

Purpose

University of Idaho Extension offers the Master Food Safety Advisor Program (*aka Master Food Preserver*) to teach participants how to safely preserve high-quality foods. After completion of the coursework, participants work with the community to complete their volunteer time (see Phase 2 – Volunteer Service). This is a great opportunity to share your knowledge.



Who Can Apply?

- Anyone with an interest in food preservation and food safety
- Anyone with little to no food preservation experience
- Anyone interested in expanding and sharing their knowledge with others
- Anyone who enjoys being involved in their community
- Residents who live in Ada, Adams, Canyon, Elmore, Gem, Owyhee, Payette, Valley, or Washington Counties

Training Phases

Phase 1 – Attend Each Educational Session

Bridget Morrisroe, Family & Consumer Sciences Extension Educator, and Nikki Telford, Family & Consumer Sciences Program Coordinator, will teach the 7-week course in a lecture format using videos and hands-on preservation labs to enhance your learning experience. Demonstrations are taught by our Advanced Master Food Safety Advisors. Homework and readings are assigned to prepare you for the following session.

Topics include:

- Canning Acid Foods (Fruits and Tomatoes)
- Canning Low-Acid Foods (Meats and Vegetables)
- Jams, Jellies, and Preserves
- Pickling
- Dehydration
- Food Safety
- Freezing Methods
- Teaching Tips and Aids

Phase 2 – Volunteer Service*

Participants are required to complete 30 hours of volunteer service, which can be completed in their county of residence. Opportunities include answering food safety questions via phone, assisting with and/or teaching classes, staffing booths, and making displays.

Where and When: The course is offered weekly on Tuesdays at the UI, Ada County Extension office. Classes start end of January.

Certification

Participants are certified as University of Idaho Extension Master Food Safety Advisors when they have completed the 7- week course and 30 hours of volunteer service. Participants can recertify for the Advanced Master Food Safety Advisor Program in January of the following year.

When Should I Apply?

A limited number of applicants are accepted each year on a first-come, first-served basis. An application will be mailed or emailed to those who complete this form.

Application deadline:

January 6th 2026



Cost – \$95
(with volunteer time)

\$95.00 fee includes a handbook, additional reference materials, food, lab supplies, and 40 hours of instruction time with hands-on labs

**If participants are unable to complete the 30 hours of volunteer service or if you choose to complete only phase 1, participants will be charged an additional \$300.00 (\$395.00 total). Preference will be given to individuals interested in completing both phases.*

Please send me an application for the Master Food Safety Advisor Program.

Class fee is collected after your application has been submitted and your application has been approved.

Name _____

Day Phone _____

Address _____

City _____

Zip _____

Email (please print clearly) _____

Mail, call or email us to request a MFSA Application:

Mail: Master Food Safety Advisor Program
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Boise, Idaho 83714

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and receive reasonable accommodations. Please
complete this form to assist in evaluating the
request at least two weeks prior to the event.*

*Accommodation applications cannot be approved
without supporting documentation.*

*Submit this electronic request form by sending the
application (<https://bit.ly/UIExtensionRequest>) and
documentation to Center for Disability Access and
Resources, 875 Perimeter Drive Moscow, ID 83844,
cdar@uidaho.edu,*

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FOOD SAFETY ADVISOR

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Learn or Enhance Your Food Preservation Skills



Taught by:

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Education Outreach through Volunteers