discern between real and manipulated images, recognize misinformation, and develop healthy online habits that protect them from this harmful content and support their mental health in their use of technology. This shift from passive consumers to active participants in their digital experience is key to building a healthier relationship with technology.

One issue I frequently encounter in my work with parents is what U.S. lawyer Dorrian Horsey calls the "arrogance of disbelief." Many parents believe that because they have raised "good kids," their children are immune to the dangers of the internet. This belief, while well-intentioned, can place youth at greater risk. The truth – online risks don't discriminate based on how "good" a child is. Predators, scammers, and exploitative forces prey on youth indiscriminately, exploiting their natural curiosity, desire for validation, and limited life experience – digital literacy education, combined with parent involvement, can act as the shield to help blunt these challenges.

Parents need to understand that no child is invincible in the onlife world. A proactive approach, built on open communication and trust, is far more effective than a reactive or fearful one such as delaying all technology until a certain age or covertly spying on what your kids are doing online. Encouraging dialogue about online experiences, setting realistic expectations, and teaching youth to navigate the internet as critically as they do the physical world can protect them from harm – it's not about "no" tech, it's all about "know" tech.

Parents, caregivers, and educators are crucial in helping youth develop healthy relationships with technology. The goal should not be to demonize the internet, technology, or restrict its use, but instead foster resilience and adaptability in young people. By embracing technology as a part of their lives, we can guide youth toward making safer and informed choices that allow them to thrive online, again building resiliency. When we share our concerns with our kids about their onlife world, we should do so in a way that ties into where they are today and is relevant to their life and appeals to their intelligence and experience. This will help them make good onlife decisions.

We must also model good behavior ourselves whether that's respecting privacy, engaging thoughtfully on social media, or being conscious of our screen use. If youth see us using technology responsibly, they are more likely to follow suit – I truly believe that we parents and caregivers are the best role models when it comes to the use of technology.

The internet and the technology to access it is here to stay, and it will only continue to evolve – case in point, the transformative development of artificial intelligence (AI). As it does, so too must our approach to guiding youth through its complexities. Rather than focusing on controlling or fearing technology, let's get challenged and focus on educating, empowering, and equipping young people with the skills they need to succeed in an increasingly digital world in a developmentally age-appropriate way. By doing so, we will help them become not just passive users but savvy, responsible, resilient, and thoughtful participants in today's onlife world.

My personal perspective – just saying!



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AT A GLANCE ...

MEN'S GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

3rd Tuesday, 3:30-5pm

In a society that often discourages men from openly discussing their emotions, this group provides a much-needed platform for sharing stories, offering support, and building resilience. It helps break down the stigma surrounding male grief, fostering emotional wellbeing and strengthening community relationships. No one should have to grieve alone; for many men, support groups offer a vital lifeline on their journey toward healing.

By providing tools to process grief in a healthy and supportive environment, our men's grief support group is not just important—it is essential.

Registration Required:

Please email griefsupport@honi.org or call (208) 772-7994 to register.

LEAF FEST WILL BEGIN ON NOVEMBER 12

More info on Page 16 of this issue or visit cdaid.org/leafpickup.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Children's Village has grown into Canopy
Village: Youth & Family Services.
Since the 1980's, their mission has
remained unchanged. They are a trauma
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Vision: compassionate communities where every child feels safe,
secure, and is nurtured in a stable and loving family.

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Did you know families who are enrolled in Medicaid and SNAP are automatically eligible for WIC?

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Harvest & Holiday Fun

Scarywood Haunted Nights

Sept 27-Oct 26. Online ticket sales only.

Wed & Sat in October (other days available for field trips, barn rental, birthday parties)

Holiday Light Show Cruise to the **North Pole**

Fall Fest, Applepalooza DOWNTOWN COEUR D'ALENE **Harvest Festival**

Prairie Home Farm

November 15 - January 2

October 25-26 3C's Craft Show

hrei.org

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northidahocasa.com

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silvermt.com/upcoming-events/details/halloweekends

VOTE!!! November 5

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November 9 SARS Ski Swap

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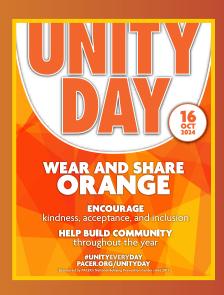
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Fall & Winter Fundraisers, Festivals & Fun

Celebrate Culture & Diversity!

