

## **2018 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:

### **Panorama**

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:

Enrichment /Leadership

Service Clubs

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School Based

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Community Involvement

## **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 Craig Harmon

E-mail: [Jhardey@chp.ca.gov](mailto: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.

### **Jackson PAL**

Contact the Jackson Police Department for further information at 223-1771.

Contact: Vera Bullard Email: [jpal.vera.m.allen@gmail.com](mailto:jpal.vera.m.allen@gmail.com)

Mailing address: 33-D Broadway, Jackson.

The Jackson Police Department sponsors a PAL (Police Athletic League). PAL is a recreation oriented juvenile crime prevention program that relies heavily on athletics and recreational activities to tighten the bond between police officers and kids in the community. JPAL is based on the belief that children, if reached early enough, can develop a strong, positive, attitude towards police officers in their journey through life towards the goal of adulthood and citizenship.

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

Anyone interested in the Cadet program can contact Officer Matt Brewer or Officer Aaron Pratt by phone at 267-5646 or by email at [mbrewer@cityofsuttercreek.org](mailto:mbrewer@cityofsuttercreek.org) or [apratt@cityofsuttercreek.org](mailto:apratt@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: Gregory Brewer at [glbrewer@volcano.net](mailto:glbrewer@volcano.net) or 209-304-4724.

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.

## **Girl Scouts**

Phone: 800-322-4475

Email: [customercare@girlscoutshcc.org](mailto:customercare@girlscoutshcc.org)

Website: [www.girlscoutshcc.org](http://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](http://www.kaizenamador.com)                      Email: [kaizenamador@yahoo.com](mailto: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 4-6, 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](http://kswkarate.blogspot.com)                      Email: [realrcp@aol.com](mailto: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](http://www.mlys.org)

The Mother Lode Youth Symphony, now in its 16th 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.

### **4 – H Clubs of Amador**

Contact: Vera M. Bullard, 4-H YDP Coordinator  
Email: [vmbullard@ucanr.edu](mailto:vmbullard@ucanr.edu)      Phone: 209-223-6484  
UC California Cooperative Extension office for AC is located at 12200 B Airport Road in Jackson.  
Website: <http://ucanr.edu/sites/AC4H/>

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 7 separate 4-H clubs, each with its own leadership and range of activities.

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

#### **Blue Ribbon Up-Country 4-H Club**

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

Community Club Leader:  
Ashley Matthews  
Email: [matthews\\_ashley@hotmail.com](mailto:matthews_ashley@hotmail.com)

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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 7:00 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  
Ph. 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  
Ph. 209-418-9268 [dizey02@att](mailto:dizey02@att)

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  
Ph. 209-419-1666 or [riellesantinelli@gmail.com](mailto:riellesantinelli@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](http://www.kiwanisone.org).      Contact: Deb Blasingame, at 209-223-4700

The Key Club no longer exists as no teachers were available/willing to act as an adviser.

### **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

209-257-7309

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

The Rotary of Plymouth-Foothills sponsors an Interact Club for junior high school youth that attend Shenandoah Valley Charter School.

Interact Club of Shenandoah Valley Charter School

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: Donna Custodio

209-257-7309

email: [dcustodio@acusd.org](mailto:dcustodio@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](http://CATCPG.Com)

Contact: Chuck Teagle Email: [chuck@catcpg.com](mailto: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 ext 203

Website: [cornerstoneione.org](http://cornerstoneione.org)

Pastor Tony Beuving

Youth Pastor Bryan Campbell

Email: [bryan@cornerstoneione.org](mailto:bryan@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: [kids@cornerstoneione.org](mailto:kids@cornerstoneione.org)

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 at [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

## **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 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**

- Ace-it! Tutoring Club
- Amador Drama Club
- Amador High Democrats
- Amador Royalists Debate Society
- ASL - American Sign - Language
- Beyond the Walls Bible Club
- Blue Crew
- Chess Clubs
- Cinematic Arts Club
- Conspiracy Club
- Diversity
- Friday Night Live
- Fund a Field
- Interact Club (Rotary Sponsored)
- Ping Pong Club
- Plural Club
- Robotics Club
- “S” Club
- Sutter Creek FFA
- Ye Olde Gaming Club
- Yearbook Club
- Yoga Club
- Young Americans For Freedom

