2016 Summer Camp Dates Announced

**Placer County 4-H Summer Camp** will be held July 11-16 at Woodchuck Flat in Cisco Grove. Camper applications will not be released until May.

Adult volunteers for camp are always needed. If you would like to volunteer at camp for one day or several, please let us know. We cannot guarantee volunteers will be able to stay overnight at camp, however there are options for staying in campgrounds nearby.

Work days to open and prepare for camp will be scheduled for June 4th-5th, 18th-19th and July 2nd-3rd if needed. Extra help from youth and adults will be needed on work days to open camp.

We will be closing up camp on July 30th-31st and are in need of volunteers committed to help on one or both of those days.

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**Joint Camp Meeting**

March 24th, 2016  6:30 pm  
**Higgins Fire Station**  
10106 Combie Rd, Auburn

All youth and families are welcome to attend however, this is not a meeting for attending camp or becoming youth staff. This meeting will address the budget and plans for projects at camp this year. If you have questions about attending the meeting please contact the 4-H office.

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**Got E-Waste?**

Have your Electronic Waste picked up for free and support the Placer County 4-H First Robotics Team! All you have to do is call ewaste4good or visit their website [http://ewaste4good.com/pickuprequest.html](http://ewaste4good.com/pickuprequest.html), select the Sacramento Area and Placer County 4-H Community Robotics Team, and the team receives money back for anything that is recycled.

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**4-H Council Meeting**

March 23rd@ 7:00 pm  
**Loomis Veterans Hall**  
5945 Horseshoe Bar Rd, Loomis

All youth and their families are welcome to attend Snacks will be available!
Placer County 4-H News and Events

Sectional 4-H Presentation Day
Saturday, March 26, 2016
Location: Feather River Junior College, Quincy, CA
Youth who qualify for sectionals may attend any sectional presentation day. For more information visit http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/SectionalPresDays/

Color Me Green 5K Fun Run
When: March 12, 2016
Host: Gold Country 4-H Members
Location: Regional Park, 3770 Richardson Dr., Auburn

The Color Me Green 5K Fun Run is a five kilometer run/walk designed to encourage youth and community members to increase their physical activity while also having fun! During the run, participants are showered with colored "dye" as they pass through each marker point. This fun run, hosted by 4-H youth members, will be a great opportunity for communities to come together and celebrate healthy living and being physically active. Mark your calendars, download registration at: https://sites.google.com/site/goldcountry4hcolormegreenrun/

The President’s Volunteer Service Countywide Project
This project will encourage youth to participate in and track community service hours to work towards eligibility in earning bronze, silver, or gold awards recognized by the President. Keep track of time spent! Click on the link for more information about The President’s Volunteer Service Award http://www.presidentialserviceawards.gov/
For more information please contact Beverley Brentwood, 805-427-2657, amelia44@yahoo.com

Horse Event Dates

Save these dates:

April 4-15  4-H Horse Mastership Written Testing Dates. Tests are to be administered by horse project leaders to members within date range, and returned to Tammi Clader, tclader@ncbb.net, by April 17th.
April 24  4-H Horse Mastership Levels 1-4 Skills Testing @ Julie Adams Training, Registration due: April 18, 2016
May 13  Mandatory “Work In Kind” for Horse Mastership and May 15 Horse Show Loomis Basin Horse Arena at 4:00 pm
May 15  Placer County Fair Qualifying Horse Show @ Loomis Basin Horsemen’s Arena Registration due: May 9, 2016
Aug 3-7  CA State 4-H Classic Horse Show
TBA  CA State Fair “Best of County” Horse Show
Placer County 4-H News and Events - Continued

Attention Project Leaders!

Placer County 4-H currently has funds available to assist in starting up brand new club projects or countywide projects focused in Science, Engineering, Technology, Sewing, and Jr. Master Gardeners. Contact the office for details.

What resources or curriculum would you like council to consider purchasing for the Placer county 4-H Lending Library to support your project? Please take out quick survey and share your ideas at [http://ucanr.edu/lending library survey](http://ucanr.edu/lending library survey).

Printing 4-H T-shirts or a flyer?

Please submit a draft to the office for approval. The 4-H name and emblem are federally protected and guidelines need to be followed before printing. Contact LeAnn at 530-889-7386 with questions.

