

# USU Extension Grants

## Final Report--2016

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Project Title: Summer 4-H Science Camps

Project Beginning Date and End Date: Begin—May 15, 2016; End—August 31, 2016

Total Requested: Up to \$10,000

Project Summary:

Summer Science Camps in Price, Utah helped children, ages 6-12, explore the science of the world around them. Two employees were hired to teach the camps. The camps were held in cooperation with the Carbon Recreation Department summer program for children.

Project Results:

- a) We used the curricula provided by Utah 4-H state staff to provide guidance to the camp teachers.
- b) We increased the number of weeks for the science camps during the summer from 5 weeks to 8 weeks—114 youth participants. There was a 34% increase in the number of youth participants. Eighteen of those participants were Hispanic, whom we had not been able to reach in previous years. When computed to daily contacts, the Summer 4-H Science Camps in Carbon County totaled 530 daily contacts with the children. This program increased youth exposure and awareness to science in the world around them and helped them discover that science is fun. It also added an educational component to the Carbon County Recreation Department Summer Youth program, making it more than a babysitting program. Total expenditures for the summer science camp program in 2016 was \$4,261.77.
- c) Since there was not a request for presentations at the 4-H In-service in 2016, the program was not presented at that conference. It will be presented at the 2017 Extension Annual Conference. We will also look at producing a recording that can be attached to the grant report. If 4-H In-service organizers request presentations next year we will propose our Summer 4-H Science Camps.
- d) The cooperative effort with Carbon County Recreation has led to a potential collaborative agreement with them. They have funds to hire people and said they will allow us to hire, train and manage them. This appears to be a very positive way to continue the program.

- 2) In 2015 we presented the Science Camps at the Library program to the State-wide 4-H In-service. When we are asked again to present at 4-H In-service we will present on the comparison between the two programs.