## **Argonaut High School Clubs**

Anti-Bullying Club  
Art Club  
Band  
Book Club  
California Scholarship Federation  
Cheerleading  
Christian Club  
Circle of Friends  
Drama  
Environmental Club  
Family Career & Community Leaders of America  
FFA  
Football Club  
Hispanic Club  
Japanese Culture Club  
Link Crew  
MYPOC  
NERDS Club  
Power Lifting  
Science Club  
Sports Clubs: Boys & Girls Basketball, Boys Baseball, Cross Country, Girls Softball, Boys & Girls Soccer, Tennis, Swimming, Track & Field, Girls & Boys Golf, Volleyball, Wrestling  
Student Government  
Yearbook

## **Ione Junior High School**

Service Club

## **Jackson Jr. High School**

California Jr. Scholarship Federation  
Robotics  
Student Council  
Yearbook  
WEB

## **Recreation and Sports**

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

Email: [amadorcountysoftball@gmail.com](mailto:amadorcountysoftball@gmail.com)

Website: [acsoftball.com](http://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, Dan Duran, Email: [admin@aclle.com](mailto:admin@aclle.com)

Website: [www.aclle.com](http://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](mailto:info@acllw.org) Website: [www.acllw.org](http://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 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. We are always looking for new players in the age groups above.

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

Contact: Lance Roberts 209-625-7896

Email: [lancejami@comcast.net](mailto:lancejami@comcast.net), or on Argonaut Junior Mustangs Football and

Cheer Facebook page.

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

Co-Presidents are Chris Garcia and Jenny Ruckelshaus.

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 3 at the Jackson Pool at 6 pm, with two home meets, June 3 and June 24.

### **Ione Marlins**

Mailing : PO Box 865, Ione CA 95640. Website: [ionemarlins.wordpress.com](http://ionemarlins.wordpress.com)

Contact Kristi Roots at email [Kri4543@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://GoldCountryLanes.com)

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

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

### **Junior Team Tennis League**

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: 11180 Ranchette Dr., Jackson CA 95642

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.

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

Email: [President.mlysl@gmail.com](mailto:President.mlysl@gmail.com) Nathan Woods, president.

Website: [www.mlysl.com](http://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](mailto:woodsonj@gmail.com) or [amadoryouthbasketball@gmail.com](mailto:amadoryouthbasketball@gmail.com).

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

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

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.

### **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](mailto:acra@amadorgov.org)  
Facebook: [Acraamadorcountyrecreationagency](https://www.facebook.com/Acraamadorcountyrecreationagency)              Website:  
[www.goacra.org](http://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, 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 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 Kids Afternoon Program 'KAP' and Summer Day Camp, Haunted House, Children's Christmas, and more. Adult classes and programs include fly fishing, photography, foreign languages 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 and special events are held there. Garden plots are available year round.

### **Summer Youth Programs**

Available in Sutter Creek 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)

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

### **Amador County Chamber of Commerce**

Phone: 209-223-0350    Contact: Jamie Armstrong  
Address: 115 Main St., Jackson    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](http://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 kept confidential.

It is a non-profit and does accept donations. Please call ahead since they cannot accept all items. Also, call ahead for office hours.

### **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](http://visitamador.com)  
Email: [info@touramador.com](mailto:info@touramador.com)    FaceBook - Visit Amador    Twitter - Visit Amador

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    Website:  
[pawspartners.org](http://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  
Jackson Service Center: 935 S Hwy 49, Jackson CA  
Lobby open Monday -Thursday: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., 1 - 4 p.m.

