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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Winter is my favorite season. I think that it is because of the many happy memories I have of my family and the holidays. My family is close, and when I say "family", I mean parents, grandparents, cousins, aunts, uncles, adopted family, friends....the term family to me is wide reaching. Growing up, we would go get our Christmas tree the day after Thanksgiving. We would pack a feast, a thermos of hot chocolate and we would all load up in the family van (a blue ford van, very 'in' for the 70's!). My sister and I would look forward to the snow, searching for the perfect Christmas tree, creating snow angels and spending time with family. My Dad's Cousin Neal, his best friend Ken, my Papa and usually a few more would all come along- those are some of my best memories. It was what taught me some of the core values I hold strong to today. Family is not only who you are born to, it is also who comes into your life. It is those that teach you, provide support, a comforting or encouraging word and those to share laughter with. While I am thankful throughout the year for all of those who make an impact in my life, I find that I reflect more on the relationship I have with those I am blessed to call family this time of year. I hope you take some time to slow down, enjoy the cold, do something kind for a stranger and spend some time with those who are your family. I wish you all a happy and safe new year!

~Shannon Kane

DID YOU KNOW....

Why should youth participate in Presentation Day?

Public speaking skills are ranked number one among the desired skill sets of professionals. Every 4-H member is encouraged to give a presentation each year. A 4-H presentation can be a demonstration, include audio-visual aids, and involve problem solving. Through their presentations, youth learn to research a subject, organize their ideas into a logical order and practice public speaking skills.

[CALIFORNIA 4-H PRESENTATION MANUAL](#)

Placer County 4-H Presentation Day

Saturday, February 24, 2018

Enrolling in the 4-H program is open to everyone, year-round.

We welcome youth, ages 5-19years (by 12/31/17), to check out the many projects and program opportunities that Placer County 4-H has available. There are a few exceptions, such as clubs or projects who may have reached capacity, please contact the leader for space availability. Also, youth who intend to show or sell market animals at county or state fairs or the State Fair Horse Show have a 4-H program registration deadline of 11/30 in order to meet fair and council requirements. Please contact the county office or visit our web-site, [PLACER COUNTY 4-H](#) to check out the many program opportunities with 4-H.

COME JOIN THE FUN!



ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENT INFORMATION

4-H taught me to not give up when things get hard.
-4-H Member

FAIR NEWS



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.



Placer County Fair Weigh-In Dates

Beef	January 20, 8am-11am
Sheep, Goat, Swine	April 21, 8am-11am

Gold Country Fair Weigh-In Dates

Beef	April 14, 8am-11am
Sheep, Goat, Swine	July 7, 7am-11am

Quality Assurance Training



For youth ages 9y or over, showing or selling animals.

<http://yqca.org>

Cost is \$12 and you will need to submit a copy of the certificate with your fair entry.

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

Placer County Fair (916) 786-2023



NEW! COUNTYWIDE EVENT

Placer County Youth Leadership Conference

Learn Today to Lead Tomorrow

Saturday, January 20, 2018, Del Oro High School

Pre-registration is required to attend.

This countywide event will be offering two workshop sessions in the morning, followed by lunch and a community service project in the afternoon. A certificate of completion will be handed out at the end of the event. This event is open to all youth in 6th through 12th grades. [REGISTER TODAY](#)





Important Dates

January

- 01/06/2018 [Camp Staff Interviews](#)
- 01/10/2018 [Camp Staff Training](#)
- 01/20/2018 [County Youth Leadership Conference](#)
- 01/22/2018 [Countywide Public Speaking begins](#)
- 01/24/2018 [Council Meeting](#)
- 01/26/2018 [CA 4-H Youth Summit– North Area](#)

February

- 02/14/2018 [Camp Staff Training](#)
- 02/16/2018 [County Presentation Day *Req. Deadline*](#)
- 02/24/2018 [County Presentation Day](#)
- 02/28/2018 [Council Meeting](#)

For additional information

<http://ucanr.edu/sites/placercounty4h/>



Please take a minute to help us improve the tools we use to communicate with you.

[NEWSLETTER/WEB-SITE SURVEY](#)

CALIFORNIA 4-H YOUTH SUMMIT

NORTHERN AREA

JANUARY 26-28, 2018

[Join the fun! REGISTER TODAY](#)

This is a great opportunity to learn leadership skills, meet youth from other counties and programs and have a generally fun time!

New Location!

[Shady Creek Outdoor School](#)

18601 Pathfinder Way
Nevada City, CA 95959

Sectional Presentation Day
Del Oro High School
March 17, 2018

[Placer County Summer Camp](#)
July 29-August 03

Camper Registration opens April 01, 2018

[4-H Equine Field Day](#)
February 10, 2018



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