

Hello dedicated CFFU members

To make a very long story short, we finally have a date for the annual Fish Derby, with new exciting NEWS! A decision was made to move the Fish Derby this year from Hagan Community Park, back to Gibson Ranch. This major decision was made due to the security of the fish the past 2 years. Unfortunately, after the fish were planted, the fish have been poached by netting and fishing out the pond in the wee hours of the night before the event started after the fish were dropped. I know, horrible on so many facets.

So please see all the NEW information, and there will be more information to come as it develops.

WHO: You, and any other interested volunteer, be it a family member, friend, or acquaintance.

WHAT: Annual Gibson Ranch Fish Derby

WHERE: GIBSON RANCH!

WHEN: Sept. 7, 2019, Saturday - 8:30 AM to 1 PM

NOTE:

1. 8:30 - 9:30 AM - Volunteer set up of rods. Please bring needle nose pliers, and wire cutters, with hemostats

2. 9:30 AM - 12 noon, Fish Derby new hours!

3. 12 - 1 PM - Lunch provided and donated by the Carmichael Kiwanians

WHY : TO PROVIDE A COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD WINNING EVENT!

\* Requesting volunteers to bring either coffee or donuts for the volunteers

\* Requesting members to RSVP to me, bringing a case of water. All unused water please take back home. THANK YOU, members, in advance!!!!!!

\* Due to Gibson Ranch being now a paid entry to fish, the \$10 car entrance fee will be waived for all participants

\* I am working on how the \$5 fee for the CFFU volunteers will be covered. Good news at the last minute, YOUR President Mary Ellen has shared that CFFU will cover that \$5 entry fee if I cannot broker a deal with Gibson Ranch

\* For those new members who have not had the opportunity to volunteer for this worthy cause, disabled people who reside in the County of Sacramento are invited to fish by Sacramento County, Therapeutic Recreation Services, TRS. On the day of the event, volunteers from TRS register the pre-registered participants. The Big Red Worm Company donates free bait, the Carmichael Kiwanians donate a free grilled lunch with all the fixings, and Gibson Ranch provide the facility. At this point in time, CFFU will procure fish for the event, as there are already fish at Gibson Ranch, as this is a pay and play facility. CFFU volunteers assist the participants in casting, discussions on fishing, catch and release, and any other fishing related subject. We use club closed faced spinning rod/reel outfits. In 2005, the City of Sacramento awarded CFFU a Community Service Award.

\* In months to come, I will post updates and get a sign-up sheet for volunteers.

Please feel free to ask questions, comment or inquire for more information. Generally, CFFU has 30 plus volunteers who either delay vacation, going to church, or otherwise change their schedules so that they may participate in this very worthwhile Community Service Event.

Thank you all, and fish on! I am definitely looking forward to the shouts of glee, yells, screams, and other verbal signage of great satisfaction!

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