



What's Happening

Calaveras Youth Mentoring Program

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Join Us For Some Great Summer Fun!

All mentors and mentees — matched or not — are invited to our group events. I hope that all of our unmatched mentors and mentees will come and make some new friends! The idea is for all of us to get together and have some fun.

O.A.R.S. RAFTING TRIP

This year we will all meet in Angels Camp (or pick you up in Jackson) and relax in buses and vans on our way to Coloma for a **half-day trip on the South Fork of the American River, 8am till about 8pm, Wednesday, July 13.**

O.A.R.S. is taking us on the most popular rafting trip in California, with miles of thrilling, non-stop whitewater ideal for rafters of any experience level. The water is high and this promises to be the best rafting year since 1999. The price has increased to \$49 per person but financial help is available for those who need it and Charity is throwing a car wash to help raise funds. Bring a sack lunch and we'll stop for pizza on the way back. **You must sign up quickly; there are forms to sign and seating is limited.** CALL CHARITY NOW AT 736-6080 NOW TO

RESERVE YOUR SPOT!

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.

POOL PARTY

Join us for **swimming and fun, 2-6 PM, Saturday, August 20, at Tim and Star's lovely home near Avery.** Come alone or with your mentor, mentee, parent, spouse or family — this is a whole program party. Professional life-guard Mark Gill will be on duty for us



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Don't Miss These Exciting Upcoming Mentor Mixer/Trainings...

Mentors -- past, present and future -- are all invited to our monthly mentors-only gatherings. We are trying something new by combining them with trainings (occasionally) and asking mentors to host them. Thanks so much to the mentors who have graciously offered their homes for these mixers. Please RSVP to the host so you can get directions. Here are the next three sessions:

July 27, 5:30 to 7 PM — we will meet at **Colleen Dolan's house in Murphys** for a potluck and discussion about finances and boundaries. Colleen, one of our founding mentors, has some wonderful insights to share about finances in the mentor/mentee relationship. We will also discuss early issues in relationships for our newer mentors. Please bring a salad of some kind. RSVP to Colleen at 728-8045.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Mentor/Mentee Car Wash to raise money for rafting field trip	June 24 2-6 PM
O.A.R.S. Mokelumne River Rafting Adventure Fundraiser	June 26
Mandatory Mentor/Mentee Training	June 28 3-5 PM
O.A.R.S. Rafting Field Trip (we have buses this year!)	July 13 8 AM to 8 PM
Garlic Harvest Festival	July 23
Stockton Ports Game	July 24 1:00 PM
Potluck Mentor Mixer at Colleen's	July 27 5:30 to 7 PM
Stockton Ports Game	August 13 5:05 PM
Pool Party at Tim and Star's	August 20 2-6 PM
Mentor Mixer at Clark's House	August 25 5-6:30 PM
Mentor Mixer at Wayne's House	September 20 5-6:30 PM

August 25, 5 to 6:30 PM — Mentor mixer at **Clark Gehrke's house in Valley Springs.** Jason Burita will answer questions about the drug issues among Calaveras youth — what is out there, what the pressures are, and how to support our young people. Jason is the director of the Angels Creek Community Day School, a voluntary school for students recovering from addiction. RSVP to Clark at 786-7032.

September 20, 5 to 6:30 PM — Join us at **Wayne Fuller's house in Angels Camp** for a little Back To School mixer. This will be mostly open discussion, and I will fill you all in on current events in the 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

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again. Please RSVP to Star at 728-1694; we'll send directions.

CATCH SOME BASEBALL

Thanks to Zamora Automotive in Stockton, we have up to 25 free tickets for the 5:05pm game on Saturday, August 13. We also have free tickets to the 1:00pm game on Sunday, July 24, as part of the Community Challenge Grant Program. The Stockton Ports are a new team and the word is that their games are super fun. Call Charity right away at 736-6080 to reserve your tickets and we will figure out how to meet up at the game.



Items of Interest

We Need Male Mentors

If you know any qualified men who might be interested in mentoring with our program, please ask them to contact Kathryn at 736-6078. Our mentee waiting list of boys is very long (see enclosed) and as you know, it takes a while for mentors to be screened into the program, so we really need all the male volunteers we can get. Thank you!

Congratulations, Graduates!

Congratulations to Tina and Donna, Kaitlyn and Ann, Priscilla and Asha, Jammie and Star, and Chelsie and Sue on completing their year in the program and joining the esteemed ranks of our alumni. Please keep coming to our group events and mixers! All my graduation photos were lost in a faulty disposable camera; if any of you have any photos to share, please send or e-mail them to me. Thanks!

O.A.R.S. Fundraiser

Remember that phenomenally successful one-day rafting fundraiser that O.A.R.S. did for us on the Mokelumne River last year? Well, they're doing it again this year! The real date is **Sunday, June 26**, (which may be before you get this newsletter). Tickets last year sold out like hotcakes, so let me know right away if you want to go; the price is \$50/person.

Thank You

As you may know, the Calaveras Follies raised almost \$12,000 for the Calaveras Youth Mentoring Program. Thanks to all of you who made the event so successful. Special thanks also to Clark Gehrke for our color printer, Tim Hildabrand and his continuing Hummer Rides for Charity, and Motherlode Martial Arts Academy.

Garlic Harvest Festival

We will be hosting a mentor recruiting table at the Garlic Harvest Festival in Murphys on Saturday, July 23. Please call Kathryn at 736-6078 if you can come sit with her there for an hour or so, or just come on by!



We had a great turnout and a fun time at the PAWS Open House in May.

Thanks to PAWS and the Murphys Angels Lions Club for making this very special field trip possible!



Jack and elephant at the PAWS outing in May.