Oct 16: Unity Day



Together against bullying. UNITED for kindness, acceptance and inclusion.

Make it ORANGE and make it end! What are your true colors when it comes to showing that you believe that all youth should be safe from bullying? Come together in one giant ORANGE message of hope and support, WEAR AND SHARE ORANGE to color our nation, and even the world, visibly showing that our society believes that no child should ever experience bullying.

All regional schools will be participating and businesses and community members are encouraged to show their support.

9:00 a.m. First Friday of Every Month



A great networking opportunity to meet & discuss upcoming arts & culture related events. Network, collaborate & plan together with other artists, performers, arts organizations, and stay up-to-date on our local arts events. Share talents and opportunities. Anyone interested in the arts, or looking for volunteer opportunities, is welcome. Visit: www.artsandculturecda.org/arts-buzz-1

November is Native American Heritage Month



Join HREI and experience various cultural activities throughout the month.

Dec 10: Human Rights Day



This annual community program highlights the Universal Declaration of Human Rights with a reading from students, musical celebration, crafts and a viewing of our current Social Justice exhibit.



For info on all events, visit www.HREI.org

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FOCUS ON GRADUATION

COLLEGE CHOICES AVAILABLE IN COEUR D'ALENE

It's now easier than ever to get a college degree and not even leave North Idaho. Whether you're in high school, about to graduate from high school, or you've been out of school for many years, there's lots of higher education opportunities in our backyard.

Not only are there a wide variety of courses to choose from, there's also variety when it comes to the type of degree to pursue. Here's some basic information about North Idaho colleges and universities:

WHAT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ARE IN COEUR D'ALENE?:

- North Idaho College
- · University of Idaho
- · Lewis-Clark State College
- Boise State University
- · Idaho State University

WHERE ARE THE COLLEGES LOCATED?

The DeArmond Building was officially opened in September 2019 to serve all five colleges and universities represented at the North Idaho College Campus. Students are able to speak with college representatives to work on their admission & transfer process, financial aid, tutoring, and more.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE FROM EACH COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY?

For an excellent overview of what is offered in CdA, visit www.northidahohighereducation.org. There you'll find a summary of each school, a summary of what programs they offer, and links to the colleges' websites.

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

Each school has a slightly different process, but here's some basic information that will help.

- Idaho colleges operate on a semester system. In general that means one semester begins in August and the other in January. Most colleges also offer a compressed summer session.
- 2. The Idaho State Board of Education has made applying to Idaho Colleges even easier. Seniors receive an

acceptance letter from Idaho Colleges based on their test scores. They can then follow these steps from the nextsteps.idaho.gov website:

- Use the Idaho Schools Directory to research your options.
- Compare your options side by side.
- Think about visiting an Idaho college campus.
- Use Apply Idaho to submit applications to the Idaho colleges and universities you may want to attend, with no application fee.

FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Going to college is expensive. Be sure to tap into every resource you have to help fund your college experience. Here are a few tips:

- Visit your college website and search for scholarship opportunities. Every college has scholarship money available. You'll also find lots of information and links on their website to great resources to help pay for college.
- 2. Complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid or FAFSA. It's the federal government program for financial aid and student loans.

 Each college can help you learn about the financial aid process and there's lots of information online at studentaid.gov
- There is funding available for Idaho high school students that helps pay for college tuition for dual credit classes or exams. Check with your high school counseling office for how to apply.
- 4. Visit edinfocentercda.com/Pay-for-School/North-Idaho-Scholarships for the most comprehensive list of local, state, and regional scholarships

A FEW MORE THINGS!

