WHAT IS THE 4-H DINNER?
The Community Dinner is the main fundraiser for Tuolumne County 4-H Council. Funds raised at the Dinner support Tuolumne County 4-H for the whole year. Every member, every leader, and every family in 4-H benefits from money raised at the Dinner. 4-H Council uses income from the Dinner to hold events, purchase medals and stars, train leaders and teens, train officers, provide supplies, purchase curriculum, support clubs and projects, and help expand the 4-H program.

WHO PUTS IT ON?
Each club chairs a different part of the Dinner. Parents, leaders, All Star and Leadership Team members, and youth members all have important jobs. If you have a question about your club’s job or serving time, ask at your club meeting or talk to your club leader. For other dinner questions, contact Ron Hamilton or Sue Moore.

FOOD FOR KIDS SERVICE PROJECT
The 2014 Dinner service project is a food drive for the “Food for Kids” program through ATCAA. Did you know that some children in our county don’t have food to eat at home? Food for Kids provides food in bags for qualifying children in grades K-4 to take home in their backpacks. The food is “kid friendly” and easy to prepare. Their greatest need is for small boxes of cold cereal. So that’s what we’re collecting! Our goal is 1500 boxes of cereal. Please bring your donations to the Dinner. Thank you! (See the list in the next column)

WHAT CAN I DO?
Sell tickets! Every time you talk to someone about our Dinner you are helping publicize 4-H. Even if they don’t purchase a ticket, they have a better idea about who we are and what we do. The more tickets you sell, the more people will attend, eat dinner and stay to purchase a cake.

Put up a poster! Make a poster to display in a prominent place in the community. Help advertise our dinner. Enter your poster in the poster contest to win an award.

Donate a decorated cake! Any member can decorate a cake and sell it at the auction. Proceeds are a donation to 4-H Council. Enter your cake in the contest too.

Bring a box of cereal for our Food for Kids service project. The cereal should be healthy, low or no sugar, and in small boxes so children can carry them home in their backpacks. Suggested cereals are Cheerios, Chex, Kix, Life, Mini Wheats, Oatmeal Squares, etc.

Help serve! See the next page for information about food prep, setting up and serving. We need you!

CAN I BRING A DISPLAY?
Clubs and projects are encouraged to bring displays to the Dinner. Lots of people think 4-H is only livestock but we have many other educational projects and activities to show off! If you want to reserve space for a display about your club, your project, or a 4-H event, contact Deniel Sheffield at 536-9791 or sheffy@msn.com.

4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning citizenship, leadership and life skills.
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& DECORATED CAKE AUCTION

CLUB DINNER JOBS
Foothill 4-H: Set up the building
Groveland Highlanders: Silverware & Decorations
Hi 4-H: Cake Auction
Mountain Rangers: Dessert table & Poster Contest
PM Clubs: Silent Auction
Sonora Cloverleafs: Cake Contest & Displays
Tuolumne Pioneers: Food prep
All Star & Leadership Teams: Greeters & Emcees
Kris Hamilton & Shelly Wyatt: Door ticket sales
Sharon Smales: Serving supervision
Ida Ponder: Floor Coordinator
Emily Hamilton & Lisa Breaux: Beverages
BBQ Crew & Terri Arington: Barbecuing
Carol Willmon: Food for Kids service project
Jay Wallace: Transporting food & supplies
Columbia College Culinary Arts: Baking the potatoes
T.C. Sheriff’s Posse: use of their kitchen
Columbia Nursery: greenery for building
Mike Shaffer: Cake Auction

SERVING
We run two serving lines taking 12 adults or older teens per shift. Other members seat diners, pour coffee, serve dessert and clear tables. One adult per shift helps supervise the members working the floor. Members, wear your uniform or club T-shirt if possible, pin or tie your hair back and have clean hands. Serving times are:
- 4:00-4:30 Groveland Highlanders
- 4:30-5:15 Foothill 4-H
- 5:15-6:00 Tuolumne Pioneers
- 6:00-6:30 Sonora Cloverleafs
- 6:30-7:00 Mountain Rangers

AUCTION TIMES
The Cake Auction begins after the 5:30 awards.
The Silent Auction is open from 4 to 6:15.

