

# National 4-H Hall of Fame 2006

## Idaho



### Andy Smyth 4-H Volunteer

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Nominated by: Idaho 4-H

#### Major 4-H Efforts:

Idaho 4-H member 8 years: swine, field crops, leadership. Attended National 4-H Congress in field crops, American Institute of Cooperation, and National 4-H Grain Marketing Conference. IFYE to India. 4-H volunteer leader 31 years. Past President of ID 4-H Leaders' Assoc. and ID 4-H Endowment Board. Chair Western Regional 4-H Leaders' Forum, 1996. Univ. of Idaho College of Agriculture Advisory Council 10 years. National Design Team for TAXI.

#### Honors:

ID 4-H Distinguished Service Award (2003), ID Partner in 4-H Award (1993), ID 4-H Alumni Award (1995), Western Region Volunteer Excellence Award (1997), ID 4-H Hall of Fame (2002); National 4-H Congress Planning Committee 10 years.

#### Biography:

Andy was an eight year ID 4-H member, served as a State 4-H Assn. officer and was selected to attend National 4-H Congress as state winner in field crops. He later was an IFYE to India. As a young volunteer leader, he was asked to lead the county teen group, a role he continued for 27 years. He started the 4-H Ambassador Program in Idaho that just celebrated 20th years and has reached over 600 4-H members. Andy served on the national 4-H TAXI design team and was one of the key trainers. He has been active in recruiting and mentoring volunteers as a member of the Volunteer Middle Manager team. He is past president of both the Idaho 4-H Endowment Board and the Idaho 4-H Leaders Association.

Andy became the 4-H representative on the statewide Advisory Council for UI College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, where he was an effective advocate for 4-H. He is an excellent role model that young people easily identify with and strive to emulate. Andy is a frequently sought out speaker and trainer in the area of working with teens and leadership development. His sincere dedication to 4-H is evident from the thousands of hours he donates to the program, often financing his own travel both to attend and provide training.

#### Quote:

"I cannot adequately describe the positive benefits my experiences as a youth in 4-H have provided in my life. The most amazing thing about 4-H, is that I see the teens today benefiting from the same personal and leadership development experiences that I did in 4-H back in the 1960's."

#### Photos:



Andy (left) as a 4-H member.



Andy was on the adult team for the 2001 Idaho 4-H Teen Conference.



Andy is advisor to the Canyon Co. 4-H Teen Council (2006).