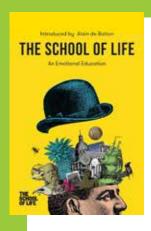
- Don't be afraid to ask LOTS of questions.
- The Admissions Office at every college is there to help you.
- You're not the only one to ask that question! Keep asking questions until you understand exactly what needs to be done.
- Deadlines are deadlines. There's no flexibility. Start early so you have lots of time to figure it out.







PEACE & JOY



Alain de Botton's School of Life offers a refreshing, compassionate approach to understanding ourselves and others, serving as a gentle reminder to extend grace—to ourselves and those around us. With its deep exploration of philosophy, psychology, and personal development, the program encourages emotional intelligence and selfawareness, reminding us that kindness and understanding are essential for

navigating life's complexities.

One of the most striking elements of School of Life is its invitation to reconsider how we judge ourselves and others. Often, we carry harsh, critical inner voices or project unrealistic expectations onto those around us. De Botton urges us to recognize that everyone is navigating their own emotional challenges. By acknowledging our shared struggles, we are encouraged to approach others with empathy, seeing not just their actions but the unseen battles they may be fighting. This shift in perspective

SCHOOL OF LIFE

invites us to let go of unnecessary judgments and offer more understanding, even in moments of frustration or disappointment.

Equally important is the grace School of Life helps us extend to ourselves. Many of the lessons gently remind us that it is okay to be flawed, to fail, or to feel lost at times. De Botton's tone is never harsh or prescriptive, but rather warm, conversational, and infused with humor. This makes even difficult subjects like insecurity, vulnerability, and emotional pain feel more approachable, offering a sense of solidarity in our shared human experience.

Ultimately, School of Life is not just a resource for self-improvement, but a call for collective emotional well-being. It reminds us that relationships, work, and personal fulfillment all benefit from empathy, patience, and grace. In a world that often prizes perfection, School of Life offers a comforting, much-needed antidote—an invitation to be kinder to ourselves and others as we navigate the ups and downs of life.

Shelly Zollman - North Idaho Family Group



Nurturing Resilience in Students: A Teacher's Perspective on Addressing World Issues

One of the greatest issues we face as educators and parents is how to guide students through complex global topics. At ITCA, we emphasize the importance of critical thinking and media literacy. Teaching students to be critical thinkers and seek diverse perspectives helps equip them with the skills to differentiate credible sources from potentially misleading ones. This not only fosters a deeper understanding of current events but also cultivates a sense of responsibility both in consuming and sharing such information.

Technology enables everyone to share their own stories, almost making anyone a "journalist." But true journalism is a profession that demands rigorous education and practice to ensure accuracy and authenticity. We guide our students to approach information with a healthy dose of skepticism, emphasizing that not everything they encounter online is necessarily true.

As you spend time with your student, consider how the conversations they overhear can shape their worldview — both positively and negatively. Invite your child to have conversations with you and other family members and help them to feel empowered to ask questions. When having these conversations, consider these points:

- When it comes to current world events, promoting open, respectful discussion is paramount. My team at ITCA encourages a thoughtful and
 empathetic environment where students learn to respect diverse opinions. Discussing current issues by encouraging open dialogue enables our
 students to engage in meaningful conversations.
- Look at history before forming an opinion. For example, if one studies the First and Second World Wars, one can see how different events and outcomes have shaped things geographically and politically and set the stage for where we are today.
- Ask questions, lots of questions. It's good to ask questions, learn and form one's own opinions. We encourage students to be active learners who gather as much information as one can about a topic or situation.

Having these discussions with your children provides them with support that fosters resilience and helps them navigate the emotional challenges that are often tied to current events.

By Kristi Granier, Counselor, Idaho Technical Career Academy. Granier has 13 years of experience as a college advisor and high school counselor and is committed to equipping students for life after high school. Her work centers on offering valuable opportunities and delivering both academic and personal support. Through her involvement with ITCA, she has been able to connect with students across all regions of Idaho.



