



Placer County 4-H

Happy Fall!

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Fall is one of my favorite times of year. I love the crisp weather, the changing of the leaves, the promise of winter and I especially love that it is the start of camp season! I know that most of you don't start thinking about 4-H Summer Camp until the sun kissed days grow long and the flowers are in full bloom, but for those of us planning camp and preparing for all the fun and adventure there is to be, camp season starts in the fall! I can't wait to share with all of our new and returning campers all of the amazing activities we are going to be putting together. ~Shannon Kane

CALLING ALL PARENTS! Have you ever wondered how you can be involved in the Placer County 4-H program? Become a registered volunteer today! You don't need to lead a club or lead a project to be a volunteer. Your support and talents are always welcome; so join today to be a part of the best youth development program in the nation.

***"Nothing is IMPOSSIBLE,
the word itself says
'I'm Possible' !"***

- Audrey Hepburn

EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT..... If your youth member is headed to either the Placer County Fair in June, 2018 or the Gold Country Fair in September 2018, be sure to complete the following **by November 30, 2017:**

- ◇ Register at 4hOnline
- ◇ Submit your 2017/18 program fees to your club's Treasurer or VEC
- ◇ Be sure your youth member's projects reflect their anticipated fair participation. This means, make sure they are signed up for those animal projects in their 4hOnline account. If you are not sure, contact your club's VEC or your project leader.
- ◇ Confirm with your club's VEC that your youth is confirmed.

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How 4-H'ers can help with disaster relief

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Recently the news has been dominated by coverage of Hurricane Harvey's destruction in Texas and along the Gulf Coast. Thousands of people are estimated to be displaced. Hurricane Harvey could be the costliest natural disaster in U.S. history.



Hurricane Harvey; Rescue by Army National Guard



Potrero Border Fire, San Diego County, CA photo by Hayne Palmour IV cc by SA 4.0

When you see area devastation and people suffering, your first response may be to start mobilizing to help. But first, you should:

Map out a plan

If you collect 1000 blankets, who will you give them to and how will you get them where they need to be? Are blankets what are really needed? The only way to answer these questions is to have good plan with plenty of support in place before your start your project. This will ensure that your efforts to make a difference will be successful and sustainable.

Unsolicited donated goods such as used clothing, miscellaneous household items, and mixed or perishable foodstuffs require agencies to redirect their valuable resources away from providing relief services. They will have to sort, package, transport, warehouse, and distribute items that may not even meet the needs of disaster survivors.

Use the [Service Learning Toolkit](#) and [Project Planning Guide](#) to help you plan a disaster relief project.

Find reputable local organizations to support

The best way to help in disaster areas is to support relief organizations that are already established in the area.

There are many resources to verify relief organizations:

[Give.org](#)- the BBB Wise Giving Alliance

[National Public Radio](#) lists organizations with presence in Houston and the surrounding affected areas.

[Texas Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster](#)

Contact organizations that are able to accept goods before you start collecting items. Organizations will have different supply needs at different times during the disaster recovery.

Know our 4-H policy on fundraising and donating to non-profit organizations.

[Guidelines for Fundraising by 4-H Units and VMOs to Benefit Groups or Organizations](#)

[FAQs for 4-H Units & VMOs - Fundraising to Benefit Groups or Organizations](#)

As an individual, you can make personal monetary donations to organizations to support relief efforts. The Texas 4-H Foundation is collecting cash donations to support 4-H club and county programs in the hurricane zone. <https://texas4hfoundation.org/give/>

4-H clubs cannot donate cash to or fundraise for other non-profit organizations. Instead, your club can **create a sustainable Service Learning Project to support disaster relief organizations.**

With a Service Learning Project, you will participate in the development of community partnerships and share responsibility with community members. You will also take an active role in improving society and improving the quality of life in the community.

Use the Service Learning Toolkit and Project Planning Guide

The [Service Learning Toolkit](#) and [Project Planning Guide](#) can help you plan your disaster relief project.

Evaluate your plan to ensure it is High Service/High Learning using the [Standards of Quality in Service Learning](#). This 10 question checklist will help you determine how to make this a positive learning experience that benefits the community at the same time.





⇒ **PLACER COUNTY 4-H LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE: SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, Watch your email and the Placer County 4-H web-site and Facebook page for details and registration.**

⇒ **PLACER COUNTY 4-H SUMMER CAMP: JULY 29- AUGUST 03, 2018 watch the Summer Camp page on the Placer County 4-H web-site and Facebook page for details . CHAPERONES NEEDED, inquire at**



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

CALIFORNIA 4-H YOUTH SUMMIT

NORTHERN AREA

JANUARY 26-28, 2018

http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/Summits/



IMPORTANT DATES

November 02: Sheep Carcass Awards Dinner

November 07: Beef Carcass Awards Dinner

November 13: New Family Orientation

November 15: Council Meeting *Held at Auburn Veterans Hall

December 01: Youth Staff Camp Applications Available

December 15: Youth Staff Camp Applications DUE

*** *NO COUNCIL MEETING IN DECEMBER***

For more information, visit us at: [Placer County 4-H](#)

MEET OUR 2017-18 ALL STARS



Left to right: Top Row: Kaylee Doty, Amos Humber, Corrina Cook, Miriam Jolly, Janelle Turpin

Bottom Row: Theresa Wood, Lisse Howe, McKenna Davidson, Martha Humber, Myah Davidson

Not pictured: Lleyton Rutz

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