

2019 Guide to Activities for Youth in Amador County

This guide is prepared to assist youth and their parents or foster parents/guardians to find constructive, educational, and interesting extra-curricular activities. While it is not an inclusive list, since there is a wonderful range of clubs and activities in the Mother Lode region, it does present a “place to start”.

A source of extremely valuable information about community activities and events:

The Ledger Dispatch ‘A to Z’

A Guide to Services, Resources, and Recreation in Amador County

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The Guide to Activities is organized in categories which you will find below in the order that they appear in the guide:

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Enrichment /Leadership

Amador Area CHP Explorers

Interested persons can contact the CHP in the following ways:

California Highway Patrol-Amador Area, 301 Clinton Road Jackson

Phone: 209-223-4890

Advisor- Officer John Hardey or Advisor Officer Kevin Archer

Karcher@chp.ca.gov

E-mail: Jhardey@chp.ca.gov CHP

Website: <http://www.chp.ca.gov/community/explorers.html>

The Amador Area CHP Explorers has been operating in Amador County since 2004. CHP-Explorers are for dedicated young adults ages 15-21 years old who are

interested in seeking a career in Law Enforcement. Volunteer members work and learn side by side with officers in accomplishing the CHP's goals of reducing injury causing collisions and serving the people of California. Here in the Amador Area, we focus our attention in assisting and supporting the various communities of our county while preparing our young members to eventually move into a law enforcement career.

Sutter Creek Police Department Cadets

Anyone interested in the Cadet program can contact Officer Matt Brewer by phone at 267-5646 or by email at mbrewer@cityofsuttercreek.org

The Sutter Creek PD Cadet program began in the summer of 2015. The program is open to young men and women who are 14-21 years old. The goal of the Cadet program is to prepare the participant for the police academy and introduce them into a career in law enforcement. Cadets will learn what an officer does on a day to day basis by attending meetings and riding with an officer on their patrol shift. The Cadet program also provides an excellent way to obtain community service hours.

Boy Scouts

Contact: Chas Murphy at chasmurf@yahoo.com or 209-256-0147.

Boy Scouts of America is now a co-ed organization. Amador County has 5 Cub Scout Packs, 5 Boy Scout Troops and 1 Venturing Crew serving the communities of Ione, Jackson, Sutter Creek, Plymouth, Pine Grove and Upcountry. A Girl Scout troop, covering ages **11-17**, is forming in Jackson, which will share many activities with the boys. Cub Scouting is for children in the first through fifth grades, or **5 to 10 years** of age. Children who are **11 to 17 years** of age, or who have completed the fifth grade, are eligible to join the Boy Scouts. Venturing is a co-ed program for young adult males and females **14 to 21 years** of age.

Girl Scouts

Phone: 800-322-4475

Email: customercare@girlscoutshcc.org

Website: www.girlscoutshcc.org

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Girl Scouts is the premiere leadership organization for girls in the United States. Girl Scouts Heart of Central California (GSHCC) is the area's local council and troops are active throughout the community. Troops are always adding more girls throughout the year.

KAIZEN MARTIAL ARTS ACADEMY

525-5 S. Hwy. 49 Jackson, Ca. 95642

Phone: (209) 419-0803

Contact: Harmony Hanks

Website: www.kaizenamador.com

Email: kaizenamador@yahoo.com

Kaizen has been serving Amador County since 2006 and has graduated over 100 Blackbelts. Aside from equipping students with the necessary tools, skills, confidence & mental awareness to protect themselves, their focus is always on character development, goal setting, & perseverance in overcoming obstacles. Kaizen offers 3 separate, age specific, Martial Art programs:

A blend of traditional Karate, Krav-Maga, Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu. Ages 5-6, 7-9, 10-13yrs.

Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu. Ages 14-up

Kick-Box Conditioning. Ages 14-up

Ko Sutemi West Karate Studio

1510 S. Hwy 49, Jackson, Ca

Phone: 209-296-4200

Contact: Rodney Peoples

Blog: kswkarate.blogspot.com

Email: realrcp@aol.com

Our ages range from 4-10, and 10-105!

Benefits of Karate training:

Higher Self Confidence and Self Esteem

Self Discipline, Self Respect

Honor and Courtesy towards others.

