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# 4-H Family Newsletter

Placer County, CA | Nevada County, CA

Visit both  
**Placer County 4-H** and  
**Nevada County 4-H**  
sites for continued  
updates regarding  
**COVID -19.**  
You can find  
up-to date  
information as well as  
lots of useful guidelines  
and tools for your club.

4-H PLEDGE

I pledge my **HEAD** to clearer thinking,  
my **HEART** to greater loyalty,  
my **HANDS** to larger service,  
and my **HEALTH** to better living,  
for my club, my community,  
my country, and my world.



## IMPORTANT DATES At a Glance

- **Aug 16** - 4-H Online OPEN
- **Aug. 24** - 4-H Adult Volunteers Reg. Night
- **Aug. 31** - New Family 4-H Night
- **Sept. 9** - Gold Country Fair
- **Sept. 21** - Volunteer Training & Support Night
- **Oct. 02** - Achievement Night Dinner
- **Oct. 16** - You-Make-It Craft Fair

## UPDATES on COVID protocols

### Message from the California State 4-H Director

I am happy to announce that beginning July 1, 2021 the University of California 4-H Youth Development has relaxed some of the guidelines for in-person 4-H activities in accordance with State of California and University of California. The limited resumption of in-person activities will ensure the 4-H program continues to provide safe learning environments to protect youth and adults, while at the same time allowing for increased engagement and opportunities to build relationships and engage our communities.

I'm so very proud of how the California 4-H Youth Development Program conducted themselves and managed these very challenging 18-months. I greatly appreciate the leadership and dedication of our 4-H professionals and volunteers in successfully creating new opportunities to keep members engaged and thank all the members and families for your on-going interest and participation in the program.

### Lynn Schmitt-McQuitty

Statewide 4-H Director  
University of California, Agriculture & Natural Resources  
4-H Youth Development Program

[Please read more on Basic Safety Standards for In-Person Meetings & Face Mask Use.](#)

## ATTENTION CLUB and PROJECT LEADERS

All 4-H Leaders, must acknowledge these revised COVID-19 guidelines for in-person 4-H meetings, activities, or events. Please review the documents included in the brief surveys below for your county and submit your acknowledgment.

[4-H Covid-19 Survey Acknowledgement - PLACER COUNTY](#)

[4-H Covid-19 Survey Acknowledgement - NEVADA COUNTY](#)

Until further notice, these are the guidelines to abide by even if county guidelines are different. If you have any question regarding the above topics, please contact your CES:

Nevada County: Jill Simmons [jcsimmons@ucanr.edu](mailto:jcsimmons@ucanr.edu)  
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## Placer County 4-H Scholarships ~ 2021

# Congratulations!!

### Placer County 4-H Scholarships RECIPIENTS

#### Placer County 4-H Scholarship

Alexandra Serrao - Audrey Graham  
Lindsey Pineschi - Margaret Jorgensen  
Martha Humber - McKenna Davidson

Alexandra Serrao - Cassandra Rhoades  
Kaitlyn Lynch - Kyle Rutz  
Marie Johnson

#### The Laura & Neil Hulbert Award

### Placer County 4-H Graduating Seniors Class of 2021



Alexandra Serrao - Ana Grant - Armin Behbahani - Audrey Graham -  
C.J. Dvorak - Danny Spears - Delaney Hard - Faith Hazen -  
Kaitlyn Salci - Kaya O'Connor - Kaylee Mei Chao - Kyle Rutz -  
Lleyton Rutz - Marie Johnson - Martha Humber - Matthew Maxim -  
Maya Verdugo - McKenna Davidson - Mia Messina - Nathan Brentwood  
- Stevie Utterback

**More Congrats to our Placer Robotics!!**

# Congratulations!!



**F RC team 3 2 5 7 Vortechs Robotics**  
**WON**

the 2021 FIRST Infinite Recharge  
Sacramento Valley, Phosphorus Regional.