As the fall turns to winter every year City of CDA street crews begin their annual Leaf-fest. Leaf Pickup historically will generate over 1400 tons of leaves from all corners of town.

The leaves are pulled away from the gutter of the streets where loaders will bunch them into the intersections. The leaves are shredded, to become compost.

Tuesday, November 12th marks the start of the Coeur d'Alene's annual leaf pick-up program. Please keep leaves on your property until Friday, November 1st. After this time, leaves may be placed in the street at least one foot from the curb to allow for water drainage. City crews and equipment are limited, so they need your help. Leaves will be picked up only once. Please do not put leaves in the street after city crews have completed your area and do not include bagged leaves, branches, debris or trash.

Pick-up will start south of Sherman Avenue and move north. The City expects completion in early December. Follow their progress on cdaid.org/leafpickup.

When Leaf Pickup begins in your neighborhood:

- Please keep your eyes and ears out for equipment.
- Please move vehicles off the street.
- Sweepers come behind the crews to clean the streets, and their goal is curb-to-curb cleaning.
- Please do not put any leaves out after they have completed your neighborhood.



Idaho Public Television in the Classroom

Where can students experience the life of a logger on northern Idaho's Clearwater River, understand the Chinese immigrant experience in early Idaho, and learn what it's like to be a state wildlife agent?

Idaho teachers create media-based classroom activities on these topics and many more, and Idaho Public Television publishes them on PBS LearningMedia, a free, national online library of more than 120,000 digital media resources across all K-12 curriculum areas.

Moscow teacher Lacey Watkins says it can be challenging to find Idaho Standards-based content for use in the classroom. This is especially true for fourth-grade history, which focuses on the Gem State.

When Watkins discovered PBS LearningMedia lesson plans on Idaho historical figures and events featured in the historical documentary series Idaho Experience, she was excited to share it with her colleagues. "I feel like more fourth-grade teachers need to know about this."

The Idaho Standards-aligned lessons use short videos and other media to encourage student engagement in the classroom. Students can complete and submit assignments through the platform, and teachers can check progress on their work.

"I am blown away by the resources provided on the PBS LearningMedia website. I instantly contacted my teacher friends and told them they must use this!" says Jacque B., homeschool parent, former kindergarten teacher, and former elementary school principal in Boise.

"I was so delighted to find this massive portal of all of these resources," says Molly Loayza, English Language Learner (ELL) teacher at Lewis and Clark Elementary in Caldwell. "There is a plethora of well-planned, standards-aligned resources for all grade levels."

Idaho Public Television's content on the platform includes Outdoor Idaho, Idaho Experience, Science Trek, Know Vape: The Dangers of Youth Vaping, Native Voices (Kessler Keener Foundation), and Moments in Time from the Journals of Lewis and Clark.

Dworshak Elementary second-grade teacher Melissa Simmons says there are endless PBS LearningMedia activities to use in classrooms. Idaho Experience's lessons on Idaho history are some she is particularly fond of. With PBS LearningMedia, "I can filter lessons by standards and go from English Language Arts to Science to Social Studies."

Not only do Idaho educators, homeschool parents, childcare providers, and librarians use Idaho lesson plans on PBS LearningMedia, but educators and students around the nation learn about our state through the curriculum.

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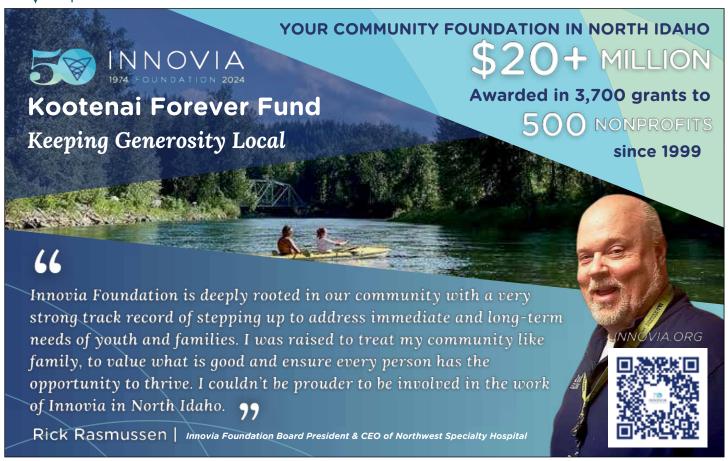
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Watch tutorials on how to make the most of PBS LearningMedia.



















