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The Amador County Recreation Agency News

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The New Year

It is hard to believe that it is already the start of the new year. Time for the 2010 year seemed to have flown by so quickly and now everything is starting over again. Already everyone is beginning their New Year's resolutions and seeing what needs to be done.

One New Year's Resolution that ACRA has is to keep the party going strong into the new year of 2011.

Looking through our list of goodies ACRA is ready to bring another fun year with so many fresh new ideas for everyone to enjoy.

Along with fresh new ideas many of the favorite activities from the previous year will be held much like the 49er Bypass Run and the waddling Duck Race. Since Blue Moon was such a smash last year already thought of the 3rd Annual Blue Moon

New Year's Eve Bash is being sketched out.

Before we all know it the 2011 year will be ending and we all will be starting all over again. So lets make the year 2011 something to talk about for the decades to come.

May all of you have a wonderful start of your new year .

And thank you for making your activities ACRA's activities.

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New Year's Resolutions:

Here are some New Year's Resolutions from the ACRA team.

- To eat more chocolate
- Complete the Disc Golf Course (9-18 hole)
- Not to drink as much wine as usual
- Get as many Scholarships finished
- Buy a Hybrid
- "My Resolution is not to make a Resolution"

Check out videos of
ACRA's events on
YouTube
Search: AmadorCountyRec



“Our mission is to maximize recreation opportunities for all the people in all the areas of Amador County by working collaboratively and thinking regionally.”

Director's Take

While reading “Parks and Other Green Environments: Essential Components of a Healthy Human Habitat” an executive summary by FRANCES E. (MING) KUO, I was struck by the consistent need for access to the outdoor environment to improve ones physical, psychological, and intellectual well-being. This article offers an interesting glimpse into the world of studies, surveys, scientific research and the intellectual aspect of parks, open space and recreation. The finding in Kuo’s paper that hit home for me is ‘... folks with adequate ac-

cess to open space, parks and recreation, folks are more likely to be generous with their time energy and resources.’ (I’ve paraphrased.)

Perhaps that is the thing that drives folks in Amador County to be so generous with their time, talents, and energy. WE have access to beautiful outdoor space, good recreation activities, and nice parks.

As we enter into the next year, I look forward to new and interesting activities, major renovations of ancient

buildings, and the joy of keeping our agency afloat. If you haven’t stopped by, please do! Suggestions are always welcome, and constructive criticism is taken seriously. I’ve seen many different improvements from last year to this, and hope that our work will continue as we strive to improve the quality of our parks, programs, special events, and efforts.

Have a happy new year.

Duck Race

In April ACRA is hosting the annual duck race here in Jackson. Come and have some waddling fun with the family watching ducks race to the finish line. Also being located right next to Main Street Jackson there is al-



ways time to enjoy shopping or just browsing through the wonderful little shops. This is a wonderful event to bring a picnic and spend the day laughing with the family and watching the cute little ducks.

Visit ACRA at:

www.goacra.org

www.facebook.com/goacra

YouTube AmadorCountyRec

www.co.amador.ca.us/depts/acra

ACRA's Dissemination Program

Our Information Dissemination program delivers your Business or Community Program Announcements to nearly 100 stops in Amador County. Let us do the driving while you get all the benefits of great community advertising throughout Amador County! Your flyers will be displayed on bulletin boards, in doctors offices, tire shops, or any of the other stops you choose off of our established list. Sue Sparks in our

Disseminator! She distributes on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. Your flyers will need to be in our office by the 2nd or 4th Thursday for timely distribution. This is a great way to save time, postage and self distribution while still getting your program information posted from Fiver Pines to Pioneers, from Plymouth to Ione, from Jackson to Sutter Creek and all the places in-between. Don't miss this

wonderful opportunity!

Fee for this program is on \$75.00 per flyer for using the services

Contact: Sue Sparks @ sooz32@sbcglobal.net or 209-257-4877

Contact: Rocky Tuell @ rtuell@amadorgove.org or 209-223-6349

Blue Moon Review

With the new year right at the next turn many people celebrated this wonderful day with ACRA and their Blue Moon Bash. With the scene beautifully decorated with lights and party favors the three buildings each held their own personal touch. Like each of the buildings that held a

wonderful events each person that attended the bash was just as unique.

From the delicious food to the wonderful music being played there was not a face in the crowd that was dissatisfied with the event. Along with the delightful food there

were a wonderful selection of items being auctioned off.

ACRA thanks every one of the sponsors that helped to make this bash so enjoyable and to all of the volunteers who helped that night and also to get the party ready.

Having an event you want publicized?



ACRA can get the word out by distributing your flyer to more than 100 locations in the county for just **\$75!**

Strum Away with Us at ACRA's Guitar Lessons

There is always room to sign up for ACRA's guitar lessons taught by ACRA employee Matt Nestor.

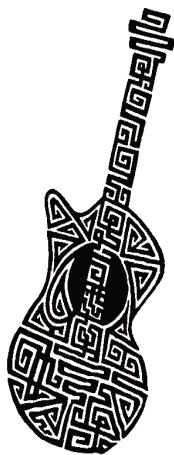
Nestor started providing guitar lessons back in Fall 2008. The lessons are a huge success. Participants range in age from 8 to 30 years old, with most of them starting as beginners. Nestor currently has ten participants and hopes to keep the class growing. Nestor teaches many different styles and

genres, including finger picking blues and metal.