Motherlode Youth Symphony

Further information about participation and auditions can be obtained by contacting: Mother Lode Youth Symphony; president is Molly Iley and 209-296-7072. Website: www.mlys.org

The Mother Lode Youth Symphony, now in its 17th season, features youth musicians aged 7 to 19 years, from Calaveras, Amador, and Tuolumne Counties. The MLYS provides these talented musicians an opportunity to play symphonic music under the leadership of a professional music conductor. Only opportunity for children playing string instruments in a group environment. Weekly practice during season.

Service Clubs

Amador County Youth Coalition

Contact: Diana Evensen Phone: 209-223-6407

Email at [HYPERLINK mail to: DEvensen@amadorgov.org](mailto:DEvensen@amadorgov.org)

This organization is open to any high school youth wanting to work at making changes for the youth of Amador County; with a particular emphasis on tobacco. We open participation to Junior High students as well.

The 4-H Clubs/Units in Amador County include:

Blue Ribbon Up-Country 4-H Club

Meets the 2nd Friday of the month at 5:00 p.m. at the Up-Country Community Center

Community Club Leader:

Ashley Matthews

Email: matthews_ashley@hotmail.com

Fiddletown 4-H Club

Meets the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Fiddletown Community Center

Community Club Leader:

DeAnna Stiltz

Ph. 209-781-5273

Gold Nugget 4-H Club

Meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the Plymouth City Hall (9426 Main Street, Plymouth, CA 95669)

Community Club Leader:

Rosemarie Moreno-Moody

Ph. 209-245-3971

Ione Community 4-H Club

Meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at Ione Elementary (415 South Ione Street, Ione)

Community Club Leader:

Ryan Elmore and Kristin Smith

ionecommunity4h@gmail.com

Jackson Gold Wheels 4-H Club

Meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the Amador County 4-H Ext Office, (12200-B Airport Road, Jackson, CA 95642)

Community Club Leader:

Diane Franklin

Ph. 209-418-9268 or jacksongoldwheels@gmail.com

Shenandoah Valley 4-H Club

Meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm at the Shenandoah Schoolhouse (Times and locations do vary)

Community Club Leader:

Sara Dentone

sodentone@gmail.com

Willow Springs 4-H Club

Meets the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Amador County Fairgrounds, Spur Emporium (18621 Sherwood St, Plymouth, CA 95669)

Community Club Leader:

Rielle Waters-Santinelli

Ph. 209-419-1666 or riellesanrinwlli@gmail.com

Grange

Contact: Dolores Larrigan Phone: 209-610-9415 Email:

larrigan@volcano.net

Mailing: PO Box 727, Ione

The Grange is a national organization devoted to the protection, preservation and enhancement of agriculture, improvement in agricultural communities, and the families and friends of farming. There are 3 local Granges; Ione Grange, Gold Country Grange in Ione, and Shenandoah Valley in Plymouth. All have programs for youth (Junior & Youth Granges).

Kiwanis

Information can be obtained at the Amador County Kiwanis Club at their website: www.kiwanisone.org.

K-Kids meeting is held at Sutter Creek Elementary at lunchtime every other Wednesday. Contact Sutter Creek Elementary for additional information: (209) 257-7200

Rotary International

The Rotary Club of Passport to Amador and the Rotary Club of Plymouth-Foothills co-sponsor an Interact Club for high school youth that is active at Amador High School.

Amador High School Interact Club

Co-Sponsors: The Rotary Club of Passport to Amador and the Rotary Club of Plymouth-Foothills

Co-Rotary Advisors: Elizabeth Swason
415-298-4000

Lauren Hartwick

209-712-5438

email: elizabeth@swason4.com

lnhartwick@gmail.com

Faculty Advisor: Glenn Carter

209-257-7309

gcarter@amadorcoe.k12.ca.us

The Rotary of Passport to Amador and the Rotary Club of Plymouth-Foothills co-sponsor an Interact Club for junior high school youth that attend Shenandoah Valley Charter School.

Interact Club of Shenandoah Valley Charter School

Co-Sponsors: Rotary Club of Passport to Amador and the Rotary Club of Plymouth-Foothills

Rotary Advisor: Elizabeth Swason

Best Contact: 415-298-4000

email: elizabeth@swason4.com

Faculty Advisor: Terry Hampton

209-245-4284

email: terry.hampton@acusd.org

Faith Base

Local churches and houses of worship often offer youth programs and activities. Some have a specific youth ministry. If the church of your faith does not have an active youth program, you may choose to explore a non-denominational program such as AWANA.