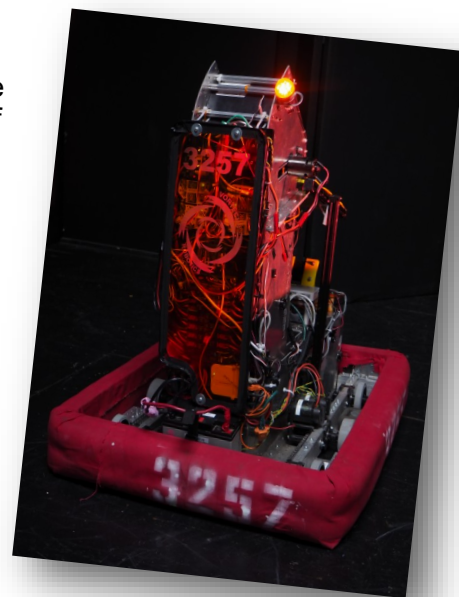
**Additionally,**

**the team won an award for its robot's autonomous capabilities**  
(Autonomous is where the robot is driverless and completes certain tasks using its programing and sensors).

Vortechs is made up of high school students from all South Placer high schools and homeschooling students.



The team constructs its robots in Roseville and tests the robot at Love of Learning in Rocklin. The high school students begin by analyzing the year's competition rules, goals and objectives of the robot. Next, they design and engineer the robot and its mechanisms to achieve the goals and objectives. They then create CAD designs and begin manufacturing the robot. Then, the electrical group begins wiring the robot and creating their elaborate electrical boards. Finally, the robot is off to the programming group where they will design and program custom software to achieve the goals set by FRC. After all this is completed it is usually time to start developing the upgrades. The process takes a lot of time but in the end the students learn great lessons on working together and achieving goals.



## Fairs Dates & Requirements

### NEVADA COUNTY FAIR

*"The Fair is Back in Town!" ...is the slogan for 2021*

**August 11-15, 2021**

Please review all entry deadlines and requirements on the [Nevada County Fair's](#) website.



### 4-H FUNDRAISER for Gold Country Fair

[Click here to access the 4-H Online Store.](#)



### GOLD COUNTRY COUNTY FAIR

*"The Show Goes on!"*

**September 9-12, 2021**

[Gold Country County Fair Pre Weigh-in dates:](#)

**Market Sheep, Goat, and Swine** 07/10/21

**ALL ENTRIES** are due on 08/10/2021

Junior Livestock Auction : 09/09/21

#### Questions regarding

**Placer County Fair, Nevada County Fair, or Gold Country Fair?**

**Contact the specific Fair Office directly:**

**Placer County Fair: (916) 786-2023**

<https://www.placercountyfair.org>

**Gold Country Fair: (530) 823-4533**

<http://goldcountryfair.com>

**Nevada County Fair: (530) 273-6217**

<http://nevadacountyfair.com/fair/>



## Are you ready for Fair?

### Reminder: the YQCA certificate is good for one year.

All exhibitors 9 years of age and older must obtain annual certification in the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) program.

YQCA certification must be completed every year before time of entry.

**The YQCA number will be required to complete the entry online.** Visit [YQCA.org](https://yqca.org) for more information and to complete the YQCA certification.



### **Attention: PLEASE read the CDFA Agreement for California Fairs**

Fair season is upon us and we have everything you need!

There are a variety of whites available at the Placer County 4-H office.

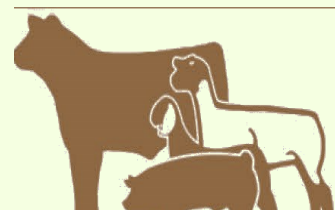
Our office is **now open!!**

Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 4:30pm.  
(530) 889-7352

\* If you have whites that no longer fit, we are accepting donations.

### **AVAILABLE AT THE Placer County 4-H OFFICE**

4-H Hat:	\$21
4-H Tie:	\$14
4-H Scarf:	\$20
4-H Record Book Cover:	\$3



## NEVADA 4-H FAIR Events

### White Barn Project

Distribution at Ponderosa  
Hall

Nevada County Fairgrounds

Thursday, July 15  
from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Park at Gate 2

The White Barn Project is a free clothing exchange to help provide white pants, white shirts, boots, and belts on an as-available basis for 4-H and FFA youth fair uniforms, organized by Soroptimist International of Grass Valley. Please note: UC 4-H guidelines are that face masks are required when indoors for everyone, due to children under the age of 12 not being eligible for the vaccine. This distribution/exchange event is not affiliated with 4-H.

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### HELP WITH THE FAIR



4-H  
FAMILY  
FARM  
BOOTH!