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Big changes for Heritage Health on the way

"We're thrilled to announce a significant milestone in the growth journey of Heritage Health," says Baker. "As part of our sustained commitment to healthcare excellence, we're embarking on a major expansion project that will transform the delivery of healthcare in our region.

"This consolidation allows us to offer a broader range of services under one roof, enhancing our commitment to providing comprehensive, patientcentered care."

The new center will house various health divisions, including therapy, recovery services, and NBS. Behavioral Health Services is scheduled to begin moving into the remodeled building in early December through mid-January. Heritage Health will hold an open house in March of 2025.

Medical services, including pediatrics, dental and pharmacy, is expected to move into the Center for Healthy Living in 2026.



"As we innovate and enhance healthcare delivery in Idaho, our new facilities will serve the specific needs of our community and elevate patient care," said Baker. "During this transformation, we're fully committed to supporting our dedicated teams and ensuring continuity of care for our patients. We're also mindful of the impact of this project on our local environment and community, taking substantial measures to minimize any disruptions during the construction and operational phases."

Heritage Health was founded in 1985 by Lidwin Dirne, a community advocate. The nonprofit has changed names several times during its lifetime and it became a federally qualified community health center in 2004.

Heritage Health currently has 12 clinic locations in Coeur d'Alene, Post Falls, Rathdrum, Kellogg and St. Maries.



208-620-5250 myheritagehealth.org



ACCEPTING NEW PATIENTS

- Medical
- Dental
- Therapy Services
- Recovery Services

208.620.5250 myHeritageHealth.org

Clinic Locations

Coeur d'Alene | Post Falls | Rathdrum | Kellogg | St. Maries



Holiday Crafts & Recipes

Beaded Corn Craft

MATERIALS

- Tan Pipe Cleaners (4)
- Pony Beads

NOTE: Place your pony beads into a bowl to keep them within easy reach while beading your pipe cleaners.

INSTRUCTIONS

- First, twist the pipe cleaners together in the center and fan out.
- Bead each piece, leaving about 2" unbeaded at the ends
- Fold the spokes up, and twist the ends of the pipe cleaners together to create the corn husk.
- Adjust the beaded pieces until they look like corn. Voila!

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Grinch Fruit Kabobs

Here's a (mostly) healthy treat that the kids can help make for your holiday party or after-school treats!

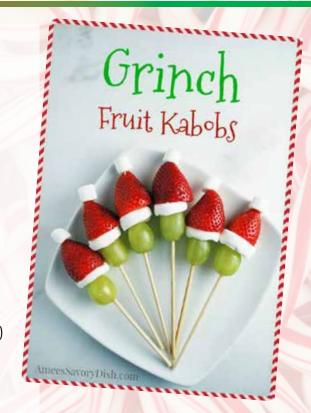
INGREDIENTS

- 8 large marshmallows
- 24 mini marshmallows
- 2 pints fresh strawberries 24 large strawberries
- 24 green grapes rinsed and patted dry
- 24 wooden kabob skewers
- *optional: tube of chocolate frosting or edible marker for making faces

DIRECTIONS

- Thread a grape onto the kabob skewer
- Cut a large marshmallow into thirds with kitchen scissors
- Slide a slice of marshmallow onto the stick
- Slice the top off a strawberry and thread onto the skewer (large side first)
- Top with mini marshmallow
- Serve plain or decorate with frosting.

Source: https://ameessavorydish.com/grinch-fruit-kabobs/





MEMBER DIRECTORY

This is a partial list of services provided by members of the North Idaho Family Group and select immediate needs providers. All area codes are 208 unless specified. Visit www.niservicesdirectory.com for an ongoing and updated list of North Idaho Immediate & Basic Needs service providers.