CLEAN UP
Please stay to clean up. So we don’t detract from the Auction, we wait until it is over, then strip the tables, put away the decorations and supplies, pick up the trash and clean up the kitchen area.

ICE CHESTS & FIREWOOD
We need 30-40 medium size ice chests. Bring them to the Posse Kitchen on Thursday, January 16 by 6 pm. Make sure they’re clean and labeled with your name. We also need a truck load of dry oak firewood for the barbecues. Contact Ron if you have wood you can donate.

FOOD PREP
Thursday, January 16 at the Posse kitchen at 6 pm.
Everyone can help wrap potatoes and silverware. If you want to help trim and season the meat, check with Ron Hamilton first as this is for BBQ Crew members and adults who have been trained (must use the 4-H knives).

FLYERS
Print a flyer from this newsletter or pick them up at the 4-H Office. There are also larger 11x17 posters. Pass out the small ones and post the larger ones in businesses, churches, at school, and on community bulletin boards. Thank you for advertising the dinner!

TICKET SALES
Tickets are available to check out at your club meetings.

Adult tickets for age 12 and over are $12. Youth (11 and younger) and Seniors (65 and over) are $8. Adult and Youth/Senior tickets are the same price pre-sale and at the door.

Family tickets for up to 5 people are $40, pre-sale only and dine-in only. All family tickets must have the number of people written on them when they are sold. A family is “immediate family” who all live in the same house.

If you are a 4-H family with over 5 people, have your club leader sign your ticket. We want to take care of our larger 4-H families, but not have the general public take advantage of us by feeding their children’s friends.

TICKET CONTEST
Sell at least $150 of tickets and turn in by 5 pm on January 16 to receive a prize. Sell at least $350 and turn in by 5 pm on January 16 to qualify for the top 3 prizes. Top sales wins a new Kindle. Second and third place overall win exciting electronic prizes valued at $50 (2nd) and $25 (3rd). One prize per person.

If you are entering the ticket contest you may turn in your stubs, money and unsold tickets to the 4-H Office until 5:00 on January 16. Or contact Amanda Bloom, Pre-sale Ticket Chair, to turn them in directly to her, 209-768-3445. Club ticket chairs, call Amanda with questions. If you are not entering the contest, turn in stubs, unsold tickets and money to your club in January or at the Dinner ticket table.
**DECORATED CAKE CONTEST**

There are separate divisions for Primary, Junior, Intermediate, Senior, Groups, and Adults. You do not need to be in a Cake Decorating project. **Cakes will be received in the John Muir building from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm only** on January 18. When delivering your cake you will be asked your name, grade, club, type of cake (chocolate, yellow, carrot, etc.) and the cake’s theme. If someone else is bringing your cake, write this information down and put it with your cake board.

**JUDGING RULES:** Cakes must be made and decorated by the youth member or youth members of a group. Any cake made and/or decorated by an adult must be entered in the adult class. **All decorations on the cake must be edible.** If you bring your cake on cardboard or a disposable plate, the buyer won’t have to return your plate. Cakes may be any flavor, shape or size, using any design that is 4-H appropriate. They may not contain alcohol.

**NEW:** 12 decorated cupcakes in paper liners or 12 cake pops attractively displayed may be substituted for a cake.

Judging is based on overall appearance, artistic quality and neatness. Every entry receives a ribbon. In addition, judges will award medals to the top entries in the Junior, Intermediate and Senior classes.

**DECORATED CAKE AUCTION**

All cakes entered for judging are sold in the Cake Auction, including those made by members, groups, and adults. You are encouraged to wear your 4-H uniform or 4-H T-shirt for the live auction. The money received for the cakes is a donation to 4-H Leaders Council. Donating a cake counts as a community service in your record book. If you can’t be present for the live auction, let us know so we can have someone else hold up your cake. Specialty cakes, not decorated or entered in the Cake Contest will be sold at a special Cake Silent Auction table near the cake stage.

