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Around the World: Glenn County 4-H Campers Spin into Summer Fun

Approximately 90 participants attended Glenn County 4-H Camp, held at Camp Tehama from June 17–20, 2025. Embracing the theme, "Twirlin' Around the World," took campers on a global adventure with each cabin representing a different country.

The group included Campers, Teen Camp Counselors, Youth Camp Directors, and Adult Volunteers from Glenn County 4-H, reports UCCE Glenn County 4-H Community Education Specialist, Christine Kampmann. This year's camp was led by Camp Director Maddie Coleman, whose creativity and leadership helped shape an unforgettable experience for all.

Throughout camp, youth participated in engaging activities such as archery, crafts, fishing, dancing, recreational games, skits, and a community service project. Campers were given hands-on opportunities to try new things, build friendships, and connect with nature. In this supportive environment, youth embraced teamwork, creativity, and the 4-H spirit of "learning by doing."

The highlight of the week was a meaningful community service project in collaboration with Jared Geiser and Calvin Hamilton from the AltaCal Audubon Society. With their guidance, campers built and installed thirteen birdhouses throughout the area to benefit local wildlife. This hands-on conservation activity allowed youth to give back to their camp environment and make a positive ecological impact.

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Campers were also excited to welcome back a longtime 4-H supporter and former leader, Beverly Seale, who led a special arts and crafts session. Additionally, a camp highlight again this year was the archery program, thanks to Loren Chapman, our Glenn County 4-H Archery Project Leader, who spent a day at camp giving youth the chance to try archery with expert guidance and safety instruction.

Campers aged 5–13 years old attended as participants, while 14–18-year-old 4-H members served as Teen Camp Counselors. This year's 4-H Youth Teen Counselors were Eden Baldridge, Dallas Dixon, Chyna Drake, Brody Everest, Adrianna Hurburt, Alex Johnson, Jackson Kampmann, Bailey Lerstang, Victoria Mercado, Ytzel Plaza, Norah Reimers, Drake Romano, Aaron Ross, and Riley Sheppard. The 4-H Youth Camp Directors were Aubree Eddy, Savannah Kampmann, and Maeve Johnson.

Youth members learn different dances at Camp, and on the last night, there is an annual dance contest. The award recipients for the line dance competition were 1st place- Morgan Tucker, 2nd place- Addisyn Beams, and 3rd place-Emma Rodgers. The swing dance competition award recipients were 1st place- Mason Machado- Lowery and Janessa Gomez, 2nd place- Emma Rodgers and Robbie Charter, and 3rd place- Rylee Dobbs and Gus Coleman. The Counselor Swing Dance Competition winners were: 1st place- Dallas Dixon and Itzel Plaza, 2nd place- Drake Romano and Maeve Johnson, and 3rd place- Jackson Kampmann and Adrianna Hurlburt.

Fishing is always a favorite at camp, and there is a long tradition of having a competitive but friendly fishing competition. This year, the Biggest Fish Award went to Allen Gomez, and the Smallest Fish Award went to Grady Beams. The Best Sportsmanship Award for fishing was given to James Strieby.

Other awards earned were the Clean Cabin Award, Best Cabin Décor, and Best Overall Cabin. The

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Cleanest Cabin went to Dorm A: Madagascar- Counselor, Chyna Drake and Campers: Alyse Strieby, Emmymae Coleman, Savanna Everest, and Teagan Chandler and Cabin 5 Brazil- Counselor Jackson Kampmann and Campers: James Strieby, Grady Beams, Gus Coleman, Walker Dobbs, and Waylon Baker. The Best Decorated Cabin went to Cabin 6: Mexico- Counselor, Ytzel Plaza, and Campers: Abbygail Jones, Emma Rodgers, Mackenzie Rehse, Madison Lifur, and Rylee Dobbs. The Best Overall Cabin Award was awarded based on a cumulative score on all the activities at Camp and was presented Cabin 6: Mexico- Counselor, Ytzel Plaza, and Campers: Abbygail Jones, Emma Rodgers, Mackenzie Rehse, Madison Lifur, and Rylee Dobbs.

We extend a big thank you to the adult volunteers who made this year's camp possible: Shalana Baker, Kendra Beams, Jeff Beams, Loren Chapman, Tyler Coleman, Lea Eddy, Kyle Eddy, Katie Jones, Lindsey Lifur, Melinda Matteucci, Anthony Matteucci, David Nadeau, Beverly Seale, and Michelle Strieby. Their time, dedication, and positive energy were vital to creating a safe and supportive environment for our campers.

A special thank you to 4-H Camp Director Maddie Coleman—her heart is huge, and her passion for creating opportunities for youth is even greater. We are also especially grateful to our Camp Cooks, Terri Curry and Summer Nadeau, for their work in the kitchen, providing delicious meals and daily support with warmth and care. We'd also like to thank our fantastic Camp Nurse, Michelle Dobbs, for keeping everyone safe and healthy. Deep appreciation goes to our UC Cooperative Extension office team—Lea Eddy, Jamie Marron, Gail Harris, and Melinda Lowe—for their behind-the-scenes coordination and continued commitment to 4-H youth development. Thanks to the collective effort of so many, Glenn County 4-H Camp 2025 was another incredible chapter in our tradition of youth leadership, growth, and fun.



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Figure 1: Youth Directors and Camp Director



Figure 2: 4-H Member ready to catch some fish.



Figure 3: Camp Counselors gearing up for Campers!



Figure 4: Campers at the Creek Exploration activity.

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Figure 5: France Cabin performing their skit on stage.



Figure 7: Groove like nobody's watching—but win like they are.



Figure 6: USA Cabin proudly representing our country.



Figure 8: Bows, arrows, and big camp energy.

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Figure 9: Campers and Counselors show off their certificates after the Awards Assembly.