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FREE CHILDCARE PROVIDED AT COUNTRY CHRISTMAS FAIRE *Youth, community organizations provide services to Faire-goers*

The Northern Mines Girl Scouts will offer free babysitting services at this year's Country Christmas Faire, held November 25 – 27 at the Nevada County Fairgrounds. This benefit is provided by this youth service organization so that parents can drop off their children while they enjoy holiday shopping. Free babysitting will be provided in Ponderosa Hall at the Fairgrounds; hours for babysitting are the same as the Faire – Friday and Saturday from 10 am – 5 pm; and Sunday from 10 am – 4 pm.

Errand elves will be available to assist Faire-goers throughout the event. The Errand Elves, provided by students from Clear Creek School, are available to carry packages for shoppers or patrons may use their "Will Call" service and leave their packages in the elves' care as they continue shopping. Clear Creek students will also be offering mistletoe to Faire-goers. All donations received for the elves and the mistletoe will go towards these young students who are trying to earn money for an outdoor science education camp.

Additionally, Nevada County 4-H clubs will provide volunteers to serve as the trash

clean-up crew for the Faire; Will and Paulette Snyders of Empire Horse & Carriage Company will provide wagon rides around the grounds; and Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus will be on hand to greet children. A photographer will be available to capture the special moment with Santa.

The 27th Annual Country Christmas Faire begins Friday, November 25, and runs through Sunday, November 27. Admission is \$4 for adults, and children 12 and under are free. Parking is \$5, and includes one free admission.

The Nevada County Fairgrounds will partner with HOPE (Help Other People Eat) of Nevada County for a canned Food Drive on Sunday, November 27. Bring a can of food on Sunday, November 27, from 10 am to 4 pm, and get \$1 off Sunday's admission price. All food donated will help feed those in need in Nevada County.

Artisans from across California and the United States fill the Fairgrounds exhibit buildings with quality hand-made crafts and unique gifts. Visitors to the Faire will enjoy strolling live entertainment, festival foods, a gingerbread house display, and a community bon-fire.

The Nevada County Fairgrounds is located at 11228 McCourtney Road in Grass Valley. For more information, visit www.NevadaCountyFair.com or call (530) 273-6217.

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