4-H COMMUNITY DINNER
January 17, 2015

WHAT IS THE 4-H DINNER?
The Community Dinner is Tuolumne County 4-H Council’s largest event. Funds raised support our local program all year. Every member, leader, and family in 4-H benefits. 4-H Council uses the income to hold events, purchase awards and supplies, train leaders, teens and officers, purchase curriculum, support clubs and projects, and help expand 4-H.

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.

THE DINNER SERVICE PROJECT
The 2015 Dinner service project is to provide hay for the rescued and recovering horses at Re-Horse Rescue Ranch. Many of our 4-H members volunteer at Re-Horse Rescue. We are sponsoring bales of hay, which cost $20 each. Our goal is to sponsor 100 bales of hay, which will feed their current 43 horses for 2 weeks. Help us help them feed the rescued horses so that they can be adopted into permanent homes. Thank you for caring!

WHAT CAN I DO FOR THE DINNER?
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.

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

Bring a Display! The Dinner is where you can show off your club and project work to the community. Let Melanie Curtis at the 4-H office know if you want to reserve space for a display about your club, your project, or a 4-H event.
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CLUB & VOLUNTEER JOBS
- Foothill 4-H: Set up the building & cover tables
- Gold Rush Country: Poster Contest
- Groveland Highlanders: Wrapping silverware & Decorations
- Hi 4-H: Cake Auction
- Mountain Rangers: Dessert table
- PM Clubs: Silent Auction
- Sonora Cloverleafs: Cake Contest
- Tuolumne Pioneers: Food prep & barbecuing
- All Star & Leadership Teams: Greeters & Emcees
- Sue Moore: Pre-sale tickets
- Andrea Fray & Kristie Fong: Door ticket sales
- Sharon Smales & Michael Curtis: Kitchen supervision
- Ida Ponder: Floor Coordinator
- Kris Hamilton: Beverages
- Danese Pimentel & Annette Brewer: Plate table
- Jay Wallace: Transporting food & supplies
- Terry Moore: Firewood & hauling supplies
- Columbia College Culinary Arts: Baking potatoes & cookies
- Tuolumne County Sheriff’s Posse: use of their kitchen
- Mike Shaffer: Cake Auction

SERVING
We run two serving lines taking 12 adults or older teens per shift. Other members seat diners, pour beverages, bring desserts to diners 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 Tuolumne Pioneers
- 5:15-6:00 Foothill 4-H
- 6:00-6:30 Sonora Cloverleafs
- 6:30-7:00 Mountain Rangers & Gold Rush Country 4-H

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 the building on Saturday. So we don’t interrupt 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. Sunday at 1 PM, meet at the 4-H Office to box up the supplies and return them to 4-H storage.

ICE CHESTS
We need 30-40 medium size ice chests. Bring them to the Posse Kitchen on Wednesday, January 14 by 6 pm or to the 4-H Office. Make sure they are clean and labeled with your name.

FOOD PREP
Wednesday, January 14 at the Posse kitchen at 5 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 members and adults who have been trained.

TAKE OUT
For guests who are unable to “dine in” at the fairgrounds, take out meals are available (without ice cream).
MENU
The menu is barbecued tri tip, baked potatoes, green salad, dinner roll with butter, ice cream & cookie, plus beverages. We prefer that people eat their meals at the Dinner, but we will box up “To Go” meals if requested. For 2015 we will have a separate To Go assembly table and no vegetarian option.

FLYERS
Print a flyer from this newsletter or pick them up at the 4-H Office. Pass them out and post them 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 and at the 4-H Office.

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

Family tickets for up to 5 people are $40, pre-sale 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.

When you sell a ticket, write your name on the stub, tear it off and keep it with the money. Turn in all your stubs, money and unsold tickets to your club ticket chairperson in an envelope with your name on it. You may also turn these in to the Ticket Table at the Dinner. It is important that you put your name and club on the envelope so you receive credit for selling the tickets.

TICKET CONTEST
Sell at least $150 of tickets and turn in by 5 pm on January 14 to receive a prize. Sell at least $350 and turn in by 5 pm on January 14 to qualify for the top 3 prizes. Top sales wins a new JBL Pulse bluetooth speaker. Second and third place overall receive cash prizes ($50 and $25 respectively). 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 14. Or contact Sue Moore to turn them in directly to her, 209-743-2020. Club ticket chairs, call Sue with questions and reports. 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 the day of the Dinner. When delivering your cake you will be asked your name, age on Dec 31, 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.

CUPCAKES? 12 decorated cupcakes in paper liners or 12 cake pops attractively displayed may be substituted for a cake.

COOKIES? No giant coolies please. It needs to be a cake, cupcakes or cakepops.

CLOVERBUDS? How can Cloverbud members participate in the Cake Contest? Cloverbuds will decorate a set of cupcakes as a group, rather than individual entries.

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 Deniel Sheffield know when you check in your cake, so someone else can hold it up for you.

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 age as of 12/31 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 12.

6. All important information should be on the poster: 4-H Community Dinner; January 17, 2014; 4-7 pm, at the Fairgrounds, ticket prices: $12 adult, $8 seniors 65 & up and children 11 & under. Tickets are available from 4-H members and at the door.

7. Posters must be received for the contest by 1:00 pm in the John Muir building at the fairgrounds the day of the Dinner.

Note the new rules: Put your age (not your grade) on the poster back. Bring it to the Dinner building by 1:00 (not 3:00)

SILENT AUCTION
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 after school 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 16 or to the Dinner before 3 pm on January 17. Please direct Silent Auction questions to Melanie at the 4-H Office.

For more information about the 4-H Community Dinner,
Contact Ron, Sue, or Melanie
Ron Hamilton, 588-3848 or rhamilton@goldrushcs.org.
Sue Moore, 743-2020 or 2moores@mlode.com
Melanie Curtis, 533-6990 or makwast@ucanr.edu
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SILENT AUCTION DONATION FORM

Please complete the form below and return with the donated item to the 4-H office by January 16. If you are bringing the donation to the Community Dinner on January 17, 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 17, 2015 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 Melanie Curtis Tuolumne County 4-H Youth Development Program Representative, at makwast@ucanr.edu or 209-533-6990.

Thank you for supporting Tuolumne County 4-H
42nd Annual

4-H COMMUNITY DINNER
& Decorated Cake Auction

Saturday, January 17, 2015
Mother Lode Fairgrounds, 4 to 7 pm

TRI TIP & all the fixin's
Baked potato, Green Salad
Dinner Roll
Ice Cream & Cookie

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

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