

Down Home Day



Held on the grounds of a 1915 *working* homestead!



Everybody loves
affordable family fun –
so bring the kids, the dog,
and the grandparents, too!

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Plenty of free things to do.



Live Music in the Amphitheater: *The Spyrallites* are back! We love their tunes. 11am-1pm & 2pm-4pm.

Small Stage: Free entertainment, see page 13.

Grounds Tour: Self-guided and free, see page 14.

Other Free Things to Do: five more, pages 14 & 15.

Are you a homesteader? Find out with this easy quiz:

Are you: (1) an independent thinker? (2) a responsible citizen? (3) self sufficient? (4) thrifty?

Do you: (5) plan ahead when possible? (6) compete for opportunities? (7) save for a rainy day? (8) recycle? (9) care about your community?

If you answered "Yes" to most of these questions, then you are a "*Homesteader at Heart*."

For Grand Drawing and Sponsor info, see page 16.

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18 affordable fun things to do.

Best Hat Photo Contest:

This is lots of fun, so be sure to wear a hat to Down Home Day. If you forget, then borrow one from us! It's only \$1 to enter, and the fabulous prize is a \$25 Gift Card from a feed or country store – generous, local independent sponsors.



See Page 16 for list of Sponsors.

Parallel Family Play & Photo Contest: The whole family enters (for \$1) to "play together" at coloring pictures of a homestead barn, before crowding onto a loveseat for a family snapshot for the Photo Contest – holding their colored artwork in front of themselves. It's a great shot, and the prize is a \$25 gift card from one of our local feed or country store sponsors.



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Helping kids learn to reason is fun

How Many Are In There? This is a guessing game. Kids actually use *reasoning ability* and *mathematics* to come close to the correct answer. Parents help, and you can "see" the wheels spinning on the childrens' faces! It's only \$1. The prize is a \$25 gift card from one of our feed or country store sponsors.



How Much Does It Weigh? Here's another \$1 contest where kids do *hands on!* They handle several items (knowing how much they weigh) – then they pick up the metal wheel before guessing its weight. They're thinking!



The prize: a \$25 gift card from a feed or country store.

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Bring a family pet to Down Home Day

Most Amazing Pet Photo Contest:

Here's a photo contest for anyone who brings their pet. Unlike most members of Sonoma County Farm Trails (Artful Arrangements is a member), we welcome dogs on the homestead grounds. For \$1, your pet may win your family a \$25 gift card from one of our local feed or country store sponsors. Now that's a lot of pet food, not to mention the fun, and we email you the photo, even if you don't win!



Family Pet Parade & Photo Contest: This Pet Parade is for the whole family, and it's a photo contest, too! It's only \$1, and happens in two parts, at 1pm and 3pm. Entries are accepted at the Small Stage until parade time, and each line-up walks the route, crossing the Small Stage (where we announce the name of the family pet). We take a family photo for the contest. Then everyone continues over and through *The Portal of Time* – into the future! The winning family receives a \$25 Gift Card from a feed or country store. Photos are emailed to non-winners, too!

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A picture's worth 1,000 words

Tractor Photo Contest:

Capture smiles of joy at Down Home Day with a \$1 picture on the green John Deere tractor! All family members, even granny, can find a way up for a quality photo for the Best Tractor Snapshot photo contest. The prize is a feed or country store \$25 Gift Card. Photos are emailed to non-winners, too!



The Portal of Time Photo:

Visit the History Booth to discover the importance of history for the future! Also learn about the role agriculture played in the development of Sonoma County. It's only \$1, and we take a quality picture of your family or group – framed in *The Portal of Time*, to be emailed to you later! AND, children get a free sucker.*

*See Pg 10 for details about "trading in" suckers.

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Kids *love* to be *in* the action . . .

