

HISTORY OF THE FESTIVAL

The Capay Valley Almond Festival began in 1915 and has been a Northern California tradition. The only event with six communities participating in five towns in Northern California, the festival is a showcase of the Esparto/Capay Valley Region. It began in the fall after the harvest and moved years later to the spring, in order to show off the lovely blossoms. Of recent years, the festival has received large amounts of rain and wind and this year the festival moved to the month of March.

The Almond Tree is the most mysterious nut tree and is mentioned in the bible in the book of Numbers 17:8. Its crop is very valuable to our state and California is the only place in North America that grows almonds commercially. A \$2 billion industry, more than 6,000 growers devote an estimated 530,000 acres in the Central Valley to almonds — California's largest tree nut crop — in a stretch of land extending from below Bakersfield in the south to Red Bluff in the north. For more information about almonds and recipes go to

www.almondboard.com

QUEEN PAGEANT

The 2011 Almond Queen Dinner is being held at the newly renovated Guinda Grange. The Queen is selected on her ability to conduct herself in front of a crowd through a series of speeches and also private interviews. Each young lady is put to the test as she experiences the difficulty of presenting in front of family, friends and peers. The Queen pageant is a very important passage for many young girls and creates a sense of accomplishment for all those who run. The Rumsey Improvement Association sponsors the pageant and is accepting donations for the scholarships that are awarded.

www.westernyologrange.com

Date: Saturday, March 5th 2011

Time: 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Place: Guinda Grange Forrest Ave., Guinda, CA

Cost: Dinner is \$15 adults and \$10 kids

Events: Queen Pageant & Raffle

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Esparto Regional Chamber of Commerce

PO Box 194 Esparto, CA 95627



Saturday, March 12th

*activities are the day before the Almond Festival

*ESPARTO SCHOOL DISTRICT 10K FUN RUN

Check-in at 7 a.m. Fun Run begins at 8 a.m.

The 10K will take you through some scenic country roads.

Info: www.espartounifiedschooldistrict.com

*CAPAY ORGANIC SECOND SATURDAY TOUR

Free All day farm tour, live music and activities.

Info: www.capayorganic.com

Almond Festival Sunday, March 13th

RUMSEY

RUMSEY TOWN HALL

The Historic Rumsey Town Hall is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Featuring local farmers, artisans, coffee, homemade cookies and serving the "Now Famous Rumsey Ribs"

RIBS: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. until sold out

Live Entertainment: Noon to 3 p.m.

"The Marshall Law Band"

Info: www.rumseytownhall.org

GUINDA

THE WESTERN YOLO GRANGE

Western Yolo Grange Hall on Forrest Ave. will open at **10:00 a.m.**

Lunch is served from **11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

WYG also hosts an old engine chugger display, petting zoo, craft fair, Black Smith demonstrations, sweets table featuring "Grammy Wyatt's Almond Roca" & delightful almond treats.

Pulled Pork Sandwiches: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Info: www.westernyolorange.org

THE CAPAY VALLEY FIRE STATION

The Capay Valley Fire Fighter's on Highway 16 in Guinda is serving sausage sandwiches, BBQ oysters, & shrimp at the fire house.

Info: www.capayvalleyfire.com

BROOKS

CAPAY VALLEY VINEYARDS

Capay Valley Vineyards is offering wine tasting. They have picnic tables and a gift shop which includes locally crafted products.

Wine Tasting: Noon to 5 p.m.

Info: www.capayvalleyvineyards.com

(530) 796-4110

CAPAY

CAPAY JUNCTION

"Historic Capay Junction" will have music, food & T-shirts for 21 & over **Festivities: All day**

Info: www.capayjunction.com

(530)796-2440

THE ROAD TRIP BAR & GRILL

Road Trip BBQ Plate \$12 Tri-Tip or ribs ~roasted corn on the cob~chili beans ~potato salad or Cole slaw

Road Trip Bar & Grill Run pins to the first 600 people

Live Entertainment: "Four Barrel" 12-4pm,

"Mike Ward & Testify" 4-7pm

Info: info@roadtripbg.com

(530)796-3777

ESPARTO

FIRE STATION

FIRE STATION FOOD COURT HOSTED BY THE ESPARTO FIRE STATION, THE ESPARTO BOOSTER CLUB, LION'S CLUB, PTA & MADD

Enjoy tri-tip sandwiches, hamburgers, veggie burgers, corn dogs, cotton candy, caramel apples, bounce house, beverages and the new beer & wine kiosk.

Meals range from \$8-10 and include a beverage.

Tri-Tip Meal: 11a.m. to 4 p.m.

Live Entertainment: ALL DAY

"The Jim Hinter & Simpson Creek Band"

MADISON FIRE DEPARTMENT CLASSIC CAR SHOW

All Day on North Grafton Street

Info: www.madison-fire.com

HIGH SCHOOL

The Esparto Future Farmers of America host the annual pancake breakfast with a full breakfast including sausage for \$5-\$7
Breakfast: 7a.m. to 11 a.m.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL FIELD

Future Farmers of America present Cow Plot Bingo

ESPARTO PARK

The Esparto Regional Chamber of Commerce The chamber organizes the park events to put on a fantastic almond farming interactive event. Other activities include: Dilly Dally the clown, crafters, tractor displays, agriculture education, beekeeper with a live hive, artisans, vendors, farmers' market, dance demonstrations, food & non-profits plus fun children's activities. Friends of the Library will hold their annual book sale at the library and at Countryside Community Church they will hold their annual rummage & bake sale.

Live Entertainment: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"Ericka Davis and the Kiss & Tell Band"

Park Activities are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Info: www.espartoregionalchamber.com



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QUICK GLANCE SCHEDULE

RUMSEY 10A.M.-5P.M. **RIBS 11-4PM**

GUINDA 10A.M.-5P.M. **LUNCH 11-4PM**

BROOKS 12-5P.M. **WINE 12-5PM**

CAPAY 7A.M.-5P.M. **ALL DAY**

ESPARTO 7A.M.-5P.M. **BFEST 7-11AM**

ESPARTO FIRE STATION LUNCH 11-3PM

***MADISON CAR SHOW ALL DAY**

***PRESENTED IN ESPARTO**

