



# What's Happening

## Calaveras Youth Mentoring Program

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### It's Follies Time!

The county is buzzing in anticipation of the Calaveras Follies, an outrageously hilarious musical review coming to Frogtown on April 2 to raise funds for the Calaveras Youth Mentoring Program. We are launching the Follies with co-presenters Murphys Creek Theatre, Frogtown, and the *Calaveras Enterprise*. Chamber of Commerce President Nick Baptista gave us the idea. Volunteer of the Year (soon to be Volunteer of the Decade) Marian Coahran is the event coordinator, with the experienced and inspired guidance of Event Mentor Jan Hovey.

Gala chairperson Susie Miller has assembled a creative and dedicated team of volunteers to transform Mark Twain Hall into a magical, awe-inspiring scene. Talented chefs and gourmet caterers from around the county are contributing culinary treats of all kinds. More than 60 performers are dedicating

their time, talent and egos to the show.

Thanks to the tireless efforts of the incredible volunteer team led by Sponsorship Chairperson Tim Hildabrand, the 2005 Calaveras Follies has attracted nearly \$27,000 in cash and in-kind spon-



sors. And that doesn't count ticket sales! Major sponsors include Calaveras County Office of Education, Motherlode Job Training, Laraine Wines-Gerber Vineyards, Human Resources Council, Pinnacle Physical Therapy, Calaveras Child Care Council, Valley Springs News, and Stevenot Winery.

Tickets are \$40 per person general admission, \$50 for reserved table seating, or \$500 per table of ten, and are available by calling Frogtown at 736-2561 (VISA and MasterCard are accepted).

Check your calendars NOW and reserve your space at these upcoming events. Feel free to join us even if your mentor or mentee can't make it or you are not matched yet, and let me know if you need a ride. These are GROUP outings – we want *everybody* there!

#### Saturday, May 7, noon to 2pm: Open House at PAWS in San Andreas

Prepaid reservations are required for this unique opportunity, made possible for us by the folks at Performing Animal Wel-

fare Society and the Murphys Angels Lions Club. The cost is \$10/person and the deadline for reservations is April 8. Please call Kathryn at 736-6078 or send a check to reserve your space, and we'll contact you with the details closer to the event.

#### Tuesday, June 14, 9am: Hike and Picnic in Big Trees State Park

Let's hike the South Grove trail where we can see over 1000 of the giant sequoias. We have invited the mentors and mentees from Tuolumne and Amador to join us,

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Calaveras Follies Gala Fundraiser Frogtown	April 2 6:30 PM
New Mentor Orientation <i>Calaveras COE</i>	April 5 5:30-6:30 PM
Deadline for PAWS Reservations	April 8
"Welcome New Mentors" Mixer/Potluck <i>Donna Shannon's House</i>	April 20 5:30-7:00 PM
PAWS Open House <i>Reservations Only</i>	May 7 noon-2 PM
O.A.R.S. Mokelumne River Rafting Adventure Fundraiser	May 14 TBA
Big Trees Hike Big Trees State Park	June 14 9am
Advisory Committee Meeting	June 15 10:30 AM

**Please Note: We have a field trip scholarship fund, so there is no need to miss a group event for financial reasons. For further information and all RSVPs, call 736-6078.**

and Margaret Bell, our field trip coordinator and a docent at Big Trees, has agreed to be our guide. The trail is only 3 1/2 to 5 miles long but we'll be there for about four hours... there's lots to explore and we'll have lunch in the grove. (We'll meet here at CCOE at 9am. Call to reserve!)

**CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR NEWS AND UPDATES: [www.calaverasmentoring.org](http://www.calaverasmentoring.org)**

## Calaveras Youth Mentoring Program

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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

### Prospective Mentor Orientation

Please tell anyone you know who would make a great mentor that our next mentor orientation is **Tuesday, April 5, 5:30-6:30pm** here at the Calaveras County Office of Education in Angels Camp. This will be Charity's first time leading an orientation so we want her to have a good turnout!

### "Welcome New Mentors" Mixer and Potluck

Incoming mentors, here's your chance to hear the voices of experience in our program, e.g. "Don't worry; be happy." Experienced and graduating mentors, please help us welcome our newcomers at a special mentor mixer potluck on **Wednesday, April 20, 5:30-7:00pm** at Donna Shannon's new house in San Andreas. We'll have a potluck supper and some great sharing of stories. Call Donna to get directions and let her know what you want to bring at 754-4997.

### "Relay for Life" Participation Cancelled

Due to changes in availability and interest, we have decided not to try to build a team for this year's Relay for Life. If anyone would like to take this on in the future, please let us know.



*A great time was had by all at our "first annual" volunteer appreciation dinner at Good Friends Restaurant in Valley Springs. We look forward to many more!*



*Jammie and Star enjoy cosmic bowling in January.*

### O.A.R.S. Fundraiser

Remember that phenomenally successful one-day rafting fundraiser that O.A.R.S. did for us on the Moke River last year? Well, they're doing it again this year! The tentative date is **Saturday, May 14**, pending BLM permit approval. Tickets last year sold out like hotcakes, so let me know right away if you want to go and I will try to hold a few back. I think the price will stay at \$49/person.

## Congratulations, Graduates!

How time flies! Our graduation and evaluation processes are now in place as we celebrate matches that have completed the required program year. Colleen and Brittany were the first match to participate in a Calaveras Youth Mentoring Program graduation ceremony at the Calaveras County Office of Education Board meeting in February. Many of our founding matches have already celebrated their "real" anniversaries, and we look forward to honoring them at upcoming Board meetings.

### Thank You

Special thanks to Frank Orlando, Steve Shetzline and Sharon Daniels for their successful efforts in securing a new five-year Community Challenge Grant; to Mark Twain St. Joseph's Hospital Youth Endowment Fund, Karen Eggleston, Tim Hildabrand, and Murphys Angels Lions Club for their recent financial contributions, and to all the amazing volunteers putting together the Calaveras Follies!