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Boise, Idaho... The Idaho Department of Finance in partnership with the Idaho Scam Jam Alliance is pleased to share a series of upcoming educational events aimed at furthering consumer awareness of financial frauds and scams, including how to prevent, identify, and report, attempts from bad actors.

Fraud Bingo Series at four area senior centers. Fraud Bingo is an engaging form of typical bingo where participants learn key facts about locally prevalent frauds and scams, win prizes, and have a space to share personal experiences they may have encountered on these topics. Upcoming events are as follows: **Kuna Senior Center August 21st 10:00 – 11:15 a.m., Meridian Senior Center August 23rd 10:30 – 11:45 a.m., Melba Senior Center August 24th 10:15 – 11:30 a.m. and Nampa Senior Center September 21st from 1:30 – 2:45 p.m.** Registration is not required, however to accommodate capacity limits, attendance will be on a first-come first-serve basis.

Fight Fraud. Shred it in Boise on August 30th! From 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. AARP Idaho in partnership with the Idaho Scam Jam Alliance will host a public Outdoor Shred Event in the north entrance of the **State of Idaho Chinden Campus**. Securely dispose of personal and financial records and documents, as this is a key measure in preventing identify theft and other scams. Registration is not required but is encouraged. Please note that certain items such as cardboard, hard drives, and 3 ring binders will not be accepted. To register, and view the list of suggested/acceptable and unacceptable items, visit the event page at <https://events.aarp.org/Boiseshred23> or contact AARP Idaho at idaarp@aarp.org.

Community Fraud Prevention Summit with expert speakers and complimentary lunch. On **September 13th from 11:00 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.** AARP Idaho in partnership with the Idaho Scam Jam Alliance will offer a Community Fraud Prevention Summit for the public featuring a lineup of not-to-be-missed subject matter experts including speakers from the US Attorney District of Idaho, FBI, Idaho Attorney General's Office, the Boise Police Department, the Idaho Department of Finance, and independent expert Paul Greenwood, a retired San Diego Deputy District Attorney who led the Elder Abuse Prosecution Unit for 22 years. This event will be located on the **State of Idaho Chinden Campus in Conference Room 6**. Registration is required and will be accepted on a first-come first-serve basis. To view the full event agenda, a map of the event location, and to register, visit <https://events.aarp.org/Boisefraud23> or contact AARP Idaho at idaarp@aarp.org.

Consumers can obtain information about financial firms, professionals or products, as well as view more Department press releases and other information on the Internet at <http://finance.idaho.gov> or by contacting the Department at (208) 332-8000 or Idaho toll-free at 1-888-346-3378.