



# What's Happening

## Calaveras Youth Mentoring Program

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### THE FUN HAS BEGUN!

#### Take Your Pick of Upcoming Program Events

##### MENTOR TRAININGS

In keeping with the best practices model and our promise to mentors, we will offer one mentor training each month. We will try to vary the days, times and locations to make them more convenient. The topics will be determined by mentor request, so tell me what you want! I've decided not to require these trainings but please try to attend as many as you can. I need your feedback.

Our March 4 meeting is a potluck supper and will be a continuation of the February topic. We had so much fun last time we didn't want to stop! Kevin Wychopen and Heather O'Brophy are a dynamic duo — please join us, and tell me what you want to cover in April.

Our next 5-6 hour pre-match training will take place in late March.

##### GROUP EVENTS

Everyone — matched or not — is invited to our group events. The idea is for us all to get together and have fun as a program.

In March, we've been invited to the melodrama fundraiser for the library in Valley Springs on the 13th. Word is that the show is hilarious; our special tic ket price is just \$5. I need a headcount ASAP.

We're all going bowling in Sonora on Sunday, March 21 (\$7 per person includes shoes and two games). Meet in the CCOE parking lot at 1pm and we'll carpool from here. We'll be back around 5pm. Join us for a free make-up and skin care workshop here at CCOE on March 26 from 4-6pm.

**For all of these events, you must let me know you are coming. RSVP to Kathryn at 736-6078.**

**NOTE: Mentor Trainings are open to all current and potential mentors, whether or not you are matched or have previous training. The topics we cover will not be duplicated in pre-match training.**

### CHECKING IN...

Two generous donations were received at our program reunion on January 29 at the San Andreas Public Library.



(Left) Kathryn Eustis happily accepts a \$3,000 check from Soroptimist International of Calaveras County, delivered by founding mentor Chyrl Hillis. (Right) John Brophy and Kathryn Eustis with Arleen Garland and Tammy Beilstein of



the Prevent Child Abuse Calaveras Council, who presented \$7,000 from a Small Counties Initiative grant for the Calaveras Youth Mentoring Program.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Mentor Training:** *March 4*  
*Discussing Difficult Issues* 5:45-8:00pm  
*\*Potluck Supper\**
- Mentoring Advisory Committee Meeting** *March 8*  
10:30am-12noon
- Group Event:** *March 13*  
*"A Fistful of Villains"* 3:00 - 5:00pm  
*Melodrama in Valley Springs*
- Group Event:** *March 21*  
*Bowling at Sonora Bowl* 1:00 - 5:00pm ish
- Group Event:** *March 26*  
*Make-Up and Skin Care Workshop at CCOE* 4:00 - 6:00pm
- Half Price Tickets for Bear Valley X-Country** *April 4*  
All Day  
*(Just mention Calaveras Youth Mentoring Program for your discount)*
- Mentoring Advisory Committee Meeting** *April 12*  
10:30am-noon
- Mentor Mixer/Training at CCOE** *April 12*  
5:30-8:00pm

## 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

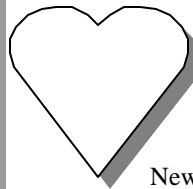
**Steve Shetzline**, Program Coordinator,  
Community Medical Centers

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

## "MATCH-MATCH"

My three-year-old has her own unique way of saying things. Whenever she sees two things that belong together, she calls them "match-match." For instance, if we both wear purple shirts, we "match-match."

I think of her every time we celebrate another Match Day in our program. It's amazing how well two *people* can go together!



**Thanks  
For Your Support!**

New supporters include Soroptimist International of Calaveras County, Prevent Child Abuse Calaveras Council, The Miller Family Fund, Calaveras Lumber, and Gold Electric. **Thank You!**

## Items of Interest

### Meet Our New Activities Coordinator!

A hearty handshake and "Welcome Aboard" to Margaret Bell, the wonderful volunteer who has taken on our field trip program. We have tons of good ideas and Margaret is going to turn them into adventures! We will be calling a Youth Council meeting soon to help decide our field trip priorities.

### "A Great Time Had By All" on the Hummer Off-Road Snow Adventure

Volunteer Tim Hildabrand reports that twelve trucks turned out for his first "Hummer Rides for Charity" Off-Road Adventure and that everybody had a really great time. Such a great time, in fact, that Tim is already making plans for another event this summer. Mike Taylor of the *Calaveras Enterprise* came along and recounted the adventure in his 2/24/04 column. This event raised nearly \$1,000 for our program. Thanks, Tim!! For your own Hummer adventure, call Tim at 728-1691.

### Connections

If you know of a local community group that needs a speaker, please let us know. We are always happy to tell more community members about the program, and it's the best way to recruit mentors. If you know someone who can donate an outing or field trip, please ask them to! (And let Margaret know right away.) And keep those fundraising ideas coming...between the Hummer Rides and the golf tournaments, we'll make the Calaveras Youth Mentoring Program the "funnest" donation dollar in the county!

### Another Idea for Fun

Meet the "Bat Lady" on Saturday March 20<sup>th</sup> at 10am, Jack Knight Hall at Calaveras Big Trees State Park. Patricia Winters of the California Bat Conservation Fund will introduce visitors to real live bats, and they are really CUTE! Margaret says "check it out."