AWANA was founded as a youth program at the North Side Gospel Center in Chicago, Illinois. The goal was to develop a program that would appeal to young people, reach them with a Christian message of salvation and grow them spiritually through biblical studies. Participants typically meet once a week throughout the school year. The focus of the curriculum is on the presentation of the gospel and learning Scripture to build a biblical foundation for young people's faith. Most programs include a group teaching time, individual one-on-one time with a leader to review the lessons learned that week and a time for games.

Local churches which offer the AWANA program include:

Church at the Cross: 21895 Homestead Road at Highway 88, Pine Grove.

Phone: 209-296-5075

Website: CATCPG.Com

Contact: Chuck Teagle Email: chuck@catcpg.com

Offers the AWANA program which meets Wednesday evenings, 6-8 pm, 5-18 ages

Cornerstone Church of Ione: 116 S. Church St., Ione.

Mailing: PO Box 304, Ione CA 95640

Phone: 209-274-4131

Website: cornerstoneione.org

Pastor Bryan Campbell

Email: bryan@cornerstoneione.org

Youth Director: CJ Pearce

Children's Director: Crystal LaBarre

Jr Hi and Hi school youth groups meet on Sunday evening each week from 6-8 p.m. at the church.

Offers the AWANA program; meets Friday for K-6 grades, 2:30-4:30pm
kids@cornerstoneione.org

First Baptist Church of Jackson: 10700 State Highway 49, Jackson

Mailing: PO Box 853, Jackson

Phone: 209-223-2121

Pastor: Mr. Kim Nielsen

Church contact: Kathy fbcj@att.net

Website: fbcojc.com

Life Youth: Sunday's 5-7:30 pm., grades 6-12

AWANA Club 6- 8 pm: August thru April, K-6th grade

Young Couples Ministry

King's Seniors and Bible Studies

School Based

Each comprehensive high school has some clubs and activities to which students may participate. In addition to regular clubs, some schools use students as counselors and tutors for students in the primary and middle schools. One example is the use of students as Science Camp Counselors for 6th grade Science Camp. Check with the school counselor for information about the clubs offered and their activities. Listed below are examples of clubs offered at the two comprehensive high schools in the Amador Unified School District.

Amador High School Clubs

Ace-it! Tutoring Club

Amador Drama Club

Amador High Democrats

Beyond the Walls Bible Club

Blue Crew

Chess Clubs

Criminal Justice

Digital Development

Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Friday Night Live

Fund a Field

Interact Club (Rotary Sponsored)

Plural Club

“S” Club

Sutter Creek FFA

Yearbook Club

Yoga Club

Young Americans For Freedom

Argonaut High School Clubs

Anti-Bullying Club

Art Club

Band
California Scholarship Federation
Cheerleading
Catholic Club
Circle of Friends
Drama
Environmental Club
Family Career & Community Leaders of America
FFA
Hispanic Club
Link Crew
Power Lifting
Student Government
Yearbook

Ione Junior High School

California Jr. Scholarship Federation
Dungeons and Dragons
Latin X Club
Student Council
WEB

Jackson Jr. High School

California Jr. Scholarship Federation
RC - Remote Control Cars
Robotics
Student Council
Yearbook
WEB

Recreation and Sports

Amador County Girls Softball Association

Email: amadorcountysoftball@gmail.com

Website: acsoftball.com

Softball season runs March-May for girls ages 5 – 14. Sign-ups begin online October-Mid January.

Amador Little League East

Information Officer, Chris Gunn, Email: admin@aclle.com

Website: www.aclle.com

This is the official Little League for children ages 5-12 and Juniors Division players age 13-14 who reside in the Jackson, Pine Grove, and Pioneer areas. Registration opens between November and February 1st, with the season running from end of March to middle of June, and post-season play in July.

Amador Little League West

Email: info@acllw.org Website: www.acllw.org

Mailing address: PO Box 1418, Ione CA 95640.

This baseball program is available for youth between the ages of 5 and 14 who reside in the Ione, Plymouth, and Sutter Creek areas. Sign-ups in December and January with the season running from March through July.

