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To Make the Best Better

In the 4-H program we use the motto, "TO MAKE THE BEST BETTER". To make the BEST BETTER. What does that mean? What is the best? How do we make them better? The Merriam Webster Dictionary states that the definition of Best is- 1: excelling all others. 2: most productive of good : offering or producing the greatest advantage, utility, or satisfaction. So how do we as parents and volunteers make our best better? As a parent, I see my role as providing opportunity for my children to try new things and to have new experiences. Sometimes this means I have to push them in to something they aren't comfortable with; new sports, new projects, new activities and sometimes it's just calling a retail store to ask if they carry a product; I mean seriously, they think you just ask Siri! The motto in our household is "Just Try". I expect my kids to try new things, and even in failure, they succeed. In the world of 4-H, this is something we see as well. Youth have the opportunity to succeed through failure and change. This is one of the many things that I love about the 4-H program. In a world that is vastly changing in the blink of an eye, we are able to offer changing opportunity for our youth to become their best, and succeed through doing to become better. One question I hear a lot in my job is "why do we have to change"? While I understand that change can be difficult to embrace, I see that change is important if we are to honor the 4-H tradition of making the best better. A recent article in the World Economic Forum stated "Jobs exist that we'd never heard of a decade ago. One estimate suggests that 65% of children entering primary school today will ultimately end up working in completely new job types that aren't on our radar yet". Food for thought- Ten years ago Social Media manager, Uber Driver, App Creator, or Drone Operators were just four of the jobs that did not exist. Now Apple has 1.6 million Apps, Facebook has more than 1.5 billion users worldwide, there were 105,000 drones sold in 2017 and Uber is a \$62 billion dollar start-up. If we don't change, the world will pass us by and in turn, pass our youth by. Change does not mean we give up our traditions or that we lose sight of what is important, change means we give our youth the best opportunity to become BETTER!

Shannon Kane

Placer County 4-H Community Education Specialist

Did you know....

4-H and UC ANR honored by the California State Senate

Mexican dignitaries and UC 4-H leadership honored in the ...

Published on: April 3, 2018 Dignitaries from the Baja California Department of Agriculture were recognized along with representatives of the UC Agriculture and Natural Resources 4-H program by the California State Senate on April 2 for an... [READ MORE](#)



ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENT INFORMATION

Intelligence is the ability to adapt to change.

~Stephen Hawking

FAIR NEWS

Placer County Fair Exhibitor Handbook

Exhibitor Handbook	June 21-24
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Gold Country Fair Weigh-In Dates

Sheep, Goat, Swine	July 7, 7am-11am
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Fair Dates

Placer County Fair	June 21-24
Gold Country Fair	Sept 6 -9



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

State Advisory Committee

Get state-level 4-H experience as a State Advisory Committee member

4-H Youth and adults are encouraged to apply for one of our State Advisory Committees **by May 31, 2018.**

Advisory Committees:

- ⇒ Animal Science
- ⇒ Camping
- ⇒ Civic Engagement
- ⇒ Educational Technology (ETAC)
- ⇒ Healthy Living
- ⇒ Incentives and Recognition
- ⇒ Multicultural and Community Engagement
- ⇒ Policy
- ⇒ Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)
- ⇒ Shooting Sports
- ⇒ Volunteer Development

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Important Dates



May

- 05/01/2016** Hulbert Award Scholarship Application **DUE**
Placer County 4-H Council Scholarship Application **DUE**
- 05/05/2018** [Animal Youth Fair/Still Exhibits](#)
- 05/09/2018** Camp Staff Training
- 05/09/2018** ["What to Expect at Fair" Workshop](#)
Reg Deadline.
- 05/12/2018** [Placer County "All Counties" Qualifying Horse Show](#)
- 05/14/2018** [State Fashion Revue](#) Reg Deadline
- 05/14/2018** [State Presentation Day](#) Reg Deadline
- 05/15/2018** ["What To Expect at Fair" Workshop](#)
- 05/19/2018** Hulbert Award / Placer County 4-H Council Scholarship Interviews
- 05/23/2018** Council Meeting

June

- 06/02/2018** [State 4-H Field Day](#)
- 06/13/2018** Camp Staff Training
- 06/20/2018** Placer County Fair Animal Check-In
- 06/21-24/2018** Placer County Fair

For additional information:

<http://ucanr.edu/placercounty4h>



Join us for State 4-H Field Day! There is so much to do and see.

[CHECK IT OUT](#)

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 Hat: \$21

4-H Tie: \$14

4-H Scarf: \$16

4-H Record Book Cover: \$3

*Items will also be available for purchase during the Fair Workshop on May 15, 2018

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