A Texas native, Nestor played in many bands in his home state, and is currently playing at open mics around the county and in San Francisco. And in the local band Spun Crush.

The class cost \$10 for each 30-minuet weekly group session

To register or for more information, contact Matt at 209-223-6373



Little League Baseball



It's Little League Baseball time! Information and registration forms are available at www.acle.com and can be mailed in NOW to P.O.Box 743. They will also be available in the school office and at the following registration locations: January 12 (Wed) at Pine Grove Pizza 6-8pm and January 19 (Wed) at Mountain Mikes Pizza 6-8pm. Volunteer applications can be printed from the web page.

Registration will be closed on January 31, 2011. Need additional information—contact Patricia Purdy, Player Agent at ppurdy@acle.com or 209-256-2610.

Girl Scout Events



This is to all of the young girls in Amador County. In Plymouth on January 19th there is a Girl Scout recruitment. Parents this is a wonderful opportunity for young girls (Kindergarten or older)

to make new friends and to create wonderful memories. Fun activities like going to camp, selling cookies, volunteering and earning patches for completing different events are a few different things that the Girl Scout Troop will do. There will be some tasty Girl Scout cookies to eat while both the parents and girls learn about the fun and exciting opportunities that

come with joining a troop. Every young girl is welcomed to come and join the Girl Scouts Heart of Central California. If there are any questions to ask Risa Burmich would love to answer them. Email: risa.burmich@girlscoutschcc.org or phone number: 916-452-9181. Check out www.girlscoutschcc.org for more information on the Girl Scouts.



Disc Golf



Matt a proud member of ACRA hopes to have the entire Disc Golf Course finished where it has all 18 holes open for fun filled family fun. This has been a project that he has worked extremely hard to finish over that past years. He is excited to have 9 holes finished and ready

to play, but his main objective is to finish the disc Golf Course completely. Matt thanks everyone who has helped him by donating their time and money to help complete the project. There is still a lot of work to be done. Donations are welcomed to help finish the Disc Golf Course and to help keep it beautifully maintained.

Disc Golf Tournament
This January 16th Mollie Joyce Course in Pioneer is have a Grand Opening with its first tournament. The tournament will be a round of 9 holes. The cost of the Tournament consist of All divisions \$25.00 and Juniors \$10.00. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. and a players meeting at 9:45 a.m. Tee Off is at 10:00 a.m..

Free Green Waste Recycling Program:



- ◆ Free to Amador Residents
- ◆ Standard "Pickup Size" Load
- ◆ Clean Green Waste Only
- ◆ Help reduce Landfill Space
- ◆ Yard Clean Ups
- ◆ Defensible Space for Fire Protection
- ◆ Trees, Brush, Weeds etc...
- ◆ Don't Burn it, Recycle it!
- ◆ No Commercial/Business Allowed
- ◆ No Trash or Debris Accepted
- ◆ Get your "Green Back" Voucher
- ◆ Must Have Voucher in Advance
- ◆ Spring/Fall Clean Ups
- ◆ Pine Needles

Two Convenient Locations:

West County

Vicini Brothers Green Waste Recycling Facility
 15850 Willow Creek Road
 Plymouth, CA 95669
 (209) 245-3850

Up Country

ACES Waste Services Inc.
 Pine Grove Transfer Station
 19801 Berry Street
 Pine Grove, CA 95665

Follow these 3 easy steps

Get: Get "Green Back" Recycling Voucher by calling or visiting these locations:

- *Waste Mgmt. Dept.(209) 223-6429
- *Air District (209) 257-0112
- *ACES Waste Svrs. (209) 274-2237
- *Vicini Bros. (209) 245-3850

Going: Go to Vicini Bros. [Sat. 8am-4pm or call (209) 245-3850]

-or-

Go to ACES: [Tue.-Sat. 9am-12, 1-4pm (no appointment needed)]

& Recycle: Bring your standard "pickup size" load in for recycling at no cost
(MUST HAVE VOUCHER BEFORE VISITING FACILITY)



The New Year Joke::

On New Year's Eve, Daniel was in no shape to drive, so he sensibly left his van in the car park and walked home. As he was wobbling along, he was stopped by a policeman. 'What are you doing out here at four o'clock in the morning?' asked the police officer.

'I'm on my way to a lecture,' answered Roger.

'And who on earth, in their right mind, is going to give a lecture at this time on New Year's Eve?' enquired the constable sarcastically.

'My wife,' slurred Daniel grimly.

For Those Who Would Like to Further Support Recreation in Amador County:

Just like public television and radio, this newsletter is *free*. No obligation, honest. But just in case it makes you feel better, here's a form you can use to make a donation:

Please check one:

- I'd like to "subscribe" to this newsletter for \$10/yr.
- I'd love to "subscribe" for \$20/yr.
- I have too much money and need to unburden myself.

Please let me donate to ACRA the following amount:

\$ _____

All donations made to ACRA are tax deductible.

- Send me more information about donating to ACRA

Send to: ACRA

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Upcoming Events

April

- 9th 49er Bypass Run 5k and 10k through historic Sutter Creek (Adults \$20 and 18 & under \$10)
- 30th Duck Race- Sponsored by the Jackson Rancheria

Spring

Flag Football, for those of you who just can't get enough football! Exact dates TBD