Amador Junior Buffalos Football and Cheer

Contact: Charlie Blinkenhein 209-304-3527 or on Facebook

All youth residing in the Amador County Unified School District may participate in youth football and cheer. This is for youth 7 to 14 years of age who are in 2nd to 8th grade. Players will be put on a team according to age and/or weight and address. Sign-ups are in the spring with practice starting the last week in July or first week in August. Games start in September and run through the week before Thanksgiving in November for teams with winning records in the post season. We are always looking for new players in the age groups above.

Argonaut Junior Mustangs Football and Cheer

Contact: Lance Roberts 209-625-7896

Website: www.ajmfootball.com

Email: admin@ajmfootball.com, or on Argonaut Junior Mustangs Football and Cheer Facebook page.

All youth residing in the Amador County Unified School District may participate in youth football and cheer. This is for youth starting age to age 6 by Aug 1 to 14 years of age who are in 1st to 8th grade. Players will be put on a team according to age and/or weight and address. Sign-ups are in the spring with practice starting the last week in July or first week in August. Games start in September and run through the week before Thanksgiving in November for teams with winning records in the post season.

Amador Polar Bear Swim Team

President: Matt Waverly

Mailing address: Amador Swim Team, PO Box 983, Jackson, CA 95642.

For more information see the team website at [HYPERLINK](#)

<http://www.amadorpolarbears.com>

The Amador Swim Team provides area children the opportunity to swim competitively. The Team is a recreational team with primary emphasis on fun and fitness. We encourage swimming in a manner that provides recreation, self-discipline, good sportsmanship, and competition in the context of a "full family" experience for the swimmers. The team is active April through through July, with the regular season practices starting Monday, April 1 at the Jackson Pool at 6 pm, with two home meets, June 8 and July 13.

Ione Marlins

Mailing : PO Box 865, Ione CA 95640. Website: ionemarlins.wordpress.com

Contact Kristi Roots at email Kri4543@gmail.com for further information.

The Ione Marlins are active during the summer using the Ione Junior High pool. Their season starts the first Monday after school is out and goes through the month of July.

Bowling

Phone: 209-223-3334 Website: GoldCountryLanes.com

Youth Director: Louretta Agness at 209-223-3334, extension 6#

Email: louretta.agness@goldcountrylanes.com

Gold Country Lanes offers a variety of junior bowling programs, including Friday Family Night with scholarships and Saturday morning Youth Scholarship leagues

including bumpers.

Junior Team Tennis League

Web site: <http://www.amadortennisclub.org/jtt.html>

Contact League Director Dan Klement at danklement1@gmail.com or info@amadortennisclub.org

Mailing: 11180 Ranchette Dr., Jackson CA 95642

Amador Tennis Club offers Junior Team Tennis, a 6-7 week co-ed tennis league for boys and girls ages 7–14. Beginners are welcome. Each team has one practice and one match each week. Spring and Fall leagues run annually. Spring league matches are held on Saturdays and registration runs February to mid-March. Fall league matches are held on Sundays and registration is in August. No child will be turned away due to financial constraints.

Mother Lode Youth Soccer League

Email: President.mlysl@gmail.com Nathan Woods, president.

Website: www.mlysl.com Mailing: PO Box 1504, Jackson CA 95642.

Facebook

at <https://m.facebook.com/MLYSL-Mother-Lode-Youth-Soccer-League-864521326993574/>

The recreational league season is in the fall (August to November) and is for youth ages 4 – 14. Games are every Saturday in Howard Park (Ione).

Youth Basketball

Contact: Josh Woodson 209-256-0182

Email: woodsonj@gmail.com or amatoryouthbasketball@gmail.com.

The website is <http://www.amatoryouthbasketball.com/> and FaceBook

is <http://www.facebook.com/groups/148937168465984/>

Basketball is available for boys and girls in grades K through 8th grade. The season runs January thru March, with October sign-ups.

Community Involvement

The churches and businesses with which you have contact may have volunteer opportunities for youth. In addition, various groups and organizations offer people the opportunity to voluntarily participate in activities that are designed to improve their community and its residents. The tasks vary according to the mission of each

individual organization, as do the expected time commitment for the volunteer. While some may not have a role for youth, if the organization is involved in an area that interests you there is no harm in inquiring.