Child/Youth - Services/Support

Boys & Girls Club of Kootenai County | 925 N 15th St, CdA | 618-2582 | 200 W Mullan Ave, Post Falls | 457-9089 | northidahobgc.org

Campfire Inland Northwest | 524 N Mullan, Spokane WA | 509-747-6191 campfireinc.org

Fosterful | 2633 W Apperson Drive CdA | fosterful.org

Fostering Idaho | 2005 Ironwood Pkwy #200, CdA | fosteringidaho.org (800) 745-1186

Guardians of the Children | 2315 N Rebecca St, Spokane WA | 509-998-2535 quardiansofthechildren.com

Girl Scouts of Eastern Washington & Northern Idaho | 509-747-8091 gsewni.org

Idaho Drug Free Youth | IDFY.org | 664-4339

Idaho Sound Beginnings | healthandwelfare.idaho.gov

Idaho Youth Ranch/Anchor House | 1609 N Government Way, CdA 667-3340 | youthranch.org

Region 1 Idaho Infant Toddler Program/Regional Early Childhood Committee 208-882-6904 | healthandwelfare.idaho.gov

Civic/Volunteer

Human Rights Education Institute | 414 Mullan Ave, CdA | 292-2359 | hrei.org Civic Engagement Alliance | 414 Mullan Ave, CdA | 274-3426 | civicengagecda. com

Crisis Intervention

Emergency, Fire & Police | 911

Child Protective Services | 1120 Ironwood Drive, CdA | 855-552-5437 healthandwelfare.idaho.gov

Children's Village | 1350 W Hanley Ave, CdA | 667-1189 | thechildrensvillage.org ICARE | 201 E Harrison Ave, CdA | 676-1515 | icareforchildren.org

Domestic Violence Hotline | 664-9303

Idaho Poison Control Center | ID | 800-222-1222

Idaho Suicide Prevention Hotline | 800-273-8255

Kootenai County Crisis Hotline | 664-1443

Kootenai County Sheriff | 466-1300 or 911

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children | 800-843-5678

Northern Idaho Crisis Center | 2195 Ironwood Court #D, CdA | 625-4884 | nicrisiscenter.org

Post Falls Police Victim Services Unit | 1717 E Polston Ave, Post Falls 773-1080 | postfallspolice.com

Rape Crisis Line | 661-2522

Safe Passage | 850 N 4th St, CdA | 664-9303 | safepassageid.org

Education - Adult

North Idaho College | 1000 W Garden Ave, CdA | 769-3315 | nic.edu

North Idaho Higher Education | northidahohighereducation.org

North Idaho College Workforce Training & Community Education
525 W Clearwater Loop, Post Falls | 769-3222 | nic.edu/wtc

University of Idaho | 1031 N Academic Way #242, CdA | 667-2588 | uidaho.edu

Education - Child

Cd'A School #271 | 1400 N Northwood Center Ct, CdA | cdaschools.org Emerge CDA | 119 N 2nd Street, CdA | emergecda.com

Emerged Learning: Academic Enrichment | emerge-learn.com GeoKids | exploregeokidz@gmail.com

Iris' House Pre-School & Childcare | 410 N 20th St, CdA | 667-3785

KTEC-Kootenai Technical Education Campus | 6838 W Lancaster Rd, Rathdrum | 712-4733 | ktectraining.org

Lake City Figure Skating / Frontier Ice Arena | 3525 W Seltice Way | CdA 603-667-7178 | lakecityfigureskating.org

Lake City Highland Dance Inc. | 4672 Magrath Dr, CdA | 619-9278 | lakecityhighlanddance.com

Mountain States Early Head Start | 411 N 15th St #200, CdA 765-6955 | msehs.org

North Idaho College Head Start | 411 N 15th St #103, CdA 666-6755 | nicheadstart.org

