



What's Happening

Calaveras Youth Mentoring Program

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Autumn Adventures



We have tons of fun coming up this fall and winter, and I hope you and your mentor or mentee will join us for as many group events as you can. All mentors and mentees are invited – matched or not – to our group events, and several of them include families as well.

“RSVP” is a French abbreviation for “Please Respond” or “Let me know whether or not you can come!” I really need you to do it, because our wonderful Charity is not here to make all those phone calls anymore. And please wear your red program tee- shirt!!

Come along for a **Hike in Big Trees State Park**, Saturday, October 14, with the ATCAA Mentoring Works program from Sonora. The autumn colors should be at their peak and we will have a picnic and do some crafts as well. Please RSVP by October 9 and I will arrange for carpools.

Our annual **Ghost Tour of Columbia State Park** takes place Tuesday, October 24 at 4pm. Author Carol Biederman shares some of the real life ghost stories and other-worldly experiences from the past and today. This was great spooky fun last year; and we will try to wrap it up with yummy hot cocoa! Please RSVP and we can carpool as needed.



Francisco and Brandon will be our guides for a **fun afternoon at Boomer’s in Modesto** on Saturday, November 4, from 1-4pm. Boomer’s is an amusement park with race cars, a rock

wall, putt-putt golf and LOTS more. The cost is just \$10/person for 3 hours, and you may want to bring extra money for food or games. It takes at least an hour to get there, so again, we can carpool as needed. **Please RSVP by October 30 so I will know if our group is large enough to get this discount.**

Come help sort and pack **Thanksgiving meals with the Food Bank’s “Santa’s Express”** project on Sunday, November 19, from 1-4pm at the San Andreas Town Hall. This is a huge annual effort and they can use all the help we can give. Please RSVP by November 16, but you can also just show up for this one. (Everyone, *please* wear your CYMP tee shirt.)

Our **Holiday Party** will be hosted this year by Jane Bottomley at her home in Angels Camp on Sunday, December 10, from 2-8pm. This year’s party will be a fancy affair, with fun activities, an elegant meal, and dancing! Mark your calendars and bring your families – this is a whole-program gathering. Another invitation will come closer to the event.

Last but certainly not least, **Bear Valley Mountain Resort has invited us for skiing and snowboarding** on Sunday, January 21, 2007. This will be an all-day outing and we will have to gather together jackets, gloves, sunglasses, etc. A flyer with details will come out soon, but mark your

Mark Your Calendar -- REALLY!

Big Trees Hike with Mentoring Works	October 14 10 AM–2 PM
Mentor Mixer/Training At Don Amo’s	October 17 5:30–7 PM
Ghost Tour of Columbia	October 24 4-5 PM
“Boomers” Field Trip	November 4 1–4 PM
“ProTeen” Training AND Family Pizza/Games Night	November 16 5–8 PM
Santa’s Express Community Service Project	November 19 1-4 PM
Holiday Party At Jane Bottomley’s	December 10 2–8 PM
Advisory Committee Meeting CCOE	December 11 1:30–3 PM
Ski Trip to Bear Valley	January 21 All day

calendars now. (You don’t have to hit the slopes yourself to support your mentee’s participation in this wonderful opportunity!)



A tired but happy crew celebrated the end of the day after hiking to Wheeler Lake!

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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
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Barbara Bernstein, Foster Youth Services,
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Marian Coahran, Community Volunteer and
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Valley Springs Youth Center

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munity Medical Centers

Robert Silva, Director, ROP and Work Experi-
ence 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, CALL KATHRYN AT 736-6078.****

Congratulations, New Matches!

Tyler and Ralph
Jacob and Dave
Julie and Darcy
Chris and Ed
Spencer and Wayne
Cody and Jeff



Tim and Star's Summer Swim Party was the highlight of the summer...again!

Here It Is: That "Mandatory Training" On Your Commitment Contract

We need to have a **Mandatory Training for Mentors and Mentees** on Thursday, November 16, from 5-6pm, so I am sweetening the deal with a **Family Pizza and Game Night** from 6-8pm, all here at CCOE. The training is part of our ProTeen grant and is about personal rights and responsibilities.

"Mandatory" means you must attend this training, but I will hold another one in the Spring if you absolutely can't come this time. (If you have already done this training, you don't need to do it again unless you have a new mentor or mentee.) After the fun training session, we'll relax and enjoy pizza and play games. Parents, spouses and families are welcome! Please RSVP by November 13.

Mentor Mixers and Trainings

All mentors are invited to our mentors-only gatherings. These include training as well as a chance to talk with each other.

Our October mixer will be a **potluck supper at Don Amo's house in San Andreas** on Tuesday, October 17, at 5:30-7pm.

Joanne Schwinghammer from Community Medical Centers will join us to share information about the Family PACT program of confidential health services for youth. RSVP to me at 736-6078 and let me know what you want to bring. Please come!

November's mixer will be the ProTeen training and family game night, and we will take a break in December.

Items of Interest

O.A.R.S. Does It Again

The wonderful folks at O.A.R.S. made our summer special once again with a Mokelumne River Rafting Adventure and Field Trip that raised more than \$3,200 for the Calaveras Youth Mentoring Program. A great big THANK YOU to George and his fabulous crew. Can't wait until next year.

Golden Bell Award

The Calaveras County Office of Education has been selected to receive a Golden Bell Award from the California School Boards Association for an exemplary program: the Calaveras Youth Mentoring Program! The award will be presented in December at a special ceremony in San Francisco. Congratulations, everyone!

Help Us Grow!

If you know anyone who might be interested in mentoring with our program, especially

people in the Valley Springs and West Point areas, please ask them to contact Kathryn at 736-6078.

Thank You!

There are always so many generous community members to thank for their support. This issue we especially want to mention Calaveras Community Foundation, Angels-Murphys Rotary Club, Mokelumne Hill Community Trust, Julia Snowden, Marian Coahran, Valley Springs Area Business Association, Rotary Club of West Calaveras, Star and Tim Hildabrand, Margaret and Skip Benz, Gay Mitchell, and Jessie Reynolds.