Some of the organizations using volunteers include:

ACRA

Phone: 209-223-6349 10877 Conductor Blvd., Suite 100 Sutter Creek
Contact: Carolyn Fregulia Email: acra@amadorgov.org
Facebook: [Facebook.com/goacra](https://www.facebook.com/goacra): Website: www.goacra.org

The Amador County Recreation Agency, a Joint Powers Authority, is designed to provide recreational opportunities at a reasonable cost to county residents and visitors. We focus on sports leagues and events, adult education, youth programs, pools and lifeguard services, and park and facility management throughout the county. Be sure to look at our website, www.goacra.com, to see all of the current offerings.

ACRA provides structured, supervised activities for youth including Kids Afternoon Programs (KAP) in Jackson and Plymouth, Summer Day Camps, a Children's Theater Workshop, the Haunted Hall in Pioneer Park, British Soccer Camps in Ione, Tiny Tykes Soccer at Argonaut High and swimming lessons at Ione, Sutter Creek, and Plymouth pools. Adult classes and programs include photography, i-phone technology, cooking and foreign languages, along with Bingo at the American Legion Hall on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month.

Community Garden

A community garden is located on Jackson Gate Rd, in Jackson, on the Chichizola/Cuneo Ranch property. Youth programs and special events are held there. Garden plots are available year round.

Contact: Carolyn Fregulia
Email: acra@amadorgov.org
Facebook: [Facebook.com/goacra](https://www.facebook.com/goacra):
Website: www.goacra.org

Amador County Chamber of Commerce

Phone: 209-223-0350 Contact: Jamie Armstrong
Address: 70 West Ridge Road, Sutter Creek Mailing address: PO Box 596,
Jackson

Website: amadorchamber.com Email: amadorcountychamber@gmail.com

Dedicated to advancing the economic, commercial, civic, industrial, recreational and general interests of and within the County of Amador.

Amador Fire Safe Council

Web Site: www.amadorfiresafe.org Phone: 916-612-5163 Cell: 209-304-2187
Email: amadorfiresafe@gmail.com

Amador Fire Safe Council meets once a month on the 3rd Wednesday, 3:00pm, County GSA building, 12200-B Airport Road, Jackson, large conference room.

Amador Pregnancy Help Center Phone: 209-223-3813 Address: 1001 Broadway Ste. 102, Jackson Email: APHCdirector@gmail.com Provides information and assistance regarding pregnancy issues and resources. Provides peer counseling, options counseling, crisis pregnancy help, parenting classes, pregnancy tests, plus baby clothing and equipment. All items & services are free and confidential. APHC is a non-profit and does accept donations of clean and gently used baby clothing and some equipment. Please call ahead since they cannot accept all items. The center is open Monday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Wednesday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Thursday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Please call ahead for an appointment.

Amador Council of Tourism

Phone: 209-267-9249 Executive Director- Maureen Funk
Mailing: BX 40, Sutter Creek Calendar of Events on the Website:
visitamador.com
Email: hello@visitamador.com
FaceBook - Visit Amador
Twitter - Visit Amador
Instagram account: VisitAmador

Destination Marketing Organization of Amador that also provides information to visitors about places to visit, shop, and stay.

A-PAL

Phone: 209-223-0410 Mailing: PO Box 190, Jackson
Email: apayhumanesociety@gmail.com
Website: pawspartners.org

Mission: to ensure the humane treatment of animals in Amador County. Check website for programs and volunteer opportunities.

ATCAA Services

Amador Tuolumne Community Action Agency - People Helping People

Information & Referral: Jackson 209-223-1485

Fax: (209) 223-4178

Jackson Service Center: 10590 Hwy 88 Jackson, CA 95642

Lobby open Monday -Thursday: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., 1 - 4 p.m.

Shelter & Housing

Emergency shelter & assistance * EMERGENCY rental housing assistance for literally homeless families * Homeless prevention funds to keep families in their homes to avoid eviction * CACFP Child and adult care food program for shelters * Varley Place - Permanent supportive housing for homeless veteran families and singles. * Smart Money - financial literacy classes

Warmth

Utility bill assistance * Energy saving home improvements at no cost to qualified clients * Water conservation improvements at no cost to qualified clients

Youth

Head Start/Early Head Start: 209-223-7333 X3 * Free for qualifying families of children 0-5 * Centers located in Ione and Jackson

CHAT: Child Therapy - 209-223-1485 x249 * Free for qualifying families of children through age 17

Foster Youth Support: 209-223-1485 x226 * IDA (Individual Development Account) Education and support promoting financial stability for foster youth, age 13 - 21.

