

## **Invest in our Youth at Scholarship Golf Tournament May 8 & Kids Day America May 9**

### ***YGAOR Scholarship Golf Tournament***

Regardless of the economic downturn, it's important for us to come together and help others. That's why the Yosemite Gateway Association of REALTORS® (YGAOR) is holding its 21st Scholarship Golf Tournament Friday, May 8 at Sierra Meadows Country Club in Ahwahnee. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Shotgun start is at 9 a.m.

About 70 percent of students rely on scholarships to further their education. Please golf in the tournament and help us invest in the future of our local seniors. For those who do not golf, there are many ways to participate, ranging from sponsoring a hole to contributing to the scholarship fund. There are even some vendor opportunities.

YGAOR has provided scholarships to more than 90 students and has raised over \$60,000 for the Community Awards (scholarship) program for local high school seniors since the inception of the golf tournament. This event is our major fundraiser for scholarships. Golf Tournament Chairman John Nelson said the tournament started in 1988. "As the years went by, the event has grown. Last year, we provided \$4,500 in scholarships to deserving students."

Nelson has chaired this event for two decades and attributes the success of past events to support from REALTORS®, affiliates, and community members. YGAOR recognizes that many of the sponsors and those playing in the golf tournament are facing the consequences of the depressed economy. However, they realize the importance of helping our youth get an education, and due to them, we are able to provide scholarships to local students.

The entry fee is \$99 and includes golf, cart rental, eye-opener station, continental breakfast, goodie bags, putting contest, lunch, afternoon barbecue, hole-in-one contest, Vegas hole, trophies, and raffle prizes. Entry forms are available at the YGAOR office off Junction Drive near Sears. Call 559-683-2650 or email [info@ygaor.com](mailto:info@ygaor.com). The entry form can also be downloaded from [www.ygaor.com](http://www.ygaor.com). The deadline for entry is May 1.

### ***Kids Day America/International***

Our community recognizes that the safety of our children is a significant concern for parents, community leaders, and healthcare providers. An upcoming free event designed for health, safety, and environmental issues for our youth is Kids Day America/International.

The event is May 9 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Oakhurst Community Park. A ribbon-cutting ceremony is scheduled at noon to dedicate the event. Information to be provided includes information on crime prevention, Internet and child safety, health promotion, environmental awareness, and more.

Kids Day America is celebrated worldwide and was founded for the purpose of educating families and communities about these important social concerns. To date, more than 2,000 communities have participated in this event and over 3 million children and their families have enjoyed this day throughout the world and now it has been brought to our community by Dr. James Starnes with Oakhurst Family Chiropractic. His office will provide free child identification cards as well as provide free health screenings and distribute information on disease prevention and health promotion.

Starnes encourages the community and other businesses to participate in this unique, fun-filled awareness event. Two of our local county safety departments will be in attendance including the sheriff's department (free fingerprinting) and the fire department (safety tips). There will also be free balloons, snacks, give-aways, and prize drawings.

“We have chosen to sponsor Helping Hands as part of our celebration to spotlight their involvement in children and young adults,” said Starnes.

There are other vendor participants but there is room for more booths, food booths, and events and games. Other sponsorship opportunities are also available. Call Starnes at 559-683-5115 for more information.

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