



# What's Happening

## Calaveras Youth Mentoring Program

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### "Thank Your Mentor" During National Mentoring Month!

January 2009 marks the eighth annual National Mentoring Month and will be celebrated with a national campaign to recruit volunteer mentors for youth mentoring programs. We will be doing our own recruiting campaign and making several new matches. If you know someone who would make a great mentor, please let us know and we will contact them!

January 22, 2009 is Thank Your Mentor Day. This is a great opportunity for all of us to thank the people who have been mentors to us.

- \* Contact your mentor directly to say "thanks" — 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](http://www.WhoMentoredYou.org) — please be sure to tell us if you do this so we can track if it gets published!

Our annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner is scheduled for January 17 at Bear Valley Mountain Resort. Please come even if you don't ski!



### CONGRATULATIONS...

#### New Matches:

*Timmy and Fred*

#### Upcoming Anniversaries:

*Autumn and Christina*

*Rainy and Carla*

*Greg and Tim*

*Jack and Ralph*

*Sam and Don (3 years!)*

*Christchian and Jeff*

*Bradley and Rudy*

### Upcoming Field Trips

As many of you know, Bear Valley Mountain Resort has invited us on **Saturday, January 17** for their "Winter Explosion" event, which includes an afternoon of **skiing or snowboarding, followed by a torch parade, live music, dinner and fireworks!** You **MUST RSVP** for this field trip; we need several forms filled out by a parent/guardian in order for kids to participate. Please contact us ASAP and we will mail you the forms.

Our February gathering will be something new and unusual: a **firewalking seminar** with Peggy Dylan on **Saturday, February 28**. Details on exact time and location will be sent out soon.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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| New Mentor Orientation<br>Valley Springs  | January 7<br>12:00-1:00pm     |
| Field Trip to Bear Valley<br>Mountain Resort  | January 17<br>12:00-9:00pm    |
| Volunteer Appreciation<br>Dinner at Bear Valley<br>(live music, fireworks, and dinner!) | January 17<br>4:30-8:30pm     |
| <i>Thank Your Mentor Day</i>  | <i>January 22<br/>All Day</i> |
| Mentee Training<br>CCOE   | January 28<br>5:00-5:45pm     |
| ProTeen Training and<br>Pizza Party   | January 28<br>6:00-7:30 pm    |
| New Mentor Orientation<br>CYMP Office   | January 29<br>4:00-5:00pm     |
| Mentor Training<br>w/Dixon Collins  | February 11<br>5:00-7:00pm    |
| Firewalking Event<br>Location TBA   | February 28<br>5:00-9:00pm    |
| Advisory Meeting  | March 9<br>1:30-3:00pm        |
| Bowling Field Trip<br>Black Oak Casino  | March 15<br>afternoon TBA     |
| Mentor Training<br>"Nurtured Heart Approach"<br>Bret Harte High School                  | March 24<br>6:30-8:00pm       |

By popular demand, we are taking the group bowling at Black Oak Casino the afternoon of Sunday, March 15. We know how you all love bowling, so you had better come!

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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**, Associate Superintendent, Calaveras County Office of Education

**Marian Coahran**, Founder, Calaveras Youth Mentoring

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**Kathryn Eustis**, Director, Calaveras Youth Mentoring

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**Donna Shannon**, Founding Mentor

**Steve Shetzline**, Program Coordinator, 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, CALL 736-6078.**

## Magnificent Mentor Trainings

January 28, 6-7:30 PM:  
**Mandatory "ProTeen" Training**  
(bring your mentee!)

February 11, 5:00-7 PM:  
**"Adventures in Calaveras"**  
Dixon Collins

March 24, 6:30-8 PM:  
**"The Nurtured Heart Approach"**  
Heather O'Brophy and David Sackman

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## Items of Interest

### Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Mentors and other wonderful Calaveras Youth Mentoring Program volunteers, please mark your calendars for Saturday, January 17 and join us for a festive Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at Bear Valley Mountain Resort! Details will be sent to you in an invitation soon.



*Greg put on a great pumpkin patch in October, complete with horseback rides; our bowling field trips are always a hit; and the holiday party was fabulous!*

### Calaveras Follies

Mentors, please also mark your calendars for the 2009 Calaveras Follies, our major annual fundraiser, which will take place at Frogtown on Saturday night, April 18, 2009. Local celebrities from around the county will "perform" show tunes and popular songs in a hilarious musical revue. Mentors will be invited as our guests of honor for this magical evening.

