



New Knowledge Adventures

June 2026

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Idaho Gives

The United Seniors Project (USP) would like to express a sincere thank you to everyone who contributed to our lifelong learning center during the Idaho Gives annual event. We raised \$2,020 which makes this a record year since we started our participation in Idaho Gives in 2024 not only in charitable contributions but also in individual donors. You can learn more about USP at <https://unitedseniorsproject.org/>.

The Start of Summer . . . June 21, 2026

Summer Begins in the Northern Hemisphere on the longest day of the year. Also known as the Summer Solstice, this date officially celebrates a time of year when the sun is warm and the outdoors is the place to be. Here is some summer trivia. See answers on Page 3.

1. What is the hottest state in the United States (US)?
2. What is the number one weather killer in the US?
3. What US state is warm all year round?
4. What is the hottest major city in the US?
5. What was the summer that never was?

Upcoming Event

The East Idaho United Way Foster Grandparents Program reached out to NKA to participate in a one day **free** event at Liberty Hall on June 16, 2026. This event will have morning and afternoon classes, with lunch in between. The afternoon sessions from 1:00 – 3:00 will include craft and fitness classes taught by a couple of our regular NKA instructors. See the information below which will also be in the June 2026 East Idaho Senior Living Magazine. Please note **there is an RSVP** specifically due to the lunch being served at noon.

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Building Futures Together Community Learning Day

Supporting volunteers, partnerships, and student

June 16, 2026

Liberty Hall Pocatello, Idaho

Volunteer Skills & Student Support Workshop

10:00-12:00 PM

New & current volunteers — mentoring, positive interaction & student readiness.

12:00-1:00

Community Connection Luncheon
Celebrate volunteers, partnerships, and community impact.

1:00-3:00 PM

Afternoon Enrichment Sessions
Healthy Living & Wellness
Building Connection Through Service
Mindfulness & Mental Well-Being

RSVP by 6/10

208-522-2674 or Scan Below



The Start of Summer . . . Trivia Answers

1. Florida ranks as the hottest state in the country based on average annual temperature, reaching 71.5°F (21.9°C) between 1991 and 2020. Florida, particularly southern Florida experiences very hot, humid summers.
2. Extreme heat is the number one weather-related killer in the United States and globally, causing more fatalities annually than floods, tornadoes, or lightning. According to the National Weather Service, it results in hundreds of deaths each year by causing dehydration, heatstroke, and exacerbating cardiovascular or respiratory illnesses.
3. Hawaii is the only U.S. state that is consistently warm all year round, with temperatures generally ranging between 65–85°F and no risk of freezing or snow at sea level.
4. Phoenix, Arizona, is generally considered the hottest major city in the U.S. due to its high summer temperatures (averaging 93.7°F, often exceeding 110°F) and over 100 days a year above 100°F.
5. In 1816, summer never came to the New England states because of an eruption of Mount Tambora in Indonesia in 1815 which triggered a change in the global climate. The eruption cloud blocked sunlight from reaching the earth and changed the global climate by 2–7°F, the effects of which devastated much of the world in what should have been the summer of 1816. Crops failed across Europe and the U.S. due to the cold or lack of sunshine.



*Best wishes
for a safe
and fun
summer!*



The mission of NKA is to expand knowledge, stay vital, and explore new ideas in an informal, non-competitive environment.