Adult

Adult - Family - Senior Tax Preparation and filing; Feb-April * Free tax preparation for qualifying individuals and families

Seniors

Amador Lifeline: 209-223-1485 x232

Personal 24 hour Emergency Response Device / Service

Open to the public Mon-Thursday, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., 1 - 4 p.m.

CAL FIRE Juvenile Fire Setter Assessment Program

Program Managers: Erik Fiedler (530) 644-2345 (email: erik.fiedler@fire.ca.gov)
and/or
Debbie Mackey (209) 274-6115 (email: chief6200@sbcglobal.net)

Youth Fire Setter Assessment Program The Amador-El Dorado Unit of CAL FIRE and City of Ione Fire Department offer an assessment program for any juvenile who has been caught or reported to be playing with fire anywhere (inside/outside/on school grounds/etc.). Contrary to popular belief, any type of fire setting activity (whether it is lighting matches/lighters or setting things on fire) is not normal behavior and will not go away on its own. The program is free and is designed to assess a juvenile for future fire setting tendencies, educate the family on appropriate use of fire, explain the liabilities of continued fire setting, etc. The program can involve community service, homework assignments, etc., and can also make recommendations to Juvenile Justice/Social Services/Mental Health/etc. All local Amador County Fire Agencies participate in the program and can refer juveniles for an assessment.

**California Tribal TANF Partnership (CTTP) OF Robinson Rancheria
Citizens Business Council**

Address: 601 Court Street, Suite 106, Jackson, CA 95642

Phone: (209) 257-6150 Fax: (209) 257-6149 Toll Free: (866) 720-TANF

Website: www.cttp.net

California Tribal TANF Partnership (CTTP) located at 601 Court St., Ste 106, Jackson, CA is federal and state funded social services agency, serving federally recognized Native American Tribal members and/or descendants, and California Judgement Roll individuals and/or their descendants. Eligibility requires at least one Native American child under the age of 18 years old in the household and complete an intake process.

CTTP provides full case management for each case; whereby, we communicate and support the needs of the individual's outside agency plans (i.e. probation, CPS) for applicable work hours for their success.

General Cash Assistance is coordinated through the local office; Medi-Cal and Cal-Fresh is maintained through Amador County Human Services.

Supportive Services available:

Education, transportation, vehicle repair, job search clothing, specialty tools, youth grade incentives, extra-curricular activities, seasonal clothing (fall and winter), and youth summer employment.

Other Department Support:

Career Development, Education and Teen Pregnancy Prevention, Youth Employment Program.

Please contact our office at (209) 257-6150 for additional information.

Joni Drake, Site Manager, JDrake@cttp.net

Sarah Fillmore, Case Worker SFillmore@cttp.net

Antoinette Lopez, Education Coordinator ALopez@cttp.net

Lisa Martin, Regional Manager Lmartin@cttp.net

Website: HYPERLINK "<http://www.cttp.net>" www.cttp.net

Facebook: HYPERLINK "<https://m.facebook.com/cttp.amador/>"

<https://m.facebook.com/cttp.amador/>

Mission:

“Empowering Native families to self-sufficiency through a path of tribal cultures, education, wellness, and employment.”

Vision:

"Communities of culturally rooted , self-sufficient Native families."

Extended Learning Program (ACUSD)

Phone: 209-257-5396 Contact: Margie Plant

Website: amadorcoe.org

Providing after school homework club at elementary schools for 12 year olds and under. On-site for all elementary schools, except Pioneer Elementary; an after school program providing homework club, as well as, socialization skills, physical fitness, cooking & science, and arts & crafts.

Hospice of Amador & Calaveras

209-223-5500

Address: 1500 So. Hwy 49, Ste 205, Jackson

Website: <http://www.hospiceofamador.org/>

We are your local hospice, committed to providing expert care, compassion and support to the terminally ill and their families.

Our Griefbuster program is available free of charge to all children and teens, ages 5-19, who are grieving the death of a loved one.

Interfaith Food Bank

Phone: 209-267-9006

Address: 12181 Airport Rd, Jackson

Contact: Beth Stanton- Executive Director

Email: feedamador@feedamador.org

Website: feedamador.org

Provides emergency without expense supplemental food to the needy and operates a thrift store.

