

Nevada and Placer Counties 4-H Youth Development



The University of California 4-H Youth Development Program provides a variety of experiential learning opportunities that support the promotion of healthy youth and their communities. The 4-H program offers many opportunities, such as summer camps, clubs, after-school or in-school programs, and other county and state leadership opportunities.

The 4-H program is guided by positive youth development theory, which emphasizes the importance of healthy developmental contexts, such as a youth's sense of belonging, feeling safe, and having a spark or passion in life. The 4-H program believes that when a young person has a healthy developmental context, they will begin to achieve positive outcomes, such as having a growth mindset, setting and managing goals, and having a sense of hope and purpose in life.

4-H programs are inclusive to all youth (ages 5-18) from a variety of socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds.

Nevada County

- 10 Clubs
- 389 youth members
- 109 adult volunteers

Placer County

- 11 Clubs
- 684 youth members
- 106 adult volunteers

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Program Highlights 2022-23:

- Our 4-H Embryology Expanded Learning Program was offered to youth across 20 schools in Placer County and 2 schools in Nevada County.
- A bi-county 4-H summer camp was offered this year at Donner Mine Camp with 15 youth attending from Placer County and 22 youth attending from Nevada County.
- To increase exposure of the 4-H program in the community, 4-H has initiated a marketing campaign that includes booths at local fairs and community events, county-wide announcements, promotional materials given to school districts, and a Constant Contact email marketing platform.
- A new 4-H Foresthill club was added in Placer County. The Green Acres 4-H Club and the Countywide Shooting Sports Club were added in Nevada County.
- The Placer County 4-H programs offered more than \$9,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors. These funds come from the Neil and Laura D. Hulbert estate, and the Placer County 4-H scholarships award.
- The Hulbert estate is awarding five awards annually (\$2,500) to both outstanding 4-H male and female, between the ages of 14-18.
- The Placer County 4-H scholarships come from 4-Hers who raise a market animal or pen to be auctioned off at either the Placer County Fair or Gold Country Fair Junior Livestock Auction with the proceeds used to fund the 4-H scholarship awards.
- UCANR programs are open to all participants, regardless of their ability to pay. For youth facing economic disadvantage, the 4-H program provides enrollment fee waivers so that all youth can participate.



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