



2024-2025

YOUTH COMMISSION

Term in review

OUR MISSION

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EXECUTIVE POSITIONS



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FOCUSES

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**EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS**

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**CAREER TECHNICAL
EDUCATION**

03

RECREATION

EMERGENCY PREPARDNESS

CHAIR: ARIANNA DRAGESET

The Emergency Preparedness subcommittee is committed to promoting safety, awareness, and preparedness among the Youth of Nevada County through education, outreach, and collaboration.

This year, the Emergency Preparedness team has:

- Created and released a Winter Driving Safety video to educate students on how to stay safe in hazardous weather conditions
- Worked with the Office of Emergency Services to promote Water Safety Week to students across the county
- Curated a survey to gather input on how to make Water Safety Week more engaging and effective for youth



BOS RECOMENDATION

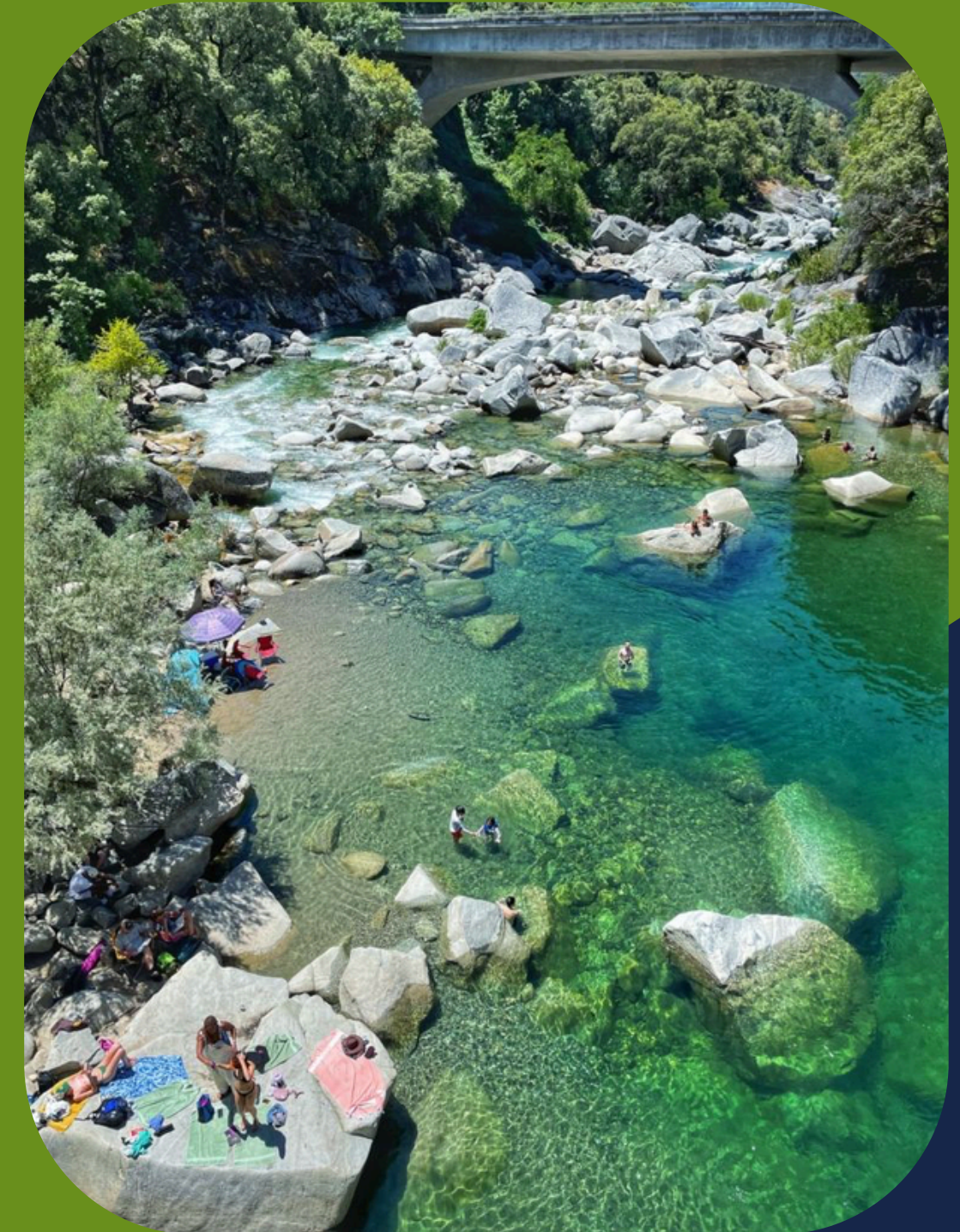
Our recommendation is to enhance Water Safety Week by promoting youth education and awareness.

We are focused on increasing outreach and providing more safety lessons to help the youth stay safe in the water during the spring and summer.

We recommend that the BOS support Water Safety Week by expanding youth-focused safety programs.

We aim to promote safety messages in both English and Spanish to reach a wider audience.

We also want to encourage the use of safer river alternatives to reduce risks.



