



Youth serving on the Placer County 4-H Council

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Hello, my name is Micah Cook and I am 12 years old and I was a Youth Placer County 4-H Council member for the 2017-2018 program year. As a youth on the 4-H Council I learned many new things about how 4-

H is run and how it works I learned about finances and how the Council spent money. It was a lot of fun because I could vote and help decide what to do with finances. When I went to Council meetings, I never feel left out or that my opinion didn't matter because my vote counted. Many people don't realize, but all 4-H members that are 9 years and older are eligible to vote at Placer County 4-H Council meeting that they attend. I like that 4-H is an organization where kids have a voice and a vote just like the adults! Most of the time I enjoyed when Council members would debate but then sometimes, if it went on, it would get kind of boring. I learned to respect other people's ideas and to take them into consideration before I voted. The Council would talk about projects, how to spend the money, good dates for events and more. Being a council member was a really great experience and I think other kids would like it too.



Kyle Rutz
Eureka Granite Bay

As a teenager who is a second year 4-H'er, I had some catching-up to do to meet others in the 4-H community. My work on the 4-H Council let me meet community leaders other than mine and get to understand

how they worked together. I attended all the monthly meetings and got familiar with how the meetings ran. I saw what topics they spent the most time on. I noticed that either the agendas were too long to fit into one hour or they didn't pay close attention to the time limit on each topic because the 4-H Council meetings were usually about two hours. That happens in my Boy Scout meetings too so it seems pretty common. I learned our 4-H leaders spend a lot of time each month helping the kids. From teaching new members all about 4-H to reading and evaluating record books at the end of the year, our leaders are rock stars! Thank you for everything you do for us.

If you would like to represent your club as a youth member please email: sikane@ucanr.edu for an application.



Lleyton Rutz
Eureka Granite Bay

I have been working with the 4-H Council for 2 years and have gotten to know the officers and community leaders well through my updates and presentations. I've attended almost every meeting during that time representing the All Stars. I also contributed by filling in for my 4-H community leader when she wasn't able to attend

a monthly meeting. I took complete notes, made a copy of them for her and met with her before our club officer meeting to make sure all the important information was given. What did I learn about? I learned a lot about the county 4-H budget. I learned how to read it and understand the balances and when debits and credits were made. It is a great skill to have. I also learned about how the council makes decisions. I'm glad they will follow Robert's Rules regularly next year.

2018-2019 4-H REGISTRATION

- * **Youth and Adults can register in Placer County starting July 09, 2018 at: [4hOnline](#)**
- * **Watch for your postcard in the mail with your clubs *First Meeting* information date, time and location.**
- * **Pay your 2018-19 registration fee for : \$66 youth/ \$20 adult .**
- * **Returning Adult Volunteers complete your 2018/19 training.**



ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENT INFORMATION

We're just enthusiastic about what we do.

~Steve Jobs

FAIR NEWS

Gold Country Fair Weigh-In Dates

Sheep, Goat, Swine	July 7, 7am-11am
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Congratulations to all our 4-H youth who worked hard and excelled at The Placer County Fair

Fair Dates

Gold Country Fair	September 6 -9
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BE FAIR READY

The 4-H office is open Weekdays from 8:00am-5:00pm. We have an assortment of donated whites available, as well as :

4-H Hats: \$21

4-H Tie: \$14

4-H Scarf: \$16

4-H Record Book Cover: \$3



Checks or cash only—NO ATM or Credit



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

Gold Country Fair (530) 823-4533



Important Dates



More details at: www.ucanr.edu/sites/placercounty4h/

July

07/10/2018 [Quilting Camp](#) 07/10 thru 07/13/2018

07/26/2018 [State Leadership Conference](#)

07/26/2018 thru 07/29/2018

07/29/2018 Summer Camp 07/29 thru 08/03/2018

August

08/22/2018 Council Meeting

08/25/2018 [Bi-County Officer Training and Adult Leader Training](#)



Every year we remind leaders to submit their club t-shirt designs and outreach flyers or other printed materials for approval, but why?

We talk about “branding” in the 4-H program, but what makes our green clover so special?

The use of the 4-H Name and Emblem is defined through 7 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 8. The 4-H Name and Emblem are a Federal Mark, protected by 18 USC 707, and intended only for use within the United States.

See here : [USDA 4-H NAME AND EMBLEM USER GUIDE](#).

The 4-H Name & Emblem is a highly valued mark within our country’s history. As such, it was granted a very unique and special status; it is in a category similar to the Presidential Seal and the Olympic Emblem. This federal protection makes it a mark into and of itself with protection that supersedes the limited authorities of both a trademark and a copyright.

As a result, responsibility and stewardship for the 4-H Name & Emblem were not given to the U.S. Patent Office but were given to a higher level of the federal government, a member of the Cabinet, the Secretary of Agriculture. The “18 USC 707” is the statement in the United States Code that outlines the protection of the 4-H Name & Emblem. It is all of our responsibility to insure we are using the 4-H name, clover and branding properly. For more information : [4-H EMBLEM FACT SHEET](#)



Why 4-H?

A note from our Community Education Specialist

Until recently, my husband and I were raising our three kids in Roseville. As our kids grew, they were involved in sports, school and community. Still, I felt like they were missing valuable opportunities that would help them in their adult life. As the owner of a small private pre-school that taught using a cross between Montessori and Reggio Emilia philosophies, I wanted my kids to be involved in activities that allowed them to learn by doing, to be successful through failure, and to be able to acquire leadership skills doing activities they were interested in.

When I asked people I knew with children, 4-H came up over and over. So 4-H it was! But it wasn’t. I had a hard time getting in touch with the club leader and when I finally did, they offered limited projects. Eventually I moved on to other youth organizations, though they didn’t fit our family.

When we moved to a small piece of property, my kids wanted animals and with that, we tried round two with 4-H. This time we were successful, and while becoming a part of a club that offered what my kids needed took some time, my kids flourished. They learned so many skills that have helped them to be better people now, and skills that will serve them well when they go out into the world as young adults.



As an adult in the 4-H Program, I am amazed every day at the confidence, commitment, service to others, creativity and empathy displayed by the youth in our program. These youth that make up today’s 4-H program give me hope for tomorrow. With them out in the world as leaders, doers and examples of human kindness, our future is bright.

Shannon Kane— Placer County 4-H Community Education Specialist

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