Chicago Park is hosting the booth at this year's fair, and all clubs are needed to help decorate the booth with club and project posters, and to provide a game or activity. This organized 4-H outreach effort needs ideas and staffing during the fair. This is also an opportunity for 4-H youth to gain Communications or Leadership experience for Record Books by planning or staffing an activity, or signing up for a shift to staff the booth to greet the public. Let's come together to share and connect with youth and families who are not familiar our great 4-H program!

Please email Michelle Davis of the Chicago Park 4-H Club at [mvasardavis@gmail.com](mailto:mvasardavis@gmail.com) or call Michelle at 530-863-3849 if you would like to help and participate!

## Are you ready for fair?

For Nevada County  
Members!!



Order 4-H uniform hats, ties, and scarves

**Leslie Carman 4-H Supplies**

[www.4hsupplies.com](http://www.4hsupplies.com)

## NEVADA COUNTY 4-H NEWS & UPDATES

### IMPORTANT DATES

<b>July 30</b>	Council Scholarship Due
<b>August 16</b>	4-H Online Enrollment OPENS
<b>August 19</b>	4-H Project Proficiencies Due to the 4-H office

## Nevada County 4-H Council Scholarship

Nevada County Leaders 4-H Council Scholarships: The application **deadline is July 30, 2021**. Please find application information here: [Nevada County 4-H Council Scholarship Application](#)

## 4-H Office Updates

The Grass Valley Veterans Building remains closed to the public, and the 4-H office will remain closed until further notice.

If you need assistance , please email Jill Simmons at [jcsimmons@ucdavis.edu](mailto:jcsimmons@ucdavis.edu)

- ♦ 4-H ties, scarves, and hats can be ordered through Leslie Carman 4-H supplies: [www.4hsupplies.com](http://www.4hsupplies.com)
- ♦ Record Book covers can be ordered through <https://shop4-h.org>

## Application Deadline:

**August**  
**20th**

**5 PM**

[Click here to](#)  
[apply](#)

## JOIN OUR TEAM!

**Nevada County 4-H Ambassador  
Applications Are Open!**

Application and information available on the  
Nevada County 4-H website  
[https://ucanr.edu/sites/nevadacounty4h/Programs/County\\_Ambassador/](https://ucanr.edu/sites/nevadacounty4h/Programs/County_Ambassador/)

Applications are due by August 20  
Interviews will be held August 28



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4-H Youth Development Program

# PLACER COUNTY 4-H NEWS & UPDATES

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<b>August 24</b>	Adult Volunteer Registration Night	
<b>August 31</b>	New Family 4-H Night	
<b>Sept. 1</b>	End of Year—Club Reporting. Forms 6.2   6.3   8.5   8.6 Turn into the PC 4-H Office	
<b>Sept. 9</b>	Gold Country Fair	
<b>Sept. 21</b>	Volunteer Training & Support Night	
<b>Oct. 2</b>	Achievement Night Diner - Details to come	
<b>Oct. 16</b>	You-Make-It Craft Fair	

# JOIN the FUN!

## Become a 4-H Ambassador!

### Application Deadline:

### *July 16th 5 PM*

### Interviews: *July 22*

## PLACER COUNTY 4-H AMBASSADOR

*Applications are Open*

Join our team!  
Application available on  
the Placer County  
4-H website.  
If you have questions  
contact Natalie Cunha  
at [ncunha@ucanr.edu](mailto:ncunha@ucanr.edu)



Applications due by July 16th  
Interviews July 22nd



## New **SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY**

### **Patrick Coughran Memorial Scholarship      Scholarship Application 2021 Gold Country Fair – Junior Livestock Auction**

*Patrick Coughran was a respected and ardent supporter of youth in agriculture. Pat believed in working hard, being involved in the community, and helping young people develop a passion for agriculture. This scholarship was founded in honor of his memory and is supported by the Junior Livestock Auction committee through proceeds earned from the sale of a donated market animal at the Junior Livestock Auction.*

