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**GUIDE TO ACTIVITIES  
FOR YOUTH IN AMADOR COUNTY**

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# INTRODUCTION

## 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”.

Other sources of extremely valuable information about community activities and events include:

### **Activity Guide**

A publication of the Amador County Recreation Agency  
(209) 223-6349 or e-mail: [acra@co.amador.ca.us](mailto:acra@co.amador.ca.us)  
Website: [www.goacra.org](http://www.goacra.org)

### **Panorama**

A Guide to Services, Resources, and Recreation in Amador County  
A publication of the Ledger Dispatch  
Distributed by Amador County Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau  
115 Main Street, Jackson, CA. 95642

### **InfoNet**

For information about other programs and services for children and families, please feel free to access a wealth of information from InfoNet. Their internet address is [www.infonettc.org](http://www.infonettc.org). This website provides information on human services in Amador, Calaveras, and Tuolumne counties. It is an ATCAA project along with the Resource Connection and is an all encompassing one stop place for people to go who need information on treatment and intervention resources. With InfoNet Tri- you can connect with public and private agencies waiting to help you, find positive community organizations to become involved with, link to Cal Fresh and the Resources Connection, ATCAA, Calaveras Health and many more.

## **ENRICHMENT AND LEADERSHIP**

### **Amador Area CHP Explorers**

The Amador Area CHP Explorers has been operating in Amador County for the last 7 years. 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.

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

Assoc Advisor Officer Craig Harmon

E-mail: [295AmadorExplorer@chp.ca.gov](mailto:295AmadorExplorer@chp.ca.gov)

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

### **Sutter Creek Police Department Cadets**

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. Anyone interested in the Cadet program can contact Officer Matt Brewer or

Officer Aaron Pratt by phone at (209) 267-5646 or by

email: <mailto:mmbrewer@cityofsuttercreek.org> or <mailto:mapratt@cityofsuttercreek.org>

### **Martial Arts**

Ko Sutemi West Karate Studio – 1510 S. Hwy 49, Pine Grove, CA.

Phone: (209) 296-4200 Contact- Rodney Peoples

Blog is [kswkarate.blogspot.com](http://kswkarate.blogspot.com) Email is: <mailto:mkswwkaratewest@gmail.com>

Our ages range from 4-6, 7-10, and 10-105!

Benefits of Karate training:

Higher Self Confidence and Self Esteem

Self Discipline, Self Respect

Honor and Courtesy toward others.

### **Motherlode Youth Symphony**

The Mother Lode Youth Symphony, now in its 15th 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. Further information about participation and auditions can be obtained by contacting:

Mother Lode Youth Symphony president is Molly Iley  
Phone: (209) 296-7072 Website: [www.mlys.org](http://www.mlys.org)

### **Boy Scouts**

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. Cub Scouting is for boys in the first through fifth grades, or **7 to 10 years** of age. Boys 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. Contact Greg Brewer at: [glbrewer@volcano.net](mailto:glbrewer@volcano.net) or (209) 304-4724.

### **Girl Scouts**

The regional office is located in East Sacramento at 6601 Elvas Ave Sacramento, CA 95819. Please contact the Girl Scouts Heart of Central California to learn more about empowering your girl to be confident and courageous. Troops are active throughout an 18-county region.

Contact GSHCC today: Phone: (800) 322-4475  
Email: [customercare@girlscoutshcc.org](mailto:customercare@girlscoutshcc.org) Website: [www.girlscoutshcc.org](http://www.girlscoutshcc.org)

## **SERVICE CLUBS**

**Rotary International** - The Rotary of Plymouth-Foothills sponsors an Interact Club for high school youth that is active at Amador High School.

Amador High School Interact Club

Sponsor: Rotary Club of Plymouth-Foothills

Rotary Advisor: Elizabeth Swason

Best Contact: (415) 298-4000

Email: [elizabeth@swason4.com](mailto:elizabeth@swason4.com)

Faculty Advisor: Glenn Carter

Phone: (209) 257-7309

[gcarter@amadorcoe.k12.ca.us](mailto:gcarter@amadorcoe.k12.ca.us)

### **Kiwanis**

The Key Club no longer exists as no teachers were available/willing to act as an adviser. Additional information can be obtained at the Amador County Kiwanis Club at their Website: [www.kiwanisone.org](http://www.kiwanisone.org). Local Contact: Deb Blasingame  
Phone: (209) 223-4700

### **4 – H Clubs of Amador**

While 4-H started as a way to promote progressive agricultural practices into rural America by developing the education and skills of county youth, it has evolved into a broad mission of education, leadership, and character development for urban and rural youth alike. There are dozens of activities and programs that local clubs may adopt; from agriculture to zoology and nearly everything in between. The 4-H program is always looking for interested adults in programs such as science, engineering, technology and robotics, too! Amador County has 6 separate 4-H clubs, each with its own leadership and range of activities. The University of California Cooperative Extension office for Amador County is located at 12200 B Airport Road in Jackson. The contact person is Vera M. Allen, 4-H YDP Coordinator and she can be reached at [vmallen@ucanr.edu](mailto:vmallen@ucanr.edu) or (209) 223-6484.

