Quote

“I love this show. So much history and wilderness shots. Very interesting show.” Robert

Celebrate Festival 2020 with Idaho Public Television!

Wednesday, March 11, is Family Fun Night. Tune in for a retrospective with your favorite Muppets, see what’s exciting in the Science Trek universe, and enjoy a thrilling combination of figure skating and dance.

In Sesame Street: 50 Years & Still Sunny! at 7 p.m., join host Gloria Estefan for a 50th anniversary celebration of the iconic children’s series. This new documentary includes celebrity appearances, interviews with puppeteers, and video clips of Sesame Street’s most unforgettable moments.

Science Trek “Sampler” at 8:30 p.m. gives viewers a visual taste of some of the fun, educational videos they can find on the Science Trek website. Learn about things like dinosaurs in Idaho and the fundamental forces of nature. Explore the lives of mountain goats, and find out why it is so hard to classify living creatures.

Remembering Rich Van Genderen

We were devastated to learn that Rich Van Genderen, IdahoPTV’s director of technology, passed away suddenly Monday, February 17. Rich was 62 years old and had been with IdahoPTV for more than 28 years. As anyone who knew him will tell you, Rich was one of the nicest and most dedicated people imaginable. A techie who first and foremost cared about people. He leaves behind his wife, Laralee; five grown children; and 11 grandchildren. Our Idaho Public TV family is grieving the loss of our friend and colleague.
In the Community

Outdoor Idaho “Sawtooths On My Mind” Screening and Discussion

This new Outdoor Idaho program examines the allure of this remarkable mountain range from the point of view of people who are seeing it for the first time and folks who have worked to preserve the unique nature of the Sawtooth National Recreation Area.

Join the award-winning Outdoor Idaho production team for a discussion about this film following the screening.

Sunday, March 22, at 3:00 p.m., at The Community Library in Ketchum, John A. and Carol O. Moran Lecture Hall

The event is free, but seating is limited. Register online at idahoptv.org or call 800-543-6868.

Accepting Nominations for Digital Innovator

The IdahoPTV Digital Innovator program recognizes Idaho teachers who enhance learning by integrating technology or digital media into their classrooms. Each spring IdahoPTV selects one Idaho K-12 educator to serve as Digital Innovator for the following school year. Whether you’re a fellow teacher, a school administrator, a parent or a student, you can nominate your favorite classroom change-maker to be the 2020-2021 IdahoPTV Digital Innovator. Do you know an educator who pushes the boundaries of teaching to better engage their students and enhances learning by integrating technology or digital media into their classroom? A teacher who is passionate, bold and innovative? A classroom collaborator who is excited to share new resources and skills with fellow educators? We are accepting nominations from March 16 through April 17, 2020. Nominees must be K-12 educators holding a current teaching certificate and currently teaching in an Idaho classroom or working in an Idaho school. You can make your nomination online at idahoptv.org/educators.

Early Learning Educational Event Open to the Public

IdahoPTV’s early learning educational events are free and open to the public. Our education team presents story times, demonstrates literacy or STEM activities, and distributes take-home activities.

Monday, March 9, at 10:15 a.m., Homedale Public Library story time and STEM activity.
The Idaho Public Television PBS KIDS Writers Contest is here!

The PBS KIDS Writers Contest is open to children in grades Kindergarten to 3rd grade. All entries must be postmarked by Saturday, March 21, 2020. For information, check out the website: idahoptv.org/kids/writers/ or call 800-543-6868.

Our IdahoPTV Productions

“Sawtooths on My Mind”
– Airs Thursday, March 5, at 8 p.m.

Who can forget their first view of the Sawtooth Mountains — one of the West’s most iconic landscapes. During the summer months, it is not unusual to find hikers from all over the world utilizing the 350 miles of trails that connect many of the 400 lakes scattered throughout the distinctive granite peaks. “Sawtooths On My Mind” examines the allure of this remarkable mountain range, from the point of view of people who are seeing it for the first time and folks who have worked to preserve the unique flavor of the region. The Outdoor Idaho crew hikes deep into the Sawtooth National Recreation Area to capture the magic of one of the West’s youngest batholiths. The extremes of weather, including relatively recent glacial activity, have earned the Sawtooths their distinctive name. “This is The People’s Wilderness, so accessible and so beloved,” says producer Bruce Reichert. “Visitors who are content to spend their time at Redfish Lake and lifetime caretakers who worry about the fragility of this area — they all speak from the heart about one of Idaho’s truly inspiring landscapes.”

“Idaho’s Constitution Revealed”
– Airs Sunday, March 8, at 8:30 p.m.

When the Idaho Constitution was written in 1889, it helped propel Idaho to statehood. It created our government and established our rights as citizens. But the constitution is showing its age: its binding is breaking, its pages are torn or loose, and its lamination is peeling. “Idaho’s Constitution Revealed” examines the Idaho Constitution in its time and ours — and reveals how the Idaho State Historical Society is preserving the constitution for future generations. “When the Historical Society invited us to document the conservation of the Idaho Constitution, I had no idea how much new information we’d reveal, the characters we’d encounter or the mysteries we’d investigate,” says producer Bill Manny. “It’s a real treat to be able to take viewers along this path of discovery.” The constitution represented our state’s highest ideals — and some of its worst impulses. Its soaring declaration of rights promised freedom for all. But other provisions denied rights to women, minorities, and members of the LDS church. Because the document was both short-sighted and visionary, it contained the very mechanisms necessary to correct the founders’ prejudices.
In new video shorts, host Joan Cartan-Hansen explores the geologic forces that shape our planet, the types of rocks and minerals that comprise it, and how scientists are studying the ancient Earth.

Each month, *Science Trek* explores a subject with digital shorts available on the *Science Trek* website ([sciencetrek.org](http://sciencetrek.org)), on YouTube, and on PBS Learning Media.

The *Science Trek* website has facts, games, links, and lesson plans correlated to Idaho and national science standards.