USU Extension 4-H Members Make a Splash at Junior Youth Conference

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University Extension 4-H members from around the state recently congregated at Snow College for Junior Youth Conference (JYC), a three-day camp where youth focus on team building, learning activities and meeting new friends.

With an “Under the Sea” theme, 4-H members participated in STEM workshops about salmon migration, ocean light layers and water filtration. The 4-H members also participated in team building activities including the annual snow follies, a series of water relay games that concluded with a large-scale water fight.

Kelsey Romney, USU Extension 4-H program coordinator, said 4-H members improved self-esteem, strengthened involvement and interest in the 4-H program and had the opportunity to meet other youth from throughout the state.

“We focused on making JYC a fun, developmental experience for youth who are away from their families for the first time,” Romney said. “It was amazing to see how quickly they became strong groups and made new friends through one of their first 4-H experiences.”