

November Hero Profile 2018

Children's Bill of Rights #11: As the children and youth of San Luis Obispo County, may we each have opportunities to contribute in meaningful ways to our community by voicing our ideas, sharing in decisions and offering service to others.

NOVEMBER'S HERO Nate Potter

PASSION

Learning and leading by doing!

ONE WORD TO DESCRIBE NATE Contributor

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4-H Youth Development Program



Nate Potter is a champion for children, leading other youth by example in service, involvement and positive presence.

For 10 years, Nate has been a member of the Los Osos 4-H Club through the University of California 4-H Youth Development Program, which focuses on research-based education. The intent is to build life skills through four subject areas: Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM), Healthy Living, Civic Engagement, and Leadership. Nate has served in every office of his local club, including President for 4 years— and continues as a Youth Advisor even from a distance as a new undergraduate at the University of California, Santa Cruz.

Club leaders say Nate has always helped and encouraged younger members in a variety of activities and initiatives, including his 4-H Emerald Star Community Service project, when he raised funds to buy much-needed dog beds for the County Animal Shelter. His affection for pets and animals prompted team field trips and additional hands-on learning opportunities. Supervisors say Nate's enthusiasm has ignited the commitment of fellow

members, and together these youth have expanded the club's efforts to serve others and make an impact.

Beyond doing his own job, Nate has consistently engaged the littlest ones—5 & 6 years old—by leading 4-H trivia games and ice-breakers so that they have always felt comfortable and included with the big kids. He strives to foster relationships within the club and be a resource and role model to all.

Ultimately, it's Nate's sensitivity, caring attitude and can-do spirit that puts people in motion—inspiring them to give back to their communities as well.

> Thank you, Nate. You are a true Hands-On Hero.

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