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Time for the annual UPI
Coulterville Outing!

Put your troubles in a pocket with a hole in it and come join the fun at the annual

UPI Coulterville Outing.
October 24th, 25th, & 26th, 2014

Lots of fun, activities, plenty of food, prizes, and your opportunity to vote for officers or better yet nominate yourself and make a difference in UPI. Hope to see you there!!!!

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Please contact the UPI Vice President if you are interested in starting a chapter in your area.

OFFICIAL UPI ABSENTEE BALLOT

It is that time of year again when we vote for the following positions:

*******The absentee ballot must be received on or before October 21, 2014*******

OFFICER POSITIONS UP FOR ELECTION:

Vice President: _____ Ed Ozga (Incumbent) _____

Treasurer: _____ Aaron Matula (Incumbent) _____

Membership: _____ Mike Brickwedel _____

The following position is currently open if anyone wishes to volunteer:

Secretary: _____

DIRECTOR POSITIONS OPEN:

Publisher/Editor in Chief: _____

Claims: _____ Mike Hammond _____

Ways n Means: _____

Vote for the parties listed or you can write in a candidate if you think that person is interested in serving on the UPI Board. The person has to accept the nomination. We need volunteers to step up and participate on the board to help make UPI the best mining club around. After you have made your selection, please fold in half and mail to:

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You can also bring your ballot to the Coulterville outing and deposit in the voting box. There will also be ballots available at the Coulterville outing for voting.

If you are mailing this ballot please tear this page out and fold to show the address and tape closed. Place a stamp on it and place in the mailbox.



UNITED PROSPECTORS INC. MESSAGE FROM YOUR OFFICERS

Hi all, hope all is well with everyone. As we struggle to get through this year with no water we also struggle as an organization to get enough support to keep our organization running smoothly. From low turnouts at the outings to little involvement in the everyday running of the club, our directors, board members, volunteers, and chapter chairs continue to keep things going but we are still in need of board members to cover positions.



President
Don Siegel

The Coulterville outing is just around the corner and will be here before you know it. The outing takes place on October 24th, 25th, and 26th. The big day will be Saturday the 25th. We will start the day at the field across from the tennis court at 11:00am with a detector hunt. The board meeting will be at the Odd Fellows Hall at 2:00pm and meal set up will start at 4:30 at the same location as the meeting.

We will have lots of gold, several sluice boxes including a new Keene a51, a recirculating sluice, and lots of tools. UPI will provide the turkeys and ham, but will need you to bring all the extras. Please contact myself or Ed and let us know what you plan to bring, so we can ensure we don't have too many duplicates. If you could wait until about 3 weeks before the outing to contact us it will be very helpful and easier to keep track and put together the food list.



An outline of the outing activities on Saturday, October 25th is as follows:

- 11:00am detector hunt (\$10 fee) gold and additional prizes
- 2:00pm meeting (Odd Fellows Hall)
- 4:30pm dinner set up (Odd Fellows Hall)
- 5:30pm dinner, election, raffle (Odd Fellows Hall)

As in the past it is our responsibility to keep the hall as clean as we found it and to carry out our own trash. Please keep this in mind after the dinner and help our volunteers out and take a bag of trash home with you along with any serving dishes you bring. This will help to make the cleanup much easier. Thank you in advance and hope to see everyone at the outing.

Don
UPI President

Ed
UPI Vice President



Vice President
Ed Ozga





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All memberships are good for a period of one year and will expire on your anniversary date.

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Name: _____ Phone (____) _____

Address: _____ E-mail Address: _____

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I AM 18 YEARS OR OLDER AND HAVE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THIS RELEASE AND MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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