



# What's Happening

## Calaveras Youth Mentoring Program

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### Join Us For Winter Fun!

*All mentors and mentees are invited to our group events. Please join us! RSVP to Cristina at 736-6078 and we can carpool as needed.*

Bear Valley Ski Resort has invited us back for a ski/snow board adventure on Sunday, January 24, 2010. This year we will try a quieter weekend and a half-day of skiing, which should be plenty! Cost is \$10/per person.



Hiking at Natural Bridges, Bruce Tallakson and Brayden Johnson will be our guides on this fun hike. This beautiful two-mile round trip hike will lead you to spectacular limestone caverns that have been carved out by Coyote Creek. Bring a bag lunch and plenty of water.

March's field trip will take us back to luxurious Black Oak Casino for bowling and pizza on Saturday, March 20, 1-3pm.. Please RSVP by March 11.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Events	When
Bear Valley Ski Trip	Sun, January 24 TBA
Natural Bridges Hike Bruce and Brayden	Sun, February 21 10-1pm
Black Oak Casino Bowling	Sat, March 20 1-3pm
<b>Trainings</b>	
Developmental Assets Joan Dionne	Tues, January 12 6-8pm
Mentee Training and ProTeen/Pizza Party	Wed, February 17 5-8pm
Drug Issues John Van Dyke	Wed, March 10 6-8pm

#### Check Out Your School Events!

Mentors and mentees now get free admission to all Athletic and Theater events in Calaveras Unified School District. Please contact Cristina for tickets!

Mark Twain Union Elementary also has no charge on games (fee is required for Tournament Games)

Vallecito Union School District—No charge on games

Bret Harte High School—Admission passes to sports events will be coming soon!

#### It's National Mentoring Month!

January 2010 marks the ninth annual National Mentoring Month, which will be celebrated with a national campaign to recruit volunteer mentors for youth mentoring programs. If you know someone who would make a great mentor, please tell us we will contact them!

January 21, 2010 is Thank Your Mentor Day. This is a great opportunity for all of us to thank the people who have been mentors to us, by:

- Contacting your mentor directly to say "thanks" — with a phone call, card or e-mail;
- When you are old enough, "passing it on" by becoming a mentor to a child in your community;
- Writing a tribute to your mentor at [www.WhoMentoredYou.org](http://www.WhoMentoredYou.org) — please tell us if you do this and we'll see if it gets published!

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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 safe, positive adult role models who will offer support, guidance and friendship and help the youth make healthy life decisions.

## Advisory Committee

Frank Orlando, retired Associate Superintendent, Calaveras County Office of Education

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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, CALL 736-6078

## FUN WE'RE HAVING...

*A perfect day for a softball game, our bowling field trips are always a hit; and the holiday party was fabulous!*



## Matches and Anniversaries

*Welcome new matches:*  
Wesley and John

*Congratulations to:*  
Dustin & Dana (1 year)  
Jordan & Tim J. (1 year)  
Sam & Don (4 years!)  
Austin & Greg J. (1 year)

## Thank You!

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