

September 2023



Meet Ava M.

Ava, what is your vision for the upcoming year as 4-H Club President for Miner's Ravine?

"My vision for this upcoming year is to incorporate more volunteer opportunities and bring our community closer together. In a world of individuality, everyone has their own talents and strengths. I hope to use everyone in our club and bring out the

happiness and joy in everyone. I also hope to help kids and adults find and share their passions in our club and in the world."

Read Ava's [entire interview here](#).

Calendar

- September 1: Club financial reporting due online and to 4-H office. [Download forms here](#).
- September 11: Golden Clover application deadline
- September 11: Higher Education Scholarship application deadline. [Learn more here](#).
- September 14: 4-H STEM Challenge Kit "[Power Protectors](#)" project webinar. [RSVP here](#).
- October 1-7: National 4-H week
- October 1: State Record Book Competition Intent to Submit Forms deadline
- October 15: State Record Book Competition Cover Page and book submission deadline
- October 15: State Record Book Competition Evaluator application deadline

Leadership Opportunities

Join a 4-H Committee

We invite you to sign up for one of [nine 4-H committees](#). This leadership group will help shape the future of our 4-H Placer program.

[Sign up today!](#)



Community Education Specialist Opening - Apply Now!

We are looking for a new 4-H Community Education Specialist for Placer county. The job vacancy announcement is now posted on our [website](#).

[Apply now](#)

2023 Workshop Series for 4-H Project Leaders

Learn about your role, responsibilities, lesson planning, making learning engaging, working with youth, and effective hands-on learning. The series consists of 4 sessions, which cover the following topic areas:

- Session 1: Best practices in youth development: Focusing on youth sparks, sense of belonging, and positive relationships with adults. Offered September 5 & October 4. Presenters: JoLynn Miller, Gemma Miner, and Matthew Rodriguez
- Session 2: Learning in 4-H: Facilitating hands-on experiential education and planning your project. Offered September 12 & October 11. Presenter: Steven Worker.
- Session 3: Working with All Ages (from 5 to 18) and Abilities. Offered September 19 & October 18. Presenter: Steven Worker.
- Session 4: Creating effective youth-adult partnerships & working with youth leaders. Offered September 26 & October 25. Presenters: Nicole Marshall-Wheeler and Steven Worker.

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- Participation: Complete the full four-part series to earn a certificate and 4-H volunteer name badge.

[RSVP today!](#)

4-H Enrollment Now Open

\$67 Youth Fee & \$28 Adult Fee

[Join today!](#)

Welcome to 4-H Video!



New Research: Establishing Parental Expectations from the Get-Go

As we begin the new program year and welcome new families into the 4-H program, we have an opportunity to help establish realistic expectations with parents about what 4-H can (and cannot) do. Recent research conducted by the 4-H Youth Retention Study reveals that parental expectations play an important role in determining whether families stay in the 4-H program or not. For example, parents whose expectations of 4-H were met were significantly more likely to intend to re-enroll their child in 4-H compared to parents whose expectations of 4-H were not met. Learn more by [reading this infographic](#) created by Dr. Matthew Rodriguez.

4-H Expanded Learning Opportunity Programs

If you are a principal, after-school program coordinator, or superintendent, we would love to talk with you about how 4-H can support your school's expanded learning program needs. To get started, please complete this [brief online questionnaire](#) so we can follow up with you. Note: If you are a teacher, feel free to forward this message to your school's leadership and we will be happy to follow up with them. For additional questions, contact Dr. Matthew Rodriguez at mrro@ucanr.edu.

New: CA 4-H Resource Center

[Visit new CA 4-H website](#)

Volunteer Resources

- [Courses for volunteers](#)
- [UC 4-H Handbook for Families](#)
- [Project resources](#)
- [Volunteer roles](#)
- [Lending library resources](#)
- [Holding meetings or events](#)
- [Club financial forms](#)
- [Club officer resources](#)
- [Club leader resources](#)

Youth Member Resources

- [Courses for youth](#)
- [Public speaking](#)
- [Junior and teen leadership](#)
- [Achievement program](#)
- [Scholarships for higher education](#)
- [4-H Record Books](#)
- [4-H Resumes](#)

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