The Applesauce Challenge: Parents, this activity was a hit with the kids last year! Who knew they would jump at the chance to feed their parents (or grandparents) applesauce – while wearing blindfolds! It's only \$1, and we count the spoonfuls successfully eaten, and have bibs and cleanup cloths. Everyone is a winner! Children get a free sucker.*

Adult Face Painting: The kids are eager to pick up felt pens and color on an adult's face or arm. It's \$1, and there are stencils if needed, but most kids just go for it! We snap photos *with your cell phone*. We also let you color on kids if you want to do that. Everyone is a winner. Children get a free sucker.*

Help-Fire-Save Me! What child doesn't want to (for \$1) put on a fireman's turnout jacket and helmet to rescue their parent from a burning house? The fire is not real, but the water is. But you are safe from the water "inside" the house! Everyone is a winner in this game. Children get a free sucker.*

*See Page 10 for details on trading-in suckers.

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Love, Hugs & Kisses, and Smiles .

Cutest Baby Photo Contest: Enter your little one in this classic contest for \$1 to try to win a \$25 gift card from a feed or country store. We email you a copy of the photo – whether you win or not.*



The Hugs & Kisses Booth: Also a photo contest, the whole family enters for only \$1. Everyone piles onto the loveseat, where we capture Down Home Day smiles in a family snapshot*, that is emailed to you – whether you win or not. The prize is a \$25 gift card from one of our feed or country store sponsors.



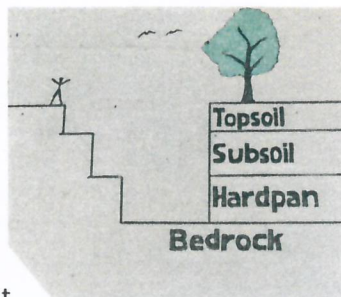
*This year our Photo Contest Booth is managed by volunteer Susan Panetta of Panetta Photography. Her specialty is capturing the bond between people and their pets. --- www.panettaphotography.com.

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Opportunities to think & learn . .

Team Quest: This unique combination is a “search-for-answers” and “scavenger-hunt-for-objects” contest. Kids actually enjoy it with a parent’s help. It’s \$1 per entry. It can be done by families, groups of friends, siblings, or individuals. It does take time, but it’s lots of fun, and the prize is a \$25 gift card from one of our feed or country store sponsors. You can take all day, and turn it in when you leave.

Water & Earth: New this year, this booth is where you’ll find out (for \$1) what tilling the soil and panning for gold have in common. Families can enter together to learn the basics about



“the earth beneath our feet” and simple ways to stop soil erosion. Children get to try panning for gold (or other heavy objects). Doing this activity is a lot like sitting around the campfire, and everyone who participates comes away feeling like a winner!

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Homesteads have chickens & eggs

Feed the Chickens: This hands-on activity is fun for kids and the young-at-heart. We have made baggies of chicken treats for you for \$1 each. Your family can cast out food to the chickens! The kids really love to do this, and the rules are simple:



1) Don’t let the chickens out, and 2) put the empty baggies in the bucket by the gate. Baggies of treats are available at the Team Quest Booth.

The Egg Toss: Here’s the most popular game going at Down Home Day – a cow bell rings every time there’s a winner. Get 3 eggs for \$1. Every egg into the nesting box earns a sucker! Four unopened suckers* can be traded in for a stuffed animal. There are three levels: toddlers drop an egg into a basket; smaller kids get to go up close; adults and larger kids do the long toss.

*Four *unopened* suckers your child collects, from any contest, may be “traded-in” for a stuffed animal at the Egg Toss Booth.

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We love to watch the crawlers!

Diaper Derby Race & Photo Contest: New this year, is something for our crawlers – the babies that can’t walk yet*. Entries are taken (\$1 each) at the Small Stage. There will be five Derbies, on a packing blanket, on the Small Stage, at 11:45am, 12:45pm, 1:45pm, 2:45pm and 3:45pm. Babies race across the blanket into their mothers’ arms. Babies get a stuffed animal. The winner of each race has a photo taken in our brightly-painted circus wagon (in the Photo Contest Booth). It is entered in the Diaper Derby Photo Contest – the prize is a \$25 gift card from one of our local feed and country store sponsors. We also email photos to the non-winners.