Kennedy Mine

Phone: 209-223-9542 Email: info@kennedygoldmine.com

Website: kennedygoldmine.com

Preserves the history of mining, provides tours of the mine, and operates a gift shop. March 1st is Amador Days Open House free to the public; an all day event. Paranormal tours available. Private tours can be booked through the website. Rents out the facilities for weddings, fundraisers, etc. Teenage volunteers encouraged to apply.

Nexus Youth & Family Services

Programs Director- Lori Halvorson

Contact Lori @ 257-1980 ext. 107 or lhalvorson@nexusyfs.org

180° You Turn

This program is available to young men and women who are in need of a mentor. By combining group facilitation opportunities using curriculum from the One Circle Foundation and comprehensive mentoring, the Nexus 180° /You-Turn program provides a safe and nurturing environment where high-risk young will gain skills and knowledge to navigate growing up in today's society. Through participation in group, youth will explore relationships, conflict resolution, education, leadership, community service, diversity, mass media messages, personal values, integrity and future goals. Call Nadine at 257-1980 ext. 102 or email her at nmagana@nexusyfs.org.

Court Appointed Special Advocates – CASA

After being thoroughly trained and background checked, CASA volunteers are appointed by the juvenile court judge to advocate for the best interest of children who are involved in the court system. If you know of a young person who could benefit from this program contact the CASA Coordinator. Call John @ 257-1980

ext. 108 or email jstettler@nexusyfs.org

Friday Night Live

Friday Night Live is a youth leadership program with active after school chapters in the community and at school campuses in Amador County. The FNL program gives youth an opportunity to be actively involved in community service, youth leadership, skills building and drug and alcohol prevention activities. Call Nadine @257-1980 ext. 102 or email nmagana@nexusyfs.org.

Youth Empowerment Project

Nexus staff provide the Project SUCCESS curriculum to students in Amador County schools. Project SUCCESS teaches and instills drug and alcohol resistance and social competency skills such as communication, positive decision making, stress and anger management, problem solving and resisting peer pressure. Call Nadine @257-1980 ext. 102 or email nmagana@nexusyfs.org.

Youth Advocate Program

The Child and Youth Advocacy staff and volunteers provide information & referral, assistance obtaining community resources, advocacy, mentoring, and peer leadership development for child victims. For more information, please contact Lori at 257-1980 ext. 107 or email lhalvorson@nexusyfs.org.

Independent Living Program ~ Independent Living Program (ILP) staff provide life skills instruction and case management services for youth in foster care, non-minor dependents, and emancipated youth. Referred youth participate in a range of activities, classes, and field trips. For more information, please contact Emma at 209-257-1980 ext. 105 or email toeswett@nexusyfs.org.

Aggression Replacement Training (ART)

Aggression Replacement Training (ART) is a multi-modal intervention designed to alter the behavior of chronically aggressive youth. It consists of three components: skill streaming which is designed to teach a broad curriculum of pro-social behavior, anger control which is a method for empowering youth to modify their own anger responsiveness, and moral reasoning training to help motivate youth to employ the skills learned via the other components. ART sessions are scheduled throughout the year. Call 257-1980 ext. 101.

Common Ground

Common Ground is a skills-building communication course which joins parents and teens in a creative partnership. During the course, parents and teens learn to

listen respectfully, communicate honestly and openly, set and respect limits, and appreciate and honor differences. For more information, please contact the Nexus therapy office at 209-257-1980 ext. 101.

Parent Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT)

Parent Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT) is an intensive treatment program that is designed to help both parents and children. The PCIT program works with parents and children together to improve the quality of the parent-child relationship and to teach parents the skills necessary to manage their child's behavior problems. PCIT is appropriate for children who are between the ages of 2 and 7 years. Call 257-1980 ext. 101 to schedule PCIT sessions.

CHAT Child Counseling Services (CHAT)

The CHAT program offers individual therapeutic counseling services to children under 18 years of age who are victims of emotional trauma or abuse. All counseling services are provided free of charge by qualified therapists at the Nexus office in Jackson. To receive information regarding program eligibility requirements or to inquire about CHAT counseling services contact the Nexus therapy office. Call 257-1980 ext. 101.

