



What's Happening

Calaveras Youth Mentoring Program

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January is National Mentoring Month

The Calaveras Youth Mentoring Program is pleased to be participating in National Mentoring Month 2005, a month-long campaign to develop support for youth mentoring programs across the United States.

National Mentoring Month 2005 targets the nation's 77 million baby boomers. The theme is "Share what you know. Mentor a child!" The campaign highlights an important way in which boomers can give back to their communities: through volunteering in a local mentoring program. As we all know, mentoring can greatly enhance the life of both the child and the mentor.

The centerpiece of National Mentoring Month 2005 is Thank Your Mentor Day™ on January 25, 2005. Thank Your Mentor Day™ will promote "Three Ways to Honor Your Mentor":

- *Contact your mentor directly to express your appreciation;
- * "Pass it on" by becoming a mentor to a child in your community;
- * Write a tribute to your mentor for posting on the campaign's website. (www.WhoMentoredYou.org)

The Calaveras Youth Mentoring Program is supporting the national effort with a local public awareness campaign and fundraising effort, and celebrating Thank Your Mentor Day with our own

You asked for it; now come and get it! Our next three group outings are mentee requests, so we are expecting a great turnout at all of them. Please 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!

Cosmic Bowling turned out to be too late on Friday nights, so we are checking it out on **Sunday afternoon, January 9, in Sonora**. Cost is \$7/person for shoes and ball for two games. We can't get reservations, so **call Kathryn before January 5** if you're coming -- we'll all have to get there early if we want to get in.

February seems like a good time to romp in the snow, so we'll grab some

saucers and sleds and head up to a **Snow Park on Highway 4 for the afternoon of Saturday, February 5**. Permits are issued "per car" (I think they cost \$4) so let's meet around 1pm in Murphys, Avery, or Arnold and carpool up the hill. If you want, we can all stop for a hot drink on the way back down. Bring a dry set of clothes! **Call Kathryn before February 2** if you want to come.

We'll head down to **Stockton to go roller-skating on the afternoon of Saturday, March 5**. The rink is open from 11am-11pm; we can work out the best time when we find out who wants to go. Hammer Skate has a group rate of \$6.50/person for groups of 10 or more, so **call Kathryn ASAP** if you know you want to do this. We'll send out a flyer with all the details as the date gets closer.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

"Cosmic Bowling"	Jan. 9
Sonora Bowl	2:30-4:30 PM*
*first-come first served, so we need to be there early!	
Mentor Mixer	Jan. 12
CCOE	4:30-6:30 PM
Thank Your Mentor Day	Jan. 25
	All Day
Volunteer Appreciation Dinner	Jan. 25
	TBA
Snow Play Group Outing (Highway 4)	Feb. 5
	1:00pm - ?
Mentor Mixer	Feb. 9
CCOE	4:30-6:30 PM
Roller Skating (Stockton)	Mar. 5
	TBA
Mentor Mixer	Mar. 9
CCOE	4:30-6:30 PM
Advisory Committee Meeting	Mar. 14
	10:30 AM
Calaveras Follies	Apr. 2

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, Kathryn's phone number is 736-6078.

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

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Mentors and other wonderful Calaveras Youth Mentoring Program volunteers, please mark your calendars for Tuesday, January 25 and join us for a festive Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. Details and further information will be sent to you in an invitation soon.

Mentee Training A Success!

Thank you, thank you, thank you to the current and future mentees who helped make our first mentee training a success. We all learned a lot (such as how much some of us like pizza) and will have better prizes (more toe rings and no glitter) at future trainings.

Calaveras Follies

As you may have heard, we are planning a “really big shoo” as a fundraiser for the Calaveras Youth Mentoring Program. The first Calaveras Follies will take place at the fairgrounds on Saturday night, April 2, 2005. Local celebrities from around the county are being invited to “perform” show tunes and popular songs in a hilarious musical revue. Calaveras Follies co-presenters are the Calaveras County Fair, Murphys Creek Theatre, and the *Calaveras Enterprise*. It takes many, many people to put on an event like this and there is a job to suit just about every time schedule. **If you can help please call Marian Coahran at 754-1573.**

Mentor Mixers

Mentor Mixers for January – March will be held from 4:30-6:30pm on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Calaveras County Office of Education. These are informal mentor gatherings where mentors can check in with each other and discuss whatever ideas and issues come up. Let me know if you would like to discuss a particular topic and I can have a professional facilitator join us. You can come for all or just part of the time and it is okay to drop in, but if you can RSVP ahead of time that would be great.

Also please let me know if you would be willing to host a mentor mixer in the future; I would like to move them around the county so everyone doesn't always have to come to Angels Camp.



Our holiday party was filled with gifts of talent and friendship, and we all had a great time! Special thanks to Bob and Evelyn Wood for inviting us into their home. (l-r: Roger, Wendy, and Brandon showing off his hand-made ornament.)



A big group turned out for our Ghost Tour of Columbia in October. Author Carol Biederman treated us to some spooky stories and some yummy hot cocoa.

Thank You

As always, we have much for which to be grateful. **The Rotary Club of West Calaveras** donated ten copies of the book *Stand By Me* as a thank you gift to our founding mentors, and **Mike's Pizza** provided pizza and **SaveMart** donated beverages and snacks for our Mentor Mixer and Mentee Training in November. We have also just received funding to participate in our county's **Teen Challenge Grant** program and will be working closely with the teen centers in West Point and Valley Springs to match more students with mentors. Thank you!