Got Whites?

Have you considered recycling your children’s uniforms? Children have a way of growing and their clothes just don’t keep up! The 4-H office has a selection of "whites" which others have contributed. Come by, try them on and donate your “out grown” to the supply. Hopefully there is something that will work for you!

Hats, Scarves, Ties, & Record Book Covers are available for purchase at the 4-H Office.

- Ties $12.00 each
- Hats $14.00
- Scarves $15.00
- Record Book Covers $3.00

Cash or check accepted. No ATM or credit cards.

Come cheer on the local Placer County 4-H FRC 3257 Robotics Team

The team will be participating in the FIRST STRONGHOLD competition being held at UC Davis, March 24th-26th. For more information about the event or this countywide project, please email placercorobotics@gmail.com or visit [http://www.cafirst.org/programs/first-robotics-competition/](http://www.cafirst.org/programs/first-robotics-competition/).

Please visit the Placer County 4-H Calendar regularly for relevant upcoming events for 4-H’ers:

[http://ucanr.edu/placer4hcalendar](http://ucanr.edu/placer4hcalendar)
Thinking about beginning a new service learning project in Placer County?

Check out Key Components of 4-H Service Learning to brainstorm ideas.

**Integrates Learning:** Learning is integrated into relevant content (often 4-H project-based). The service informs content and the content informs service.

**Meets Genuine Needs:** Youth identify and learn about a recognized need in their community.

**Promotes Youth Voice and Choice:** Youth demonstrate decision making in a safe environment that allows them to make mistakes and still succeed.

**Creates Partnerships:** Youth participate in the development of community partnerships and share responsibility with community members.

**Benefits Everyone:** Mutual teaching and learning, and shared responsibility benefit all participants in the service learning experience.

**Builds Civic Responsibility:** Young people understand they have a role in improving society, and are empowered by their ability to improve the quality of life in the community.

Adapted from the California 4-H Youth Development Program orientation materials
Kyle Rutz, 13, and Lleyton Rutz, 13, of Eureka Granite Bay 4-H Club are at the helm of BrickDreams, a nationally recognized charity based in Folsom working to bring unused Legos to children who have been the victims of domestic violence. The group collects unwanted Legos, sorts them into empty tennis ball cans and works with local agencies in Northern California including child advocacy groups, WEAVE, CASA, Stand up for Placer, police and chaplaincies to distribute the Legos. When a child is being rescued from a domestic abuse situation, they may need to leave home quickly, often without many of their possessions. They can go to shelters and obtain clothes and toiletries, but not a transportable toy like Legos.

BrickDreams was founded in 2012 by Bailey Snow, now 18, of Granite Bay who began the project when he was a freshman in high school. In 2015 he left for college and passed the task of running and operating the charity to Lleyton, and his brother Kyle Rutz, with their mother Susan Rutz’s supervision.

As Lego donations regularly come into the post office box from all over the country, the Rutz brothers are enlisting the help of the community at large, local schools, churches, 4-H clubs, and Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops to tackle the task of sorting. Placer County 4-H Clubs: Eureka Granite Bay, Gold Country, Loomis Community and Ophir have all taken part in working with BrickDreams.

To date, BrickDreams has donated almost 1,000 lbs of Legos. The charity hopes to involve more members of the Folsom community and to get 50% of the total Legos they have collected out in the month of January alone. More information about BrickDreams, along with information on how to volunteer, is available at www.brickdreams.org.
Shooting Sports Workshops

32nd Annual State 4-H Shooting Sports Match
Entries Due: March 8th, 2016 to Siskiyou County
Completed Targets Returned By: June 20th, 2016
Entries are now available for the 2016 State 4-H Shooting Sports Match hosted by Siskiyou County. There are categories for rifle, pistol, and shotgun. Targets are sent to the leaders in the local counties where they are fired and returned for scoring. Awards are available for the top shooters in each age category and discipline.