**Please read the following scholarship criteria before submitting your application:**

- 1) This scholarship applies only to applicants who have exhibited livestock or agriculture mechanics projects for TWO YEARS specifically at the Gold Country Fair.
- 2) Applicants must be enrolled in a local agricultural youth organization for at least 2 years (ie, Placer County 4-H, The National FFA Organization or National Grange).
- 3) Applicants must be a recent high school graduate within the year of application or 1 year prior to the year of application.
- 4) At the time of application submission, applicants must provide an official PRINTED educational transcript of **current** semester classes from the institution of which they are enrolled (from financial aid or other official transcription) that must accompany a hard copy of the complete application, no email copies or screenshots accepted!!
- 5) Applicants must submit 2 letters of recommendation (one from a leader and another from an adult that is not a related family member of applicant) which must accompany the hard copy of the complete applications, no emails accepted!!
- 6) If requested, applicants must be able to provide a hard copy of the records they keep on their livestock projects, either the relevant pages from the 4-H and/or FFA record book that covers expenses, income and a journal of the time and chores they complete. Printed copies from an electronic record keeping program area acceptable.
- 7) The scholarship may be awarded once to any recipient, but may be awarded to more than 1 person each year.

**\*\*To qualify for an interview, all scholarship applications and required paperwork must be pre-printed hard copies turned in to the Gold Country Fair Livestock office no later than closing time on the day entries are due, August 10, 2021!!!**

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*To complete an application, please provide the required personal information and answer all questions completely on a separate, typed document. Please be as specific as possible.*

### **Patrick Coughran Memorial Scholarship Application**

Full Name:

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Agriculture Organization(s) of Membership: \_\_\_\_\_ Years of Membership \_\_\_\_\_

Year of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_ Most recent completed term cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years showing livestock at the Gold Country Fair: \_\_\_\_\_ Specie(s) exhibited: \_\_\_\_\_

Other types of projects exhibited at the fair (if any):

Scholarship Application Questions:

**Question #1:** Describe the largest, local community service project that you have organized or collaboratively been a part of. Please provide details about the project by describing your role, what was accomplished by your group, how many people were involved in the service project work, how many hours were volunteered, which group(s) were the beneficiary of the service project, and how they benefited from the project.

**Question #2:** Describe the most relevant and impactful leadership role(s) you have had the opportunity to serve in. Please provide details about this experience by describing your duties as a leader or team (project) member, how you interacted with the other team leaders and members, which organization you served, what this experience taught you, and what impact you left on the organization.

**Question #3:** Describe the most successful livestock or agriculture mechanics project you exhibited at the Gold Country Fair. Please provide details by describing the project, the short and long term plans/goals for the project, what growth and/or skills you gained as a result of completing this project, the financial obligations you were responsible for, and the investment of profits you might have been able to earn as a result of this project.

**[CLICK HERE TO PRINT APPLICATION](#)**

## ***VIRTUAL 4-H ~ Save The Dates***

### ***CA 4-H Virtual Camp***

**July 19—23 & August 13, 2021**

**[click to registration](#)**



California 4-H Virtual Camp

### ***2021 California 4-H virtual State Leadership Conference.***

***Mission: Sparks - Explore Your Possibilities***

**- July 23-25, 2021 - [Click for information](#)**



### ***Project Learning Tree—Environmental Educator Training.***

**July 13, 14 & 16**

**[Check for more dates & registration Info](#)**



### ***4-H Shooting Sports National Championships.***

**June 21 - July 1, 2022.**

**[Applications](#) are due online by October 1, 2021.**

**[Click here for more information](#)**





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Placer County 4-H



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Nevada County 4-H



## Nevada/Placer County 4-H BLOG

### Placer County H Spirit Week

Placer County 4-H Spirit Week, July 7th-14th, 2021 was created by this year's Placer County Ambassador Team! The Ambassadors put extensive thought into what they wanted to do for our 4-H members this year and a 4-H Spirit Week is what they came up with. Part of the County Ambassador's annual mission is to work on a project over the year. This year with limited in-person events the Ambassadors had ample time to think about what would help their county 4-H program despite the challenging year....

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*Youth members!!*

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Send an email to: Natalie Cunha [ncunha@ucanr.edu](mailto:ncunha@ucanr.edu)

**Provide: TITLE | 2-3 PARAGRAPHS | PHOTOS**



4-H Project Leaders access to Project sheet pages, for at home education resources:  
[http://4h.ucanr.edu/Projects/Project\\_Sheets/](http://4h.ucanr.edu/Projects/Project_Sheets/)

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<https://ucanr.edu/sites/nevadacounty4h/>

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