Natural Connections Academy | 5827 W Conklin Rd, Worley | 208-428-6224 North Idaho School of Rock | northidahorockschool.com

Quest Academy North Idaho | 6200 W Hayden Ave, Rathdrum | 889-8040 questacademyni.com

Wired2Learn Academy | 1800 N Hwy 41, Post Falls | 699-6232 wired2learnacademy.com

Family Services

Family Promise of North Idaho | 501 E Wallace Ave, CdA | 777-4190 familypromiseni.org

Government

2-1-1 Idaho CareLine | PO Box 83720 | Boise | 800-926-2588 idahocareline.org

Coeur d'Alene Parks Department | 710 E Mullan Ave, CdA 769-2252 | cdaid.org/parks

Department of Health and Welfare | 1120 Ironwood Dr, CdA | 769-1409 or 211 Family Resource & Training Center | 2005 Ironwood Parkway #200, CdA 800-745-1186 | icwrtc.org

Idaho SHIBA / Idaho Department of Insurance | doi.idaho.gov

Healthcare

Heritage Health | 1090 Park Place, CdA | 292-0292 | myheritagehealth.org HomeTown Family Chiropractic | 291 E Appleway Ave #101, CdA | 261-2206 hometowncda.com

Hospice of North Idaho | 2290 W Prairie Ave, CdA | 772-7994 | honi.org Idaho Sound Beginnings | 334-0829 | healthandwelfare.idaho.gov idahosoundbeginnings@dhw.idaho.gov

Kootenai Health | 2003 Kootenai Health Way, CdA

667-3742, PF 619-4100, SP 263-6763 | kootenaihealth.org

Kootenai Urgent Care | CdA, Post Falls, Hayden | kootenaiurgentcare.com Open Arms PCC & Real Choices Clinic | 8056 N Wayne Drive, Haydenn | 667-5433 | realchoicesclinic.com

Panhandle Health District | 8500 N Atlas Rd, Hayden | 415-5100 panhandlehealthdistrict.org

Peach Orthodontics | 1145 E Polston Ave, Post Falls | 618-5111 peachortho.com

SafeStart - NISSA | 212 South 11th St #1, CdA | 206-548-9290 | nwsids.org Shriner's Hospital for Children | 911 W 5th Ave, Spokane, WA 509-455-7844 | shrinershospitalsforchildren.org/spokane

Spoelstra Family Chiropractic | 214 West Sunset Ave, CdA | 667-7434 cdahealth.com

Healthcare - Mental

Northern Idaho Crisis Center I 2195 Ironwood Court, #D, CdA 625-4884 nicrisiscenter.org

Northwest Behavioral Health | 1612 N 3rd St, CdA | 765-4509

Community / Misc.

Christian Youth Theater (CYT) North Idaho | PO Box 3250, CdA | 765-8600 cvtnorthidaho.org

Coeur d'Alene Arts & Cultural Alliance | 105 N 1st St #100, CdA | 292-1629 artsandculturecda.org

Coeur Climbing Company | 764 Clearwater Loop Rd #101, Post Falls 777-9253 | coeurclimbing.com

Coeur d'Alene Library Foundation | 702 E Front Ave, CdA | 769-2315 cdalibrary.org

Coeur d'Alene Public Library | 702 E Front Ave, CdA | 208-769-2315 | cdalibrary.org

Coeur d'Alene Summer Theatre | 4951 Building Center Dr #105, CdA 660-2958 | cdasummertheatre.com

Community Library Network | Athol, Harrison, Hayden, Pinehurst, Post Falls, Rathdrum, Spirit Lake | communitylibrary.net

Destiny King Productions | Destinykingpro.com

DogNlt Hotel & Daycare | 2890 N Government Way, CdA | dognit-daycarekennel.business.site

Elite Auction | 640-7449 | eliteauctioninc.com

Express Employment Professionals | 2834 N Ramsey Rd #104, CdA 667-5627 expresspros.com |