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

#### **Fiddletown 4-H Club**

Meets the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Fiddletown Community Center  
Community Club Leader: De Anna Stiltz  
Phone: (209) 781-5273

#### **Gold Nugget 4-H Club**

Meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Plymouth City Hall (9426 Main Street, Plymouth, CA 95669)  
Community Club Leader: Rosemarie Moreno-Moody  
Phone: (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  
Phone: (916) 753-3457 or [bosox228@gmail.com](mailto:bosox228@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  
Phone: (209) 418-9268 [mdizey02@att.net](mailto:mdizey02@att.net)

### **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](mailto:sodentone@gmail.com)

### **Willow Springs 4-H Club**

Meets the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Willow Springs Schoolhouse

Community Club Leader: Rielle Waters-Santinelli

Phone: (209) 419-1666 or [riellesantinelli@gmail.com](mailto:riellesantinelli@gmail.com)

### **Grange**

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). For more information call Dolores Larrigan at 610-9415.

Email: [mlarrigan@volcano.net](mailto:mlarrigan@volcano.net)

Mailing Address: PO Box 727, Ione, CA. 95640

### **Amador County Youth Coalition**

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.

For more information contact Diana Evensen at (209) 223-6407 or

Email at: [mDEvensen@amadorgov.org](mailto:mDEvensen@amadorgov.org)

## FAITH BASED ACTIVITIES

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:

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

Mailing: PO Box 853 Phone: (209) 223-2121

Pastor: Mr. Kim Nielsen

Church contact: Kathy [fbcj@att.net](mailto:fbcj@att.net)

Website: [fbcojc.com](http://fbcojc.com)

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

AWANA Club: August thru April, AWANA 6-8 pm

King's Seniors and Bible Studies

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

phone: (209) 296-5075

Website: [churchatthecrosspg.com](http://churchatthecrosspg.com)

Chuck Teagle Email: [Mchuck@catcpg.com%20%09](mailto:Mchuck@catcpg.com%20%09)

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) 2744131 ext 203 Website: [cornerstoneione.org](http://cornerstoneione.org)

Pastor Michael Beuving

Youth Pastor Bryan Campbell

Email: [mbryan@cornerstoneione.org](mailto:mbryan@cornerstoneione.org)

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

Email: [mkids@cornerstoneione.org](mailto:mkids@cornerstoneione.org)



## SCHOOL BASED ACTIVITIES

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 6<sup>th</sup> 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

American Sign Language  
Blue Crew  
California Scholarship Federation  
Cinematic Arts Club  
Circle of Friends  
Class Officers  
Drama Club  
Drone Racing  
FFA  
Friday Night Live  
Interact (Rotary Sponsored)  
Let There Be Light  
NERDS  
Plurall Club  
Robotics Club  
“S” Club  
Student Government  
Tutoring Club  
Vinyl Club  
Year Book Club  
Young Americans for Freedom

### Argonaut High School Clubs

Anti-Bullying Club  
Art Club  
Band  
Book Club  
California Scholarship Federation  
Cheerleading  
Christian Club  
Drama  
Environmental Club  
Family Career & Community  
Leaders of America  
FFA  
Football Club  
Ghost - Girls helping others thrive  
Hispanic Club  
Japanese Culture Club  
Link Crew  
MYPOC  
NERDS Club  
Power Lifting  
Science Club  
Student Government  
Yearbook

### Jackson Jr. High School

Bible Study Club  
California Jr. Scholarship  
Federation  
Nature Club  
Robotics  
Student Council  
Yearbook  
WEB

### Ione Junior High School

Circle of Friends  
Fellowship of Christian Students  
Service Club

## RECREATION AND SPORTS

### **Junior Team Tennis League**

Amador Tennis Club offers Junior Team Tennis, a 6-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.