*The homestead has cozy places for nursing mothers. Two restrooms have baby-changing stations. Full info is at the Info & Tickets Booth.

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Country fare you can afford.

Good Food: The grounds of the homestead have lots of places to sit and enjoy a meal together – whether it’s your own sack lunches or ones you buy from us!

Menu – 2017

Extra Big Plates for \$9:

BBQ chicken (2 pieces), baked beans, salad, roll & butter

Big Plates for \$7:

BBQ chicken (1 piece), baked beans, salad, roll & butter

Small Plates for \$5:

Hot Dog in bun, and baked beans

Tiny Plates for \$3: Hot Dog in a bun

Vegetarian Meal for \$5: Beans, salad, roll & butter

Great Treats: Visit our Treats Booth for coffee, sodas, bottled water, cake, ice cream, chips, etc., at \$1 each.

The Libation Station: Get cold suds at \$5 a mug. It’s provided by our local craft brewers supporting Artful Arrangements’ nonprofit mission! And when you buy it from us, you are our supporters, too! It’s a win-win. We appreciate your support.

See Pg 16 for info about sponsors for Down Home Day.

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Small Stage entertainment is free

The Small Stage is new this year, and we are working on a line-up of entertainment you'll enjoy, which will be listed here as we get it together. So far we have:

10:00 Announcements & Music
 10:30
 11:00 Announcements & Music
 11:20
 11:45 Diaper Derby
 12:00 Announcements & Music
 12:20
 12:45 Diaper Derby
 1:00 Announcements & Family Pet Parade
 1:20
 1:45 Diaper Derby
 2:00 Announcements & Music
 2:20
 2:45 Diaper Derby
 3:00 Announcements & Family Pet Parade
 3:20
 3:45 Diaper Derby
 4:00 Ending Announcements & Music

We hope you enjoy the Homestead and Down Home Day!

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Details of free fun things to do!

Self-Guided Tour: Borrow one of our Guide Books (at the Team Quest Booth) to take yourself and family and friends on a free 44-points-of-interest Homestead Grounds tour. Kids love to find the numbered rocks as you stroll along. It starts in front of the restored 1915 homestead house, goes past the Gardens, brush chipping & wood splitting, * garden & chickens, ** two tribute cactus gardens, the Homestead Amphitheater, Rosemary & Equipment Rows, and through *The Portal of Time*. You'll enjoy it, and Team Quest is fun to do at the same time!***

Visit the Plywood Pioneers: This homesteading family is picnicking today on Apricot Island. Each family member has an oval "cut-out" for a face. A volunteer from the History Booth will take pictures of your family for you *with your cell phone* with these hardy pioneers if you ask – it's free, and kids seem to really like playing the "part."

*Free Wood-Splitting demos at 11am, Noon, & 2pm.

**Chicken Treats are available at Team Quest Booth.

***Team Quest info is on Page 9.

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More free fun things to do!

Wood Splitting Demos: Three **free** demos happen at 11am, Noon and 2pm. Kids love to learn about how a gas engine turns a hydraulic pump (to create pressure) to move a ram to split a large round piece of firewood. They're told how a side-lift raises the rounds so you don't have to bend and lift - *and then they actually see it happen!*

Visit the Farm Animals: This is a low-key activity to do with the kids. It's **free**, and they love it. It's located by the Egg Toss, where you enter under the "Let There Be Sunshine" sign.

The Shoe Sticker Club: Here's another low-key thing to do with little tykes – join the *Shoe Sticker Club!* On Apricot Island, you'll get **free** stickers for the kids to stick on shoes – yours, theirs, or anyone else's who wants to become a member of the club.

Hula Hoop Hop: Another **free** fun thing to do with the kids is located in the Amphitheater in front of the band. We call it Hula Hoop Hop. You play and dance with your children using the hula hoops. They love it.

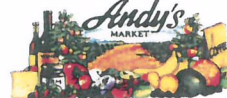
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Grand Drawing: We appreciate these supportive donors. Buy tickets to support us, and maybe *win a great prize!*



A 2-night camping stay.



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