**DINNER OPTIONS**

- Besides the barbecued tri-tip, there will also be a vegetarian entrée.
- For guests who are unable to “dine in” at the fairgrounds, take out meals are available. Family tickets are “dine in” only.

**POSTER CONTEST**

Members are encouraged to make and display posters to publicize the 4-H Community Dinner. Posters may be entered in the contest and judged for awards. The contest has separate divisions for Cloverbuds, Primary members, Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors.

1. Poster: hand made or computer-generated, made directly on or affixed to standard poster board, 11x14” to 22x28”. It may be produced in any medium as long as it is flat enough to hang in a window.
2. It may be vertical or horizontal in format.
3. It may not incorporate copyrighted material like Peanuts.
4. It must be made by the member only. No group entries. One entry per member. The member’s name, club, and grade in school must be written on the top back.
5. Display the poster in a public place for at least five days before the dinner, and have it initialed by the business owner or manager. Put it up no later than Monday, January 13.
6. Posters must be received for the contest by 3:00 pm in the John Muir building at the fairgrounds.

**SILENT AUCTION**

Besides the decorated cake live auction, the Dinner also has a Silent Auction. This year the Silent Auction is hosted by the staff and parents of the PM Clubs. Profits will be used to enroll students in the special PM Club 4-H program. Items popular in the Silent Auction are

- Gift baskets
- Donated items
- Gift certificates

If you solicit a donation for the Silent Auction, be sure to complete the donation form in this newsletter. Bring the top half of the form with the item. Bring donations to the 4-H Office by 5 pm on Friday, January 17 or to the Dinner before 3 pm on January 18. Please direct Silent Auction questions to Doreene Wolfe, 532–9633 or dwolfe@mlode.com.
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January 18, 2014
SILENT AUCTION DONATION FORM

Please complete the form below and return with the donated item to the 4-H office by January 17. If you are bringing the donation to the Community Dinner on January 18, please bring it by 3:00 pm.

Donor or Company Name ____________________________________________________________

Mailing Address ___________________________________________________________________

City _______________________________________State _______________ Zip Code ______________

Telephone (    ) _________________ Fax (    ) __________________  website- www. ________________________

This is a donation of   ____ Actual Merchandise     _____ Gift Certificate

Description of item: _______________________________________________________________________________

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Retail Value $ ___________________ Expiration Date ______________________

Restrictions or conditions: ___________________________________________________________________________

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Donor’s Signature ________________________________________ Date ______________________

4-H member receiving the donation (print name) _____________________________ Club ______________________

(Cut here, fill this portion out, and give it to the Donor)

Thank you for donating an item to the Tuolumne County 4-H Silent Auction to be held at the 4-H Community Dinner on January 18, 2014 at the Mother Lode Fairgrounds.

Donor or Company Name: _________________________________________________________________

This is a donation of: _____ Actual Merchandise _____ Gift Certificate

Description of item: _______________________________________________________________________________

Retail Value $ __________

4-H member receiving the donation (print name) _____________________________ Club ______________________

If you have any questions, please contact
Doreene Wolfe, Sonora PM Club Director, 532–9633 or dwolfe@mlode.com
Melanie Curtis, Tuolumne County 4-H Program Representative, 533-6990, makwast@ucanr.edu

Thank you for supporting Tuolumne County 4-H
41st Annual

4-H COMMUNITY DINNER & Decorated Cake Auction

Saturday, January 18, 2014
Mother Lode Fairgrounds, 4 to 7 pm

TRI TIP & all the fixin's

Baked potato, Green Salad, Roll
Ice Cream & Cover’s Cookie
Vegetarian entrée available

Tickets from 4-H members & at the door
$12 Adults
$8 Seniors 65 & older
$8 Children under 12
$40 Family ticket is pre-sale only, limit 5 people, dine in only

For information, contact the 4-H office, 533-6990
Proceeds benefit the Tuolumne County 4-H Program for local youth