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

Contact League Director Dan Klement at [danklement1@gmail.com](mailto:danklement1@gmail.com) or [info@amadortennisclub.org](mailto:info@amadortennisclub.org)

Mailing Address: 11180 Ranchette Dr., Jackson CA 95642

### **Mother Lode Youth Soccer League**

The league season is in the fall (August to November) and is for youth ages 4 – 14. Games are every Saturday in Howard Park (Ione). The soccer website at [www.mlysl.com](http://www.mlysl.com) Nathan Woods is the current president and their mailing address is:

PO Box 1504, Jackson CA 95642.

Email: [President.mlysl@gmail.com](mailto:President.mlysl@gmail.com)

We can also be reached via Facebook at

<https://m.facebook.com/MLYSL-Mother-Lode-Youth-Soccer-League-64521326993574/>

### **Amador County Girls Softball Association**

Softball season runs March-May for girls ages 5 – 14. Sign-ups begin online October-Mid January. Email: [amadorcountysoftball@gmail.com](mailto:amadorcountysoftball@gmail.com) and the Website: [acsoftball.com](http://acsoftball.com)

### **Argonaut Junior Mustangs Football and Cheer**

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 2<sup>nd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> 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. Contact :Wes Eckhart (209) 304-9830 or on Facebook.

### **Amador Junior Mustangs Football and Cheer**

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### **Youth Basketball**

Basketball is available for boys and girls in grades K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The season runs January thru March, with October sign-ups. More information is available from Josh Woodson at (209) 256-0182

Email: [woodsonj@gmail.com](mailto:woodsonj@gmail.com) or [amadoryouthbasketball@gmail.com](mailto:amadoryouthbasketball@gmail.com).

Website: <https://sites.google.com/site/amadoraybl/> and

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

### **Amador Little League East**

This baseball program is available for youth between the ages of 5 and 15 who reside in the Jackson, Pine Grove, and Pioneer areas. Sign-ups open in October to December 31, with the season running from March through July. More information is available with the Information Officer, Dan Duran, at [infoofficer@aclle.com](mailto:infoofficer@aclle.com)

Website: [www.aclle.com](http://www.aclle.com)

### **Amador Little League West**

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.

Mailing address: PO Box 1418, Ione CA 95640.

More information is available at the Website: [www.acllw.org](http://www.acllw.org)

### **Amador Polar Bear Swim Team**

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. For more information see the team website at [www.amadorpolarbears.com](http://www.amadorpolarbears.com) The team is active April through through July, with the regular season practices starting Monday, April 3 at the Jackson Pool at 6 pm, with two home meets, June 3 and June 24. Co-Presidents are Chris Garcia and Jenny Ruckelshaus.

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

She prefers email sent to the website.

## **Ione Marlins**

The Ione Marlins are active during the summer using the Ione Junior High pool. Contact Kristi Roots at (209) 274-4543 or Cell (209) 610-9417. Her email is [Kri4543@gmail.com](mailto:Kri4543@gmail.com) for further information. Their season starts the first Monday after school is out and goes through the month of July.

Mailing Address: PO Box 865, Ione CA 95640.

Website: [ionemarlins.wordpress.com](http://ionemarlins.wordpress.com)

## **Bowling**

Gold Country Lanes offers a variety of junior bowling programs, including Friday night and Saturday morning leagues.

For further information: Website [GoldCountryLanes.com](http://GoldCountryLanes.com) or call (209) 223-3334.

# **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** (209) 223-6349

Location: 10877 Conductor Blvd., Suite 100 Sutter Creek

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, and park and facility management throughout the county.

Be sure to look at our Website, [www.goacra.com](http://www.goacra.com) to see all of the current offerings.

**The Hub** (209) 223-2300

Location: 206B North Main Street, Jackson, above Hein's Book Store.

The Hub Youth and Community Center provides structured, supervised activities for youth, including After School and Summer Day Camp, Haunted House, Children's Christmas, and more. Adult classes and programs include fly fishing, photography, Salsa, and more. The facility is available for rent by organizations, groups and for birthday parties.

## **Community Garden**

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

## **Summer Youth Programs**

Available in Sutter Creek, Pioneer, Ione, and at the Hub. The Children's Theater Workshop will be held at the Old Sutter Creek Grammar School. Swimming lessons and afternoon fun at the pools in Ione, Sutter Creek, and Plymouth.

Contact: Carolyn Fregulia

Email: [acra@amadorgov.org](mailto:acra@amadorgov.org)

Facebook: [AcraAmadorCountyRecreationAgency](https://www.facebook.com/AcraAmadorCountyRecreationAgency)

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Facebook: [Acraamadorcountyrecreationagency](https://www.facebook.com/Acraamadorcountyrecreationagency)

Website: [www.goacra.org](http://www.goacra.org)