Idaho Education News | idahoednews.org

Idaho Public Television | idahoptv.org

Innovia Foundation | innovia.org

Jump for Joy | 250 W Dalton Ave, CdA | 664-5200 | jumpforjoycda.com LeafFilter Gutter Protection | LeafFilter.com

LeafGuard of Spokane | 11407 E Montgomery, Spokane Valley | leafguard.com Momentum Sports and Play | 245 W Bosanko Ave Ste 1, CdA | 966-4535 momentumsportsandplay.com

Museum of North Idaho | 115 NW Blvd, CdA | 664-3448 | museumni.org NIBCA Education Committee | nibca.com

North Idaho Sports Commission | PO Box 391, CdA | 503-740-9946 nisportscommission.org

Northwest Family Network | 721 E Linden Ave #308, CDA facebook.com/northwestfamilynetwork

Northwest Health & Safety Network | 1424 E Sherman Ave, CdA | northwesthsn@gmail.com

Pillar of Legacy, LLC | pillaroflegacy@gmail.com

Positive Possibilities | facebook.com/groups/positivepossibilities

Renewal by Anderson I rbawa.com

Running Shoes 4 Kids | facebook.com/runningshoes4kids

Safesplash + Swimlabs of CdA | safesplash.com/locations/coeur-d-alene-id The Salvation Army Ray & Joan Kroc Community Center | 1765 W Golf Course Rd, CdA | kroccda.org

Religious/Fraternal

First Presbyterian Church | 521 E Lakeside Ave, CdA | 667-8446 1stpresdowntown.org

Heart of the City Church | 722 W Kathleen, CdA | 665-7808 | theheartcda.com Lutherhaven Ministries | 3258 W Lutherhaven Rd, CdA | 667-3459 | lutherhaven.com

The Vine Church | 9140 N Reed Rd, Hayden | 449-2080 | thevineidaho.org

Pet & Animal Services

Coeur d'Alene Animal Control | 5500 N Government Way, CdA 446-1300 | kcsheriff.com/animalcontrol.html

Senior Services

Adult Protection Services | 2120 Lakewood Dr. #B, CdA | 667-3179 ElderHelp | 9420 Government Way, Hayden | 661-8870 | ehoni.org North Idaho Home Health | Ihcgroup.com/locations/north-idaho-home-health Onsite4Seniors | 967-4771 | onsite4Seniors.org

Social Services

CAP Community Action Partnership Food Bank | 4144 Industrial Ave #E, CdA 664-8757 | cap4action.org

Habitat for Humanity | 176 W Wyoming Ave, Hayden | 762-4663 Idaho Dept. of Health & Welfare | 1120 Ironwood Drive, CdA

healthandwelfare.idaho.gov

St Vincent de Paul | 201 E. Harrison Ave, CdA | 664-3095 stvincentdepaulcda.org

Union Gospel Mission Center for Women & Children | 196 W Haycraft Ave, CdA 665-4673 | uniongospelmission.org

United Way of North Idaho | 501 E. Lakeside Ave #3, CdA | 667-8112 unitedwayofnorthidaho.org

Special Needs

Trinity Group Homes, SVDP | 201 E. Harrison Ave, CdA | 664-3095 stvincentdepaulcda.org

Substance Abuse-Recovery/Prevention

Al-Anon | CdA | 676-0549 | al-anon-idaho.org Alcoholics Anonymous | 118 N 7th St #B5, CdA | 667-4633 | aa.org Idaho Drug Free Youth | 2028 Best Ave, CdA | 664-4339 idahodrugfreeyouth.org

Kootenai Recovery Community Center | 120 E Anton Ave, CdA | 932-8005 | kootenairecovery.org

Support Networks/Groups

Operation Second Chance | operationsecondchance.org
Disability Action Center | dacnw.org
Ds Connections NW | dsconnectionsnw.org |
3839 W Prairie Ave, Hayden | (877) 733-3955
Reentry Idaho | 900-9075 | reentryidaho.org
Your Friend Pamela Faye Cancert Support | friendsofpamela.org

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