WHO BENEFITS?
The Community Dinner is the main fundraiser for 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 budgets the Dinner income 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.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?
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. If your selling is successful, then more people will attend, eat dinner and stay to purchase a cake or silent auction item.

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 Silent Auction donation! Use the donation form inside.

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

WHO PUTS ON THE DINNER?
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. Ron Hamilton, 4-H Council President, is the Dinner Chairperson. Call him with questions at 928-1815, or email at krisharon@comcast.net.

WHAT IS THE 4-H DINNER SERVICE PROJECT?
The 2013 Dinner service project is a Children’s Book Drive. Did you know there are local children who don’t have books to read? 4-H is collecting new and gently used children’s books for Born to Read (infant and preschool) and Greeley Hill Charter School (grades K-8). Greeley Hill is a low income community with a new school that has an empty library. Help us fill it! Born to Read gives books to local low income families to help with cognitive and listening skills. Help us provide a favorite book to a young child. Please bring your donations to the Dinner. Thank you!

HOW DO WE SHOW OFF 4-H?
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.
CLUB DINNER JOBS
Foothill 4-H: Set up the building
Groveland Highlanders: Silverware & Decorations
Mountain Rangers: Dessert table
Sonora Cloverleafs: Cake Contest
Tuolumne Pioneers: Kitchen & BBQ
All Star & Leadership Teams: Greeters & Emcees
Shelly Wyatt & Kris Hamilton: Door ticket sales
Sue Moore: Pre-sale tickets
Sharon Smales: Serving supervision
Ida Ponder: Floor Coordinator
Linda Hembree: Beverages
Emily Hamilton & Alicia Frese: Silent Auction
Linda Mager: Cake Auction
Carol Willmon & Amanda Bloom: Community Service - Children’s Book Drive
JoLynn Miller: Poster Contest
Jay Wallace: Transporting food & supplies
Terri Arington: Barbecuing
Columbia College Culinary Arts: Baking the potatoes
T.C. Sheriff’s Posse: use of their kitchen for food prep
Columbia Nursery: greenery for building
Mike Day & Tom Fraser: 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:
- 4:45-5:15: Groveland Highlanders
- 5:15-5:45: Tuolumne Pioneers
- 5:45-6:15: Foothill 4-H
- 6:15-7:00: Sonora Cloverleafs & Mt. Rangers

AUCTION TIMES
The Silent Auction opens at 4 and closes at 6:15. The Cake Auction begins after the 5:30 awards.

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
We need 30-40 medium size ice chests. Bring them to the Posse Kitchen on Thursday, January 17 by 5 pm. Make sure they’re clean and labeled with your name.

FOOD PREP
Thursday, January 17 at the Posse kitchen at 5 pm. Everyone can help wrap potatoes. Talk to Ron Hamilton if you want to trim and season the tri-tip as this is for the BBQ Crew and adults who have been trained. Ron also needs help that day to unload food.

FLYERS
Print a flyer from this newsletter or pick some up from the 4-H Office. There are also larger 11x17 posters and smaller 4x6 handouts. 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. 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 17 to receive a prize. Sell at least $350 and turn in by 5 pm on January 17 to qualify for the top 3 prizes. Top sales wins $100 cash. Second place overall wins $50 and third place wins $25 cash. 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 17. (Open M-Thurs 8-12 and 1-5) Or contact Sue Moore to turn them in directly to her. Or meet Sue at 5 pm on January 17 at the Sheriff’s Posse building. The contest ends at 5:00 pm. Club ticket chairs, call Sue with questions, 743-2020. 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
We have 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 19. 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. 12 decorated cupcakes in paper liners may be substituted for a cake.

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

DECORATED CAKE AUCTION
All cakes entered for judging will be sold during the Auctions. Members must be present to sell a cake in the Live Auction. Cakes made by adults and by members who can’t be present for the live auction will be sold in the Silent Auction. You are encouraged to wear your 4-H uniform or 4-H T-shirt for the 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.

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.

For more information about the 4-H Community Dinner, contact your club leader or
Ron Hamilton, Dinner Chairperson, 928-2850 or krishnaron@comcast.net
Sue Moore, Pre-sale Tickets, 743-2020 or 2moores@mlode.com
JoLynn Miller, 4-H Advisor, 533-5686 or jlmiller@ucanr.edu
Robin Blood, UCCE Office, 533-5695

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. Rules are:
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.
4. 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 14.
5. All important information should be on the poster:
4-H Community Dinner; January 19, 2013; 4-7 p.m., 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 3:00 pm in the John Muir building at the fairgrounds.

SILENT AUCTION
Besides the decorated cake live auction, we also offer a Silent Auction. These tables are for
- Home made, undecorated specialty cakes like German chocolate, a decorated cake made by a member who isn’t able to be present for the live auction, or a decorated cake made by an adult
- 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 Thursday, January 17, to the Sheriff’s Posse building that evening, or to the Dinner before 3 pm on January 19.
TUOLUMNE COUNTY 4-H COMMUNITY DINNER
January 19, 2013
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 19, 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 19, 2013 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
Ron Hamilton, 4-H Community Dinner Chairperson, at 928-1815 or krishnaron@comcast.net
JoLynn Miller, Tuolumne County 4-H Youth Development Program Advisor, 533-5686, jlmiller@ucanr.edu

Thank you for supporting Tuolumne County 4-H
40th Annual

4-H COMMUNITY DINNER
& Decorated Cake Auction

Saturday, January 19, 2013
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

For information, contact 4-H at 533-5686 or 533-5695
Proceeds benefit the Tuolumne County 4-H Program for local youth