Operation Care

Operation Care's Go! youth Program has a set curriculum based on different life skills to prepare youth for their future. Children anywhere from 7-11 years old can participate in the Go! Youth Juniors class and children from 12-17 can participate in the older class. Some classes include Anti-Bullying, Respect 360, Anger-Management, Love Is Not Abuse, WreckED, and a class that combines them all during the summer which is summer youth program. These different sessions discuss topics such as drugs and alcohol, healthy relationships, and healthy self-esteem. Other than learning, the Go! youth participates in community service activities, fundraisers, and field trips. For more information contact Operation Care at (209) 223-2897.

The Resource Connection Child Care Resource and Referral

Phone: 209-223-1624 10877 Conductor Boulevard, Sutter Creek

Mailing: P.O. Box 216, Sutter Creek, CA 95685

Contact: Sheri Noble

Email: snoble@trcac.org

Website: www.trcac.org

The Resource Connection offers referrals to Licensed Child Care Programs, Preschool Programs, Infant/Toddler Programs and School-age Programs. We also offer subsidy programs that help eligible parents and guardians afford the high cost of child care. In addition we provide information, training and/or support for existing and potential child care providers and Grandparents raising their grandchildren.

Help Paying for Child Care

Affording child care on top of all of the other expenses families are responsible for can be difficult or in some cases out of reach. The Resource Connection offers subsidy programs to help qualifying families pay for child care. The subsidy programs are funded from and operate in accordance with the California Department of Education and Department of Social Services regulations, and allow parents to choose their own type of child care that best meets their family's needs.

Child Care Providers

The Resource Connection, through funding from the California Department of Education, provides information and services for child care providers including workshops; training; licensing assistance (monthly orientations); expansion of child care through the Child Care Initiative Program (CCIP); training for grandparents and other license-exempt providers; referrals to licensed programs, and resource and toy libraries.

The Resource Connection provides information and training related to: Starting and operating a child care business (including taxes, record keeping, contracts and marketing) Nutrition, Age-appropriate activities , Discipline techniques , Child abuse prevention, First aid and CPR, Health and safety, ECERS, CLASS and other assessments.

Grandparent Support and Respite Program

The Resource Connection, with funding provided by Amador Behavioral Health, Prop. 63, offers a grandparent program that is designed to provide temporary relief for grandparents from the ongoing responsibilities of caring for their grandchildren. We offer several trainings and support groups throughout the year. Our goal is to provide regular discussion groups designed for Grandparents that will include information about local resources that can help grand families remain

strong and successful.

Regular respite care is sixteen hours of respite child care per month in a licensed child care facility or certified respite care setting. There is also planned respite and emergency respite care available in the program. Grandparents will be able to apply for up to 5 days per year, not to exceed 12 hours in a day for activities that are of urgent nature: illness, death, or other family emergency.

Senior Center

Phone: 209-223-0442 229 New York Ranch Rd., Jackson Contact: Eileen Hardy

Email: eileen@amadorseniorcenter.org

Provides support and information services for older residents of the county. Provides limited legal services, including ones for grandparents raising grandchildren.

Sierra Child and Family Services

Phone: 209-257-1244 or 209-790-9222

Providing for foster children. Amanda Robinson at amandar@sierrachild.org

TriCounty Wildlife Care

Phone: 209-283-3245 Website: pawspartners.org

FaceBook:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Tri-County-Wildlife-Care/138494812886855>

Provides education and public awareness of our native wildlife and gives the sick, injured and orphaned WILDLIFE a second chance to be free. Wildlife presentations are free and available upon request with live non-releasable wildlife.

Volcano Community Association

Phone: 209-296-4899 Contact: Nancy Bailey

Email: nance@volcano.net

The Volcano Community Association (VCA) meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Volcano Armory Hall. Funds raised at the VCA sponsored Crab Feed provide scholarships to Volcano youth which are based on their grades and volunteer hours contributed to the community. The VCA sponsors the Cannon Ball Run Car Show in July which includes the 4th of July

Parade. Funds generated from this event provide the VCA resources to contribute to some needed town improvements and charitable donations. For the enjoyment of Volcano children and visitors an annual Easter Egg Hunt is conducted in the Volcano Park. 2018 saw the initiation of several new advents; Mothers' Day Tea and a Halloween Party both which were held in the Armory Hall.