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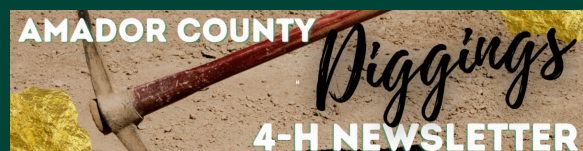
4-H Youth Development Program



Mark Your Calendars

Saturday, May 27	State Field Day	UC Davis
June 15 -18	El Dorado County Fair	Placerville
June 29 - July 2	Mother Lode Fair	Sonora
July 10 - 14	El Dorado 4-H Camp	South Lake Tahoe
July 14 -30	California State Fair	Cal Expo
July 27 - 30	Amador County Fair State Leadership Conference	Plymouth UC Davis
Tuesday, August 15	2023-2024 Enrollment Begins	Online

County Newsletters



National 4-H

4-H Clover
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CA 4-H

Central Sierra 4-H

State Leadership Conference

SAVE THE DATE

STACK'EM UP!

Build Your Way to Success

STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2023



UC Davis Campus
July 27-30th, 2023



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UC Davis Campus

July 27-30, 2023 (Senior Members 14-19)

July 28-30, 2023 (Intermediate Members 11-13)

We are excited to announce an expansion of SLC to Intermediate members (ages 11-13 at the time of SLC.) Participants will have an on-campus experience, participate in educational workshops and guest speakers specifically designed and chosen for them, be mentored by older 4-H members and young alumni and meet others from across the state.

REGISTRATION

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JOIN THE CLUB

The University of California 4-H Youth Development Program offers limitless opportunities to **TRY NEW THINGS**, **MAKE FRIENDS**, and **HAVE FUN!** All youth ages 5-18 are welcome to join.



ENROLL

for the
2023-2024
program year
beginning
AUGUST 15th.



4-H isn't just animals... ...find your **SPARK!**

- Legos
- Arts & Crafts
- Horses
- Public Speaking
- Goats
- Cooking
- Swine
- Cattle
- Geology
- Leadership
- Hiking
- Fashion Revue
- Cake Decorating
- Sheep
- Photography
- Poultry
- Rabbits
- Cavies
- Gardening
- Camping

...and so much **MORE!**



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State Field Day

Saturday, May 27, 2023
UC Davis Campus

Sprout into the 4-H'er you were meant to be

and continue to make the best better in your 4-H career!

- Participate in a State level event,
- Connect with 4-H members from across the state,
- Learn new things at the interactive booths,
- Get inspired by other contest participants



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



4-H Youth and Adult Volunteers Encouraged to Apply for State Advisory Committees

The California 4-H Youth Development Program (YDP) Advisory Committees are comprised of a representative group of 4-H members, adult volunteers, county and state 4-H YDP staff.

Open recruitment for committee membership takes place every spring. 4-H members, recent alumni, 4-H adult volunteers, 4-H YDP program partners and collaborators and County 4-H YDP staff are invited to apply. Applications must be submitted to the State 4-H Office by May 31, 2023.

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ANR Blogs: Youth Development Insights

Author: JoLynn Miller

Published on: May 2, 2023

April was National Volunteering Month and as a wrap up, here are some amazing things about volunteering you may not have known!

Volunteering is part of the fabric of our nation. From the very beginning, community members banded together to help each other out.

One of our founding fathers, Benjamin Franklin, started the first volunteer firehouse in 1736 and other efforts followed, often in support of the Revolutionary War. In the 1800s religious organizations fed the homeless and helped those less fortunate...

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California 4-H Pollinator Habitat Project

Ignite National Youth Summit

Lily Himmel, a County Ambassador and member of Blue Ribbon UpCountry 4-H Club in Amador County, shares her experience as part of the California 4-H Pollinator Habitat Ambassadors delegation.

KEEP READING

The Importance of Pollinators

by Lilly Himmel, CA 4-H Pollinator Habitat Project Member

Pollinators are an important part of our ecosystem. This group encompasses flies, wasps, beetles, bats, bees, hummingbirds, lemurs, butterflies, and many more. They directly pollinate (and therefore produce) about one third of all our food. They also pollinate about ninety percent of all wild plants.



Bees are one of the most widely recognized pollinators, and about eighty percent of our pollinated food is thanks to bees. Some pollinators can see ultraviolet light, invisible to the human eye. Depending on the pollinator, colors can help attract them to flowers. The flying insects seem to prefer colorful, widespread flowers, while nocturnal pollinators prefer pale, easily visible flowers.

Foods that grow thanks to pollinators include stone fruits, melons, cucumbers, tomatoes, squashes, and many more. Apple trees are another one of the plants pollinated by bees, and in the 1990's farmers in China tried to experiment with this idea and cut down huge swaths of forest, and replaced it with apple trees. They were trying to sell apples as a cash crop and for a few years this worked, then the trees quit producing. The bees, left without habitat, had died off. The farmers realized this, but couldn't bring the bees back overnight, so people had to do the pollinating in place of the bees. It was much more expensive, and much slower, so the farmers planted

native trees to reestablish the pollinator population and today hand pollination is rare. It's important to keep this in mind when thinking of our own country. Very simply, if you don't have habitat you don't have pollinators. Seed bombs are a fun and easy project to help encourage pollinator habitat growth.



Make Your Own Seed Bombs!

Want to have some fun while making the world a greener, more environmentally-friendly place? Make exploding balls of seeds that are both fun to throw and an easy way to grow native wildflowers. All you have to do is throw them at a patch of dirt and watch it explode! Once it rains (or you water them), they have everything they need to grow. They also make great gifts! Put them in a paper bag and give them to all your friends.

When you are making your seed balls, use native wildflower seeds. If you make your seed balls with the right seeds, you could be doing the world a lot of good! Not only can your new plants make an area more beautiful, but also they can help rebuild natural ecosystems and take planet-warming greenhouse gases out of the atmosphere.

El Dorado County 4-H Ambassadors led a Seed Bomb Service Project at their Skills Day event on April 15th. Members made these seed bombs to donate to the California 4-H Pollinator Habitat Project.

[DOWNLOAD SEED BOMB ACTIVITY](#)

Central Sierra 4-H in the News



Their Reign Will Continue...

The first weekend in March marked the culmination of months of preparation for



Boys & Girls Club of Lake Tahoe hosts inaugural Bright Futures awards ceremony

several of Amador County's 4-H rabbit project members as they exhibited and competed in the California State Rabbit and Cavy Breeders Association's 2023 State Convention in Tulare, Ca.

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SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, Calif. - More than 100 people attended the Boys & Girls Club of Lake Tahoe's inaugural Bright Futures awards ceremony on Wednesday, April 26, to help celebrate 15 recipients.

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Tuolumne County Volunteer Fair: Why volunteering is beneficial

April is National Volunteer Month and in preparation, the Tuolumne County Volunteer Fair is being held in-person from 3:30-6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 30, in the Tribes of Tuolumne building (formerly known as the John Muir building) at the Mother Lode Fairgrounds in Sonora.

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Cleaning Up Natural Bridges Trail

Caltrans Clean California volunteer picking up trash Calaveras County, CA - Caltrans is partnering with a local 4-H group to clean up the Natural Bridges Trail off Parrotts Ferry Road in the Vallecito area of Calaveras County this weekend.

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