



City of Ketchum

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## **Blaine County Fire Expo Set for June 25**

*Believed to Be Largest in the West*

KETCHUM, IDAHO -- The Ketchum and Sun Valley fire departments will host the annual Blaine County Fire Expo and free barbecue Saturday, June 25 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Festival Field on Sun Valley Road. Firefighters from Ketchum and Sun Valley will demonstrate car extrication, rescue drills, training in extinguishing fires and fire safety planning at the family-friendly event. A junior firefighters race, designed for 4- to 8-year-olds, will be a new addition to the event.

The Blaine County Fire Expo began in 2003 as Fire Services Appreciation Day, a way for firefighters to interact with their neighbors while demonstrating a few of the many services they perform. These include backcountry technical rescues, wildland firefighting, swift water rescue, advanced life support emergency medical services, hazardous materials mitigation and structural firefighting.

This year's expo also will include tours of Ketchum Fire Department's ambulance and Air St. Luke's helicopter, as well as a firefighter skill drill. Fire crews will force entry through a door, extinguish a fire, cut through a roof and "rescue" a trapped firefighter. U.S. Forest Service firefighters and firefighting mascot Smokey Bear also will be present.

The Blaine County Fire Expo is believed to be the largest fire fair in the west.

More information about Blaine County's Fire Expo can be found by visiting the Ketchum Fire Department or by calling Lieutenant Lara McLean at 720-2059.

The Ketchum Fire Department was established in 1883 and is a combination of career, paid-on-call and volunteer firefighters who specialize in fire protection, emergency medical services and, with the assistance of the Sun Valley Fire Department, technical rescue throughout northern Blaine County.

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### **About the City of Ketchum**

The city of Ketchum is located in the Wood River Valley in south central Idaho. Founded in 1880 during the mining boom, Ketchum is now regarded as one of the most popular destinations for winter and summer visitors due to its world-class skiing, mountain biking, fishing, hiking, restaurants, art galleries and shopping. The city of Ketchum hosts the famous annual Wagon Days Parade, held on Labor Day weekend, and numerous other year-round attractions. Ketchum is home to more than 10,000 full- and part-time residents. For more information about the city of Ketchum, visit [www.ketchumidaho.org](http://www.ketchumidaho.org).

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