Shooting Match Cover Letter
Shooting Match Registration Form
Shooting Match Rules

4-H Shooting Sports Western Heritage Workshop
March 13 – 16, 2016
Safety First Shooting Association in Winton, CA (Merced County)
Those who pass the certification training will be certified to lead a 4-H Western Heritage project.
Pre-requisites for the course are listed on the application. For an application and information sheet contact John Borba at: jaborba@ucanr.edu or visit http://www.4-hwesternheritageproject.org/

4-H Shooting Sports Workshop – Rifle Discipline
Saturday, March 19, 2016 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 20, 2016 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Lincoln Rifle Club – McBean Park Indoor range, Lincoln, CA (Placer County)
COST: $30.00 - covers the instruction binder that each participant will receive, breakfast and lunch on Saturday.
CERTIFICATION: Participants must attend both days of training to receive certification. Upon successful completion of the course, the participant will be certified as a rifle trainer and can lead a rifle project at the club level or serve as county trainer to certify other leaders. Teen leaders are invited but must attend with an adult.
OTHER: Participants are encouraged to bring their own eye and ear protection if desired, but it is not necessary. Please bring your completed medical release form with you on the first morning of class.
REGISTER: To register and download the application for certification and the medical release forms please visit http://ucanr.edu/sites/placercounty4h/?calitem=312619&g=25577 The application for certification will need to be approved and signed by the county staff prior to attending this class. Registration is due to the Placer County 4-H office no later than Friday, March 11th. Space is limited.
For questions about the course please contact Eric Vander Linden at shootingsports4h@gmail.com or 916 257-4796.

4-H Shooting Sports Workshop – Pistol Discipline
Saturday, March 19, 2016 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 20, 2016 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Lincoln Rifle Club – McBean Park Indoor range, Lincoln, CA (Placer County)
COST: $30.00 covers the instruction binder that each participant will receive, breakfast and lunch on Saturday
OTHER: Participants are encouraged to bring their own eye and ear protection if desired, but it is not necessary.
Participants must have their own .22rimfire pistol. Please bring your completed medical release form with you on the first morning of class.
REGISTER: To register and download the application for certification and the medical release forms please visit http://ucanr.edu/sites/placercounty4h/?calitem=312619&g=25577 The application for certification will need to be approved and signed by the county staff prior to attending this class. Registration is due to the Placer County 4-H office no later than Friday, March 11th. Space is limited.
CERTIFICATION: Participants must attend both days of training to receive certification. Upon successful completion of the course, the participant will be certified as a pistol trainer and can lead a pistol project at the club level or serve as county trainer to certify other leaders. Teen leaders are invited but must attend with an adult. For questions about the course please contact Terry Cook at terrycook@wavecable.com
Placer County and Gold Country Fair would like to remind us:

County, District and State Fairs cannot legally carry liability insurance covering junior exhibitors and/or their exhibits. Liability insurance is the responsibility and at the discretion of the junior exhibitor. Therefore, it is suggested that junior exhibitors consider taking out a liability policy covering themselves and their exhibits. All Independent Exhibitors are required to show proof of liability insurance. All other junior Exhibitors (4-H and FFA) are strongly urged to carry liability insurance. A policy may be purchased through California Fair Services Authority for a minimal cost. Please be aware that Gold Country Fair Jr. Livestock Rule # 36, stating that market steers must be under control at all times, will be strictly enforced. Call the Fair offices for assistance and applications.

Quality Assurance/Ethics Mandatory Training - Gold Country Fairgrounds’ Sierra Building

All 4-H project leaders, 4-H exhibitors, FFA Advisors, FFA exhibitors, Independent exhibitors and parents of Independent exhibitors MUST complete Quality Assurance/Ethics training once every five years. Entries will not be accepted by the fairs if training was not completed - NO EXCEPTIONS.

This mandatory training is for those exhibitors entering small animals or livestock at Placer County Fair and/or Gold Country Fair. These requirements are established by Placer County Fair and Gold Country Fair. All trainings are organized by the fairs.

Gold Country Fairgrounds’ Sierra Building on the following dates:

- Thursday, April 7th - 6:30 pm
- Thursday, June 9th - 6:30 pm
- Thursday, July 7th - 6:30 pm

Direct questions to: Laurie Johnson, Gold Country Fair 530-823-4530

NEW Gold Country Fair Community Service Days

4-H Clubs and or FFA Chapters will be responsible to have all members showing animals at the Fair participate in a workday coordinated by the 4-H Club or project group or FFA Chapter. Clubs/Chapters are required to provide the Fair with a list of members that have participated in a workday. The fair will provide a list of possible projects.

