4-H COMMUNITY DINNER
January 16, 2016

WHAT IS THE 4-H DINNER?
The Community Dinner is Tuolumne County 4-H Council’s largest event. Funds raised at the Dinner support the 4-H community club program for the entire year. This benefits every member, leader, and family enrolled in a 4-H community club or taking a 4-H project. 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 ON THE DINNER?
Each community 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 2016 Dinner service project supports the Columbia College Food Bank. Please bring donations of healthy canned or packaged foods. Especially needed are canned goods such as chili, canned fruit, any type of canned soup or tuna. Other suggestions are spaghetti sauce, any type of bagged pasta, rice, beans, peanut butter & jelly, and any type of crackers or graham crackers. The Food Bank at Columbia College provides food for students and Columbia residents through the ATCAA Food Bank, distributing 150-200 bags of food monthly. They are open M-F, staffed by student volunteers. Healthy bodies are healthy minds. Thank you for caring!

WHAT CAN I DO FOR THE DINNER?
Sell tickets! Ask everyone you know if they would like to come to the Dinner. They can dine in or get meals to go. Take a flyer with you when you sell tickets so you have all the information. Keep track of your ticket sales on your chart. Tickets cost the same at the door but purchasing ahead means no waiting in the ticket line. Your sales may earn you a prize!

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 contest to win an award.

Donate a decorated cake! Be thinking about what you want to make! Decorated cakes are entered in the contest and sold in the live auction. Specialty cakes (undecorated) are sold in the Silent Auction. Proceeds are a donation to 4-H Council.

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

Bring a Display! Show off your club and project work to the community. Let Kelsey 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.

4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning citizenship, leadership and life skills.
CLUB & VOLUNTEER JOBS

Foothill 4-H: Set up the building & cover tables
Groveland Highlanders: Decorations
Tuolumne Pioneers: Food prep & barbecuing
Sonora Cloverleafs: Cake Contest
Hi 4-H: Cake Auction
All Stars & Leadership Team: Greeters & Emcees
Deniel Sheffield: Pre-sale tickets
Kristie Fong & _____: Door ticket sales
Sharon Smales: Kitchen supervision
Ida Ponder: Floor Coordinator
Kris Hamilton & Maria Hines: Beverages
Jodi Hembree: Take out meal station
Emily Hamilton: Extra food sales
Jay Wallace: Transporting food & supplies
Terry Moore: Firewood & transporting supplies

We still need people to be in charge of:
- Poster Contest
- Desserts
- Busing tables and dumping garbage cans

THANK YOU TO

Columbia College Culinary Arts:
  - Baking potatoes & cookies
Tuolumne County Sheriff’s Posse:
  - Use of their kitchen for food prep & storage
Mike Shaffer: Cake Auction
Black Oak Casino: Plates & silverware
American AgCredit, Oakdale: Donation toward purchase of
  - meat, cups and napkins.
Producer’s Dairy: Freezer for ice cream
Columbia Nursery: Plants for decorations
Mountain Oasis: Bottled water
Cal Sierra Disposal: Dumpster
Mother Lode Fair staff: Hanging banners
Kohl’s Sonora: Employee volunteers & donation through
  the Kohl’s Cares program
And Publicity by
  - KKBN/Star 92.7/KVML
  - Mymotherlode.com
  - The Union Democrat

DINNER MENU

The menu is barbecued tri tip, baked potatoes (sour cream & butter), green salad, dinner roll, ice cream & cookie. Beverages are lemonade, water, milk, coffee and tea. To go meals are available in a separate line without the ice cream.

SERVING

We have two serving lines taking 12 adults or older teens per shift. Other members and adults seat diners, refill beverage pitchers for the tables, bring desserts to diners and clear tables. One adult per shift supervises the members working the floor. Members, wear your uniform or club T-shirt if possible, pin or tie back your hair and have clean hands. We need additional help from 6-7 during the auction with serving and clearing tables. Please volunteer or agree to work if we ask you! Serving times are:

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AUCTION TIMES

All cakes entered for judging are sold in the Cake Auction or Silent 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. All cakes sold in the live auction, silent auction, and Buy Now table are made by 4-H, not store bought!

The Decorated Cake Auction begins after the 5:30 awards and usually lasts until 7:00. It starts with Primary members, then Juniors, Intermediates, Seniors, and Groups. Listen for your age group to be called up to the cake stage as we don’t have room for everyone to be there at once. If you bring a decorated cake but don’t want to be in the live auction or have to leave before 5:30, let Deniel Sheffield know and the All Star Team will auction your cake.

