

**MEMORANDUM**  
OFFICE OF THE  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jim Holmes, Supervisor District 3

DATE: May 8, 2007

SUBJECT: REVENUE SHARING – Approve appropriation of \$250 in Revenue Sharing monies to the E.V. Cain Middle School *4<sup>th</sup> Annual Renaissance Faire* as requested by Supervisor Holmes (\$250).

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

Approve appropriation of \$250 in Revenue Sharing monies to the E.V. Cain Middle School *4<sup>th</sup> Annual Renaissance Faire* as requested by Supervisor Holmes (\$250).

**BACKGROUND/COMMUNITY BENEFITS:** In approving the following contributions, the Placer County Board of Supervisors finds that each and every approved contribution serves a public purpose by promoting the general welfare of the County and its inhabitants therefore a benefit results to the County.

The Board of Supervisors is being asked once again to approve appropriations to help support the E.V. Cain Middle School *4<sup>th</sup> Annual Renaissance Faire*. The Renaissance Faire is the highlight of the 7<sup>th</sup> grade studies of Medieval and Renaissance times. Auburn Regional Park will be transformed into the shire of Cain's Crossing, complete with a tourney field, market and food stalls and a Royal Pavilion. There will be a least thirteen guilds/environmental areas throughout the Faire with period appropriate crafts, such as a potter, a blacksmith, an archer and a fencing academy. Several booths will also offer food, which was available at the time. The Renaissance Faire has become a combined effort between E.V. Cain and the community at large to provide a memorable experience for both students and the community as a whole. The funds designated towards this popular event will help defray the cost of supplies, craft items and food for the presenters.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds are available in the Revenue Sharing budget.



# RENAISSANCE FAIRE

E.V. Cain Middle School

Cain's Crossing

Cain's Crossing Renaissance Faire  
14933 Chattering Pines Way  
Grass Valley, CA 95945  
April 15, 2007

Mr. Jim Holmes  
Supervisor, Placer County  
175 Fulweiler Avenue  
Auburn, CA 95603

Dear Supervisor Holmes,

On May 11, 12, and 13, E.V. Cain Middle School will present their fourth annual Renaissance Faire. This event is the highlight of the 7<sup>th</sup> grade studies of Medieval and Renaissance times. The past three faires have been so successful and well-received that this year the Faire has been expanded to three days and will be located at the Auburn Regional Park. The Park will be transformed into the shire of Cain's Crossing, complete with a tourney field, market and food stalls and ... a Royal Pavillion since Queen Elizabeth will grace us with her presence.

The Faire's expansion to three days has given us the opportunity to create a much more realistic learning experience for our students. There will be at least thirteen guilds/environmental areas throughout the Faire. There will be period-appropriate crafts, such as a potter, a blacksmith, an archer and a fencing academy. Several booths will also offer food which was available at the time. There will be historical re-enactors recreating characters such as Robert Devereaux, Earl of Essex, Captain Sir Frances Drake and of course, Queen Elizabeth.

Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup> will be exclusively for 7<sup>th</sup> grade students with many opportunities for hands-on learning and creativity. All the students and support staff will be attired in period dress. The students will participate in the Faire as apprentices to the various craft, game, and sport booths. They may also opt to work with one of the "Ambassador Guilds". In a goodwill effort, we have extended invitations to six other 7<sup>th</sup> grades. These other 7<sup>th</sup> grades come from neighboring schools in Placer County.

In short, the Renaissance Faire has become a combined effort between E.V. Cain and the community at large to provide a memorable experience for both students and the community as a whole. We can only hope that, as the Faire grows each year, it will involve even more of the community.

Because most all of our presenters and parents volunteer their time, we feel we should provide supplies they require. Many crafts items are needed for the various stalls: clay, ribbon, wood, beeswax, bows and arrows, art supplies, embroidery floss, fabric, parchment paper, and basket straw. We also need to pay for food for all our presenters, as well as gas money and some donations to the adult guilds who attend.

Any discretionary funds you could provide our Faire would be greatly appreciated. Our goal is to provide as much hands-on experience for the students as well as to expand the scope of the Faire to include members of the Community. Funds may be sent to our accountant, Marc Hagerman at the above address or to Shirley Paris at E.V. Cain School.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

**Cain's Crossing Steering Committee**

Shirley Paris  
Chris Atkinson  
Dianna Baird

Joyce Silva  
Katie Atkinson  
Crystal Lee

Debbie Mc Broom  
Sandy Cook

Marc Hagerman  
Kevan Kidd