Questions regarding Placer County Fair or Gold Country Fair? Contact the specific Fair Office directly.

Placer County Fair  (916) 786-2023
Gold Country Fair  (530) 823-4533
California Camping Conference - April 1-3, 2016
The California 4-H Camping Advisory Committee invites teen camp staff, adult volunteers, & 4-H staff to attend the 2016 Camping Conference at Nevada 4-H Camp, 1 4-H Road, Stateline, NV 89449. Filled with enlightening workshops, engaging activities, and new ideas, this 3-day getaway is a great opportunity to improve your camping programs and meet others who are just as passionate about camp as you are! Our Keynote Speaker, Dr. Jim Cain, is an industry leader in teambuilding and adventure education. Plus, experienced 4-H staff, volunteers, and youth from around the state will be facilitating workshops such as “Nature Activities that Rock,” “When Stuff Hits the Fan,” “Astronomy,” and “Compliance Made Easy,” and much more! For more information visit the following website: http://4h.ucanr.edu/Programs/Camps/Resources_for_Staff_and_Volunteers/CampingConference_128/

State Field Day - May 30, 2016 at UC Davis, 8am—6pm
California State 4-H Field Day, initiated in 2002, is California 4-H’s largest and most comprehensive educational event for 4-H youth members (age 9-19) and 4-H volunteer educators, with more than 1,500 participants annually. Each contest and activity is coordinated by a group of 4-H volunteers and youth, with coordination and facility support provided by the State 4-H Office. The event has a "picnic" feel as people bring chairs and socialize for the day on the West Quad. During the event, 4-H members may participate in a variety of contests. Some contests require pre-qualification and/or preregistration. For more information visit http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/SFD/

California Focus - June 17-21, 2016
California Focus is a unique citizenship educational experience that combines hands-on participation in workshops, debates and simulations with speakers, tours, fun activities and new friends from across California. Youth must be at least 14 years old by the time of California Focus. For more information visit their website at: http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/CF/

State Leadership Conference - July 28-31, 2016 at Humbolt State University
The 4-H State Leadership Conference brings together high school youth (ages 13-19) from across California in a four-day leadership training, networking, and learning experience. The conference provides advanced leadership training and is an opportunity for 4-H members to network and share ideas with other 4-Hers from across the state. The conference focuses on providing high school youth with experiential education on leadership development, civic engagement, college admissions and other 4-H project areas. http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLC/

State Leaders Forum 2016 November 11-13
The State 4-H Leaders Forum provides a weekend retreat for 4-H volunteers across California to gather for networking, education, relaxation, and fun. Volunteers of all ages, experiences, and locations share this opportunity to further their volunteering "career," find new inspirations, and bring new ideas home to their counties and clubs. Registration will open on June 1, 2016 For more info, visit http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/SLF/
Placer County STEM Expo-March 5, 2016

More than just a County Science Fair:

STEM Expo is Placer County’s alternative to the typical County Science Fair! The Expo gives students a place to exhibit their work alongside entertainment and learning opportunities for the whole family – including expert presentations, STEM based activities, and interactive exhibits from local scientists, organizations, schools, and companies. STEM EXPO http://www.stemexpo.org/

39th Annual Agricultural/Environmental Sciences Field Day-March 4, 2016

To register, go to http://calaged.csuchico.edu/registration/ Contact Jamie Dehn with questions fieldday@ucdavis.edu or 530-754-0322

Share Your 4-H Experience!

Any 4-H member can submit an article for this newsletter.

NEXT NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE:
March 19, 2016

Send it via e-mail to: bsatterlee@ucanr.edu All articles are subject to approval by the 4-H Program Representative. After approval, articles are published as space permits. A digital picture with your article is a great addition. Please send photos in JPG format.

More 4-H Links:

California State 4-H Website: http://www.ca4h.org
State 4-H Newsletters: http://www.ca4h.org/News
National 4-H Headquarters Website: http://www.4-h.org

4-H Mall: http://www.4-hmall.org
4-H Clover Safety Notes: http://safety.ucanr.org/4h/
National 4-H Council: http://www.fourhcouncil.edu/

California 4hOnline: (enrollment) https://california.4honline.com

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