



What's Happening

Calaveras Youth Mentoring Program

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"Thank Your Mentor" During National Mentoring Month!

The fifth Annual National Mentoring Month will be celebrated in January 2006 with a national campaign to recruit volunteer mentors for youth mentoring programs. The theme is "Share what you know. Mentor a child!" One highlight will be a new series of television spots designed to support the recruiting effort. Watch for them!

January 25, 2006 is Thank Your Mentor Day. This is a great opportunity for all of us to thank the people who have been mentors to us. Here are some ideas for how to do it:

- *Contact your mentor directly to express your appreciation — with a phone call, card or e-mail;
- * When you are old enough, "pass it on" by becoming a mentor to a child in your community;
- * Write a tribute to your mentor at www.WhoMentoredYou.org — please be sure to tell us if you do this so we can track if it gets published!

The Calaveras Youth Mentoring Program is planning a local public awareness campaign, and celebrating Thank Your Mentor Day with our annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.



ProTeen Training is FUN

Thank you, thank you, thank you to the current and future mentors and mentees who helped make our training a success. We had a group discussion, pizza (donated by Straw Hat Pizza of Angels Camp,) and played Twister. We have another training scheduled for February 7; call Charity at 736-6080 to RSVP.

Upcoming Field Trips

We have some really fun activities coming up. If you have any suggestions about fun activities you would like us to plan, or if you would like to attend any current events, please be sure to let us know!

Cottage Springs Resort gave us an amazing discount on equipment and use of the lift for **tubing and snowboarding**. The cost will be only \$5.00 per person; this is for use of equipment and the lift for the day. We will start to gather there at about **3:00pm on Friday, January 6, 2006** and will play until around **6:00pm**.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Tubing and Snow Play Cottage Springs Resort	January 6 3:00-6:00 PM
Pizza Party at Roundtable Arnold	January 6 6:00 PM
Mandated Reporter Training San Andreas	January 9 4:00-5:00 PM
<i>Thank Your Mentor Day</i>	<i>January 25 All Day</i>
Volunteer Appreciation Dinner Valley Springs	January 25 TBA
ProTeen Training Mokelumne Hill	February 7 4:00-5:30 PM
Mentor Mixer TBA	February 23 5:30-7:00 PM
Self Defense Workshop Valley Springs	February TBA
Advisory Committee Meeting	March 6 10:30 AM
Calaveras Celtic Fair (Possible Field Trip!)	March 11 & 12 10:00 AM-9:00 PM
Mentor Mixer TBA	March 22 5:30-7:00 PM
Calaveras Follies	April 1

Then we will all head to **Round Table Pizza** in Arnold for dinner! (You **MUST RSVP** for this field trip; we need a **consent form** filled out by a parent/guardian in order for kids to participate.)

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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

Marian Coahran, Community Volunteer and Retired Public Health Nurse

Colleen Dolan, Founding Mentor, Calaveras Youth Mentoring Program

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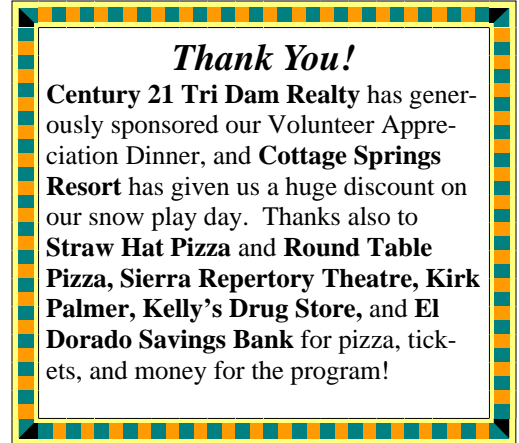
Steve Shetzline, Program Manager, Community Medical Centers

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

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, CHARITY'S PHONE NUMBER IS 736-6080.

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day

A perfect way to celebrate St. Patrick's Day is to go to the **Calaveras Celtic Faire** in **Angels Camp** and learn more about this culture. Watch knights joust, longbow archery, and Celtic living history. Taste new foods (who wants haggis?) and listen to bagpipes and Irish bands. The faire is **March 11 & 12** and the gates open at 10:00am and close 9:00pm Saturday and 5:00pm Sunday. We are trying to get a group discount so that we can all go together!



Items of Interest

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

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



We had a great time once again at our Ghost Tour of Columbia in October. Author Carol Biederman treated us to some spooky stories and we all enjoyed some yummy hot cocoa.

Calaveras Follies

The 2006 Calaveras Follies will take place at the fairgrounds on Saturday night, April 1, 2006. Local celebrities from around the county will "perform" show tunes and popular songs in a hilarious musical revue. Calaveras Follies co-presenters are the Calaveras County Fair and Murphys Creek Theatre. 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 Sandy Fuller at 736-1617.**



Charity managed our booth at Mountain Ranch Community School's first Natural High Day. We talked to a lot of great kids and learned about fun activities. Thanks to Becky, Jeff and Travis for being there too!

Mentor Mixers

Thank you to Clark, Marian, Wayne and Rudy for hosting mixers at their home; it really makes the meetings more fun and comfortable. Our mentor mixers are a blend of group support and ongoing training and we try to make valuable use of your time. Last month we had 12 participants and an amazingly delicious potluck supper! We need volunteers to host mentor mixers for the months of February, March and perhaps April. Please contact Kathryn at 736-6078 if you would like to host one.

Congratulations, New Matches!

**Travis and Jeff
Jasmin and Gay
Autumn and Becky**