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:

- Enrichment /Leadership
- Service Clubs
- Faith Base
- School Based
- Recreation and Sports
- 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 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

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, 10-13 yrs.
   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

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 County

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

Contact: Vera M. Bullard, 4-H YDP Coordinator  
Email: 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/

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:  
Ruelle 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
209-712-5438
415-298-4000
email: elizabeth@swason4.com
lauren.hartwick@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
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
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


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](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 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.

**Bowling**
Phone: 209-223-3334 Website: [GoldCountryLanes.com](http://www.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](http://www.amadortennisclub.org/jtt.html)
Contact League Director Christian Ducray at coach.ducray@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 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 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
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:  
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: apalhumanesociety@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

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 n.magana@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 j.stettler@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 n.magana@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.