The Silent Auction cake table opens at 4:00 and closes at 6:15. Cakes made by adults, cakes made by adult-youth teams, specialty undecorated cakes like Carrot, Red Velvet, German Chocolate, etc. can be sold in the Silent Auction. We have several buyers interested in carrot cake!

Buy Now Cakes! We will have a “Buy Now” table for fancy cupcakes and possibly some of the specialty cakes because people always ask for cake to eat during the Dinner. If you’re feeling creative or want extra credit in your record book, bake an extra cake or some cupcakes!
ICE CHESTS
We need 30-40 medium size ice chests. Bring them to the Sheriff’s Posse Kitchen on Wednesday, January 13 by 6 pm or to the 4-H Office by Friday before 3 PM. Make sure they are clean and labeled with your name.

FOOD PREP
Anyone can come to help wrap potatoes at 5 PM on Wednesday, January 13 at the Sheriff’s Posse kitchen. Ron Hamilton and crew will trim and season the meat beginning at 6 PM. Check with him first as this is for members/adults who have been trained.

SUPPLIES
Friday at 3 PM we need 3-4 people with pickup trucks, vans, or SUV’s to load equipment and supplies at the 4-H storage garages and transport it to the fairgrounds. We also need people at 3:30 at the fairgrounds to unload supplies and carry them into the building.

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.

There is no Family ticket for 2016. Unfortunately too many people took advantage of this ticket last year to feed their friends. This event is a fundraiser. We buy the food and supplies and we need to sell the dinners!

When you sell a ticket, write your name on the stub, tear it off and clip it to the money. Keep track of your ticket sales on your chart. Turn in all your stubs, money, unsold tickets, and chart 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, with your name and club on the envelope so you receive credit for selling the tickets.

If you have a ticket buyer who wants to purchase tickets and donate them to a needy family, please let Deniel know no later than Wednesday, January 13.

TICKET CONTEST
Sell at least $150 of tickets and turn in by 5 pm on January 13 to receive a prize. Sell at least $350 and turn in by 5 pm on January 13 to qualify for the top 3 prizes. The top seller receives $100. Wow! Second and third place overall receive cash prizes too. One prize per person.

If you are entering the ticket contest you may turn in your stubs, money, unsold tickets, and chart to the 4-H Office until 5:00 on January 13. Or contact Deniel Sheffield to turn them in directly to her, 209-536-9791. Club ticket chairs, call Deniel with questions and reports. If you are not entering the contest, turn in stubs, unsold tickets, money and chart at the Dinner ticket table or to your club in January.

For more information about the 4-H Community Dinner, Contact Ron or Sue

Ron Hamilton, 209-588-3848 or rhamilton@goldrushcs.org
Sue Moore, 209-743-2020 or 2moores@mlode.com
**POSTER & CAKE CONTESTS**

**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 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 11.
6. All important information should be on the poster:
   - 4-H Community Dinner; January 16, 2015; 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.
6. Posters must be received for the contest by 1:00 pm in the John Muir building at the fairgrounds the day of the Dinner.

**DECORATED CAKE CONTEST**
There are separate divisions for Primary, Junior, Intermediate, Senior, Groups of members, and Adults. You do not need to be in a Cake Decorating project. **Cakes are 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 12/31/15, 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 OR CAKE POPS?** 12 decorated cupcakes in paper liners or 12 cake pops attractively displayed may be substituted for a cake. No giant cookies please. The contest is for cakes, cupcakes or cake pops.

Judging is based on overall appearance, artistic quality and neatness. Entries receive ribbons based on the Danish judging system. In addition, judges will award medals to the top entries in the Junior, Intermediate and Senior classes.

**DECORATED CAKE AUCTION**
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**CLEAN UP!**

Please stay to clean up the building on Saturday after the Auction ends. We need to strip the tables, put away the decorations and supplies, pick up the trash and clean up the kitchen area. We load everything into trucks and cars and take it to the 4-H Office meeting room.

If you are interested in helping count the money and prepare the deposits, talk to Sue Moore about the Sunday morning location and time.

Sunday at 1 PM, meet at the 4-H Office to box up the supplies and return them to 4-H storage. The more people who help, the sooner we are finished!
43rd Annual

4-H COMMUNITY DINNER

& Decorated Cake Auction

Saturday, January 16, 2016
Mother Lode Fairgrounds, 4 to 7 pm

TRI TIP & all the fixin's

Baked potato, Green Salad
Dinner Roll
Ice Cream & Cookie

Tickets available from
4-H members & at the door
$12 Adults
$8 Seniors 65 & older
$8 Children under 12

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