



What's Happening

Calaveras Youth Mentoring Program

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AUTUMN ADVENTURES

Many people have already signed up for the **Ghost Tour of Columbia** on Monday, October 25 at 4pm. It's going to be a great group, a great tour and great way to get into the Halloween spirit...

Our next group field trip will be Saturday, November 6, when we will wander and explore the **South Grove at Calaveras Big Trees State Park**. Margaret Bell, our field trip coordinator and a docent at Big Trees, will lead us on a three-mile hike or longer which will take about four hours. We will meet at 10:30am. Please bring water and lunch. You must call Kathryn at 736-6078 to make a reservation; I will tell you the meeting place.

Plans are underway for an in-

credibly fun potluck **Holiday Party** on Friday, December 10, starting at 5pm at Star Hilda-brand's folks' house in Arnold. Details will follow closer to the date, but we will have lots of activities (like candy or cookie-making, fun crafts, etc), and a gift-sharing instead of a gift-exchange. I have noticed that we have a ton of talent among our mentors and mentees and it's about time we showcased some of it. **Start thinking now about a gift or talent that you would like to share** — a poem, a song, an artwork, a story, a craft project or anything else. Mentors, mentees, families and friends are all invited to this seasonal celebration, so mark your calendars!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Mentor Mixer	October 20 4-6pm
Ghost Tour of Columbia	October 25 4pm
Big Trees Hike	November 6 10:30am
Mentor Mixer/ Mentee Training	November 16 5-7pm
Holiday Party	December 10 5pm
Mentor Mixer/ Training	December 14 5:30-7pm
Advisory Committee Meeting	December 15 10:30am

Congratulations to our newest match: Nick and John! Welcome also to new mentees Jack, Sam and Traci, and hello to Jessica and Jessika, who have been patiently awaiting mentors for some time now. We are recruiting mentors now for you and other kids who are about to enter the program; please don't wait to be matched to join us for group events!

All mentees, please come to our first-ever Mentee Training on Tuesday, November 16 from 5-6pm at the Calaveras County Office of Education in Angels Camp. Current mentees, please come share your experiences (you can come with your mentor and they can attend the mixer!) and we will all have some fun and answer questions about the program. And yes, there will be FOOD.



CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR NEWS AND UPDATES: www.calaverasmentoring.org

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Mission

The mission of the Calaveras Youth Mentoring Program is to connect Calaveras County young people in 1st through 12th grades with positive adult role models who will offer support, guidance and friendship and help the youth make healthy life decisions.

Advisory Committee

Frank Orlando, Assistant Superintendent, County Services, Calaveras County Office of Education

Tammy Beilstein, Public Relations Consultant, Prevent Child Abuse Calaveras County

Asha Brock, Psychiatric Social Worker, Calaveras County Behavioral Health Services, Substance Abuse Programs

Marian Coahran, Community Volunteer and Retired Public Health Nurse

Bonnie Danielson, Private Therapist and Director, Special Friends Program, Calaveras County Office of Education

Karen Eggleston, Community Volunteer, Former Big Brothers Big Sisters Employee

Kathryn Eustis, Director, Calaveras Youth Mentoring Program, Calaveras County Office of Education

Mikey Habbestad, Services Program Manager, Calaveras Works and Human Services

Tim Hildabrand, Community Volunteer and Entrepreneur

Don Meyer, Chief Probation Officer, Calaveras County Probation Department

Rita Rush, Clinical Services Technician, Calaveras County Behavioral Health Services, Mental Health Programs

Steve Shetzline, Program Coordinator, Community Medical Centers

Robert Silva, Director, ROP and Work Experience Program, Calaveras High School

Items of Interest

Out and About

We had some great group events this summer! The Hildabrandts hosted a fantastic pool party in June and O.A.R.S. made it possible for us to raft the South Fork of the American River in July. A couple of matches joined the Amador program for Rivercats game, too.



Waterslide at the Hildabrandts' Pool Party.

Discount and Free Outings!

Looking for fun, inexpensive outings? We have tickets and/or discounts to **Jamestown Railway**, **Funworks** in Modesto, **Meadowmont Golf Course**, and **Forest Meadows Golf Course**. Call Kathryn at 736-6078 for more info.

Evaluations

Before the end of the year, mentors, mentees, parents and referral agents will receive some forms to fill out to give us feedback on how we can measure youth experiences in the program. Thanks in advance for your cooperation in this important process.



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Thank You

Special thanks to Black Oak Casino for their financial contribution and to volunteers Judy Miske, Karen Eggleston, and Brad Millar for all their help. Judy has created our beautiful scrapbook, Karen is a tremendous help with all the administrative work, and Brad is now doing our newsletter!



With the Amador program at a Rivercats game.

Mentor Mixers

Our October mixer was here at Calaveras County Office of Education on Wednesday, October 20 from 4-6pm. The November mixer is at the same time as the Mentee Training: 5pm, Tuesday, November 16. Please bring your mentee so they can help with the training. Between the two meetings, we will decide whether we need the December 14 mixer and if so, what you would like as the topic. Please RSVP to Kathryn Eustis for all of these trainings at 736-6078.

Mentor Handbook

The mentor manual is coming! Your patience has been greatly appreciated as we work to create our program handbook for mentors. We are developing content and soliciting funding for it now and hope to publish our first volume in January for National Mentoring Month.