### Shelter & Housing

Emergency shelter & assistance \* Rental assistance \* Homeless prevention \*  
Smart Money 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 x242 \* IDA (Individual Development Account) Education and support promoting financial stability for foster youth, teens to age 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](http://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, email contact [HYPERLINK "mailto:jdrake@cttp.net"](mailto:jdrake@cttp.net)  
[jdrake@cttp.net](mailto:jdrake@cttp.net)

Antoinette Lopez, Case Worker, email contact [HYPERLINK "mailto:alopez@cttp.net"](mailto:alopez@cttp.net)  
[alopez@cttp.net](mailto:alopez@cttp.net)

Lisa Martin, Regional Manager, email contact [HYPERLINK "mailto:lmartin@cttp.net"](mailto:lmartin@cttp.net)  
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Empowering Native families to self-sufficiency through a path of tribal cultures,  
education, wellness, and employment

### **Extended Learning Program (ACUSD)**

Phone: 209-257-5396      Contact: Margie Plant

Website: [amadorcoe.org](http://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 (Amador) and 209-736-9442 (Calaveras)

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

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

Providing services and support to the terminally ill and their families. We provide Grief-Busters services for children, ages 5-19, who have had a loss due to a death.

### **Interfaith Food Bank**

Phone: 209-267-9006      Contact: Beth Stanton- Executive Director

Website: [feedamador.org](http://feedamador.org)      12181 Airport Rd, Jackson

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

### **Kennedy Mine**

Phone: 209-223-9542      Email: [info@kennedygoldmine.com](mailto:info@kennedygoldmine.com)

Website: [kennedygoldmine.com](http://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**

Nexus Youth Services Director- Lori Halvorson

Contact Lori @ 257-1980 ext. 107 or [lhalvorson@nexusyfs.org](mailto:lhalvorson@nexusyfs.org)

### **180° You Turn**

This program is available to young men and women who are referred to Nexus Youth and Family Services for mentoring and group support services. 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](mailto: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 Program Manager by calling John @ 257-1980 ext. 108 or email [jstettler@nexusyfs.org](mailto:jstettler@nexusyfs.org)

### **Friday Night Live**

Friday Night Live is a youth leadership program with active 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, skill building and drug and alcohol prevention activities. Call Nadine @257-1980 ext. 102 or email [nmagana@nexusyfs.org](mailto: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, alcohol and tobacco resistance and social competency skills such as communication, positive decision making, stress and anger management, problem solving and resisting peer pressure. Contact Lori at 257-1980 ext. 107 or email [lhalvorson@nexusyfs.org](mailto:lhalvorson@nexusyfs.org).

#### Youth Advocacy Program

Youth Advocacy staff provide information & referral, transportation, assistance obtaining community resources, advocacy, mentoring, and peer leadership development for youth and young adults who are victims of emotional trauma or abuse. For more information, please contact Lori at 257-1980 ext. 107 or email [lconti-ripley@nexusyfs.org](mailto:lconti-ripley@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 Nadine at 209-257-1980 ext. 102 or email to [nmagana@nexusyfs.org](mailto:nmagana@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 or [lhalvorson@nexusyfs.org](mailto:lhalvorson@nexusyfs.org).

#### 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 or email [lhalvorson@nexusyfs.org](mailto:lhalvorson@nexusyfs.org) 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 or email [lhalvorson@nexusyfs.org](mailto:lhalvorson@nexusyfs.org).

### **The Resource Connection**

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

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

Contact: Kelly Graesch      Email: [kgraesch@trcac.org](mailto:kgraesch@trcac.org)

Website: [www.trcac.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:amandar@sierrachild.org)

### **Tri-County Wildlife Care**

Phone: 209-283-3245    Website: [pawspartners.org](http://pawspartners.org)  
FaceBook:  
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Tri-County-Wildlife-Care/138494812886855>

Provides education and public awareness of our native wildlife and giving the sick, injured and orphaned WILDLIFE a second chance to be free. Wildlife

presentations available upon request with live non-releasable wildlife.

**Volcano Community Association**

Phone: 209-296-4899      Contact: Nancy Bailey

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

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 VCA sponsored events, March Crab Feed provides scholarships to Volcano youth which are based on their grades and volunteer hours contributed to the community. The VCA sponsors the Cannon Ball Run in July which includes the 4th of July Parade. Funds generated from this event provide the VCA the resources to contribute to some needed Town improvements and charitable donations. For the enjoyment of Volcano's children and visitors an annual Easter Egg Hunt is conducted in the Volcano Park.