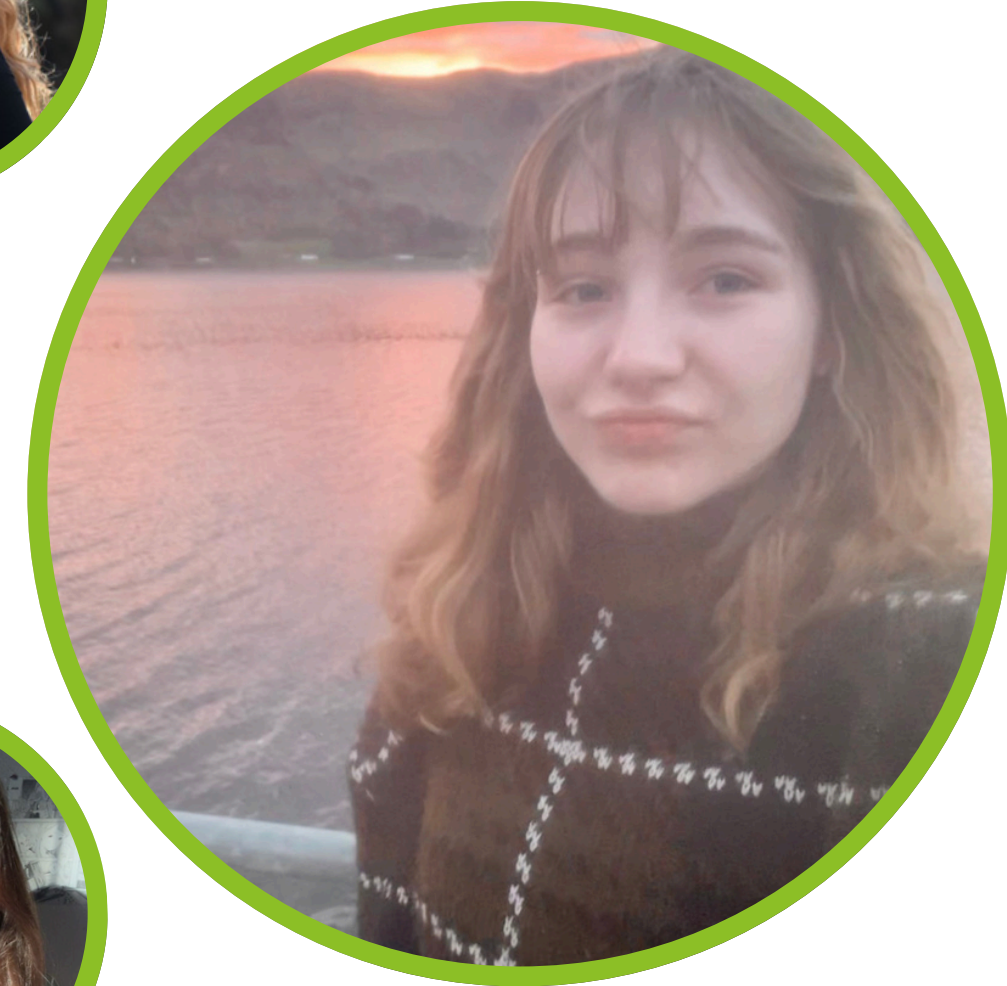
RECREATION

CHAIR: MAURA GRIFFIN

The Recreation Subcommittee is committed to ensuring youth access to a diverse range of recreational resources and opportunities. Our goal is to ensure safe, educational, accessible, and fun opportunities that empower youth to engage meaningfully in their communities. This year, our focus was on arts and culture.

This year, the Recreation Subcommittee:

- Helped to promote youth recreational opportunities offered by the county and local nonprofits.
- Learn about hosting and creating recreational opportunities for the youth and the importance of the arts in youth lives.
 - Nevada City Art Council, Aspen Collective
- We worked to put on the Commission's first youth art show in collaboration with the Fun in the Foothills event
- Worked with county officials and leaders to develop our Board of Supervisors recommendation.





Board of Supervisors Recommendation:

With rising living costs and growing barriers to vehicle access, equitable transit access has become a critical need for youth across Nevada County. Without transportation how are the youth expected to be able to take part in our community and recreational opportunities?

The Recreation Subcommittee recommends free bus passes to all high school students in Nevada County.

As part of our recommendation, we hope to educate the youth and parents on how to use our bus systems, bus safety, and where to find bus and bus route information.

C.T.E

CHAIR: MARIO LAMARCA

The CTE Subcommittee is dedicated to creating new and exciting opportunities for the Youth of Nevada County and assisting them in finding a career in which they can develop the skills necessary for success in their field.

This year, the CTE Subcommittee has:

- Organized events such as the CTE Career Fair
- Cooperated with NCMedia in making educational videos
- Worked with local officials and leaders in developing our Board of Supervisors recommendations, and
- Connected the Youth of our county to the various resources which exist, while advising the creation of further opportunities.



B.O.S. Recommendation:

The Career Exploration and Development Subcommittee of the Nevada County Youth Commission recommends that that the County of Nevada, as the area's largest employer, using the \$599 yearly stipend and existing HR training programs, **increase the number of student internships from 5 to 10** to invest in the county's future and foster greater civic engagement among the county's youth.



ADDITIONAL FOCUSES



Poll Workers

We had the opportunity to work at the polls and help expanded access to voting while practicing the American right to civic engagement.



Senior Citizens

The Youth Commission has begun endeavors with both Eskaton and the Senior Center in hopes of connecting our generations and bridging the gap between them.

**THANK
YOU!**