

“Once a Seneca kid, always a Seneca kid!”

Seneca Reunion and Seneca School 75th Anniversary

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There's almost something magical about Seneca and its school. Its roots sink deep into the colorful heritage of the Hines Lumber Company era, when students gazed out the classroom windows at the log trains laden with mighty ponderosa logs.

Times have changed, and the City of Seneca and Seneca School have grown to meet the challenges of today, while continuing to keep fresh the memories of days gone by.

This year marks the 75th anniversary of Seneca School. The City of Seneca and The Seneca School Foundation, a nonprofit organization established to support and promote Seneca School, is hosting a reunion on July 21, 2007. All past and present residents, students, school staff, families, and friends of Seneca and its school are invited to share in this happy event.

The school will be open from 10 a.m. until noon on July 21. Visitors will be free to explore the school, noting changes made over the years and viewing the many achievements, especially the Seneca History Project. Student PowerPoint presentations and historical videos will be shown continuously in the

gym.

The kindergarten- through fourth-grade classes's floor model of Seneca in the 1930s will be set up in one classroom; another classroom will be open for a Seneca economic development workshop.

The fifth- through eighth-grade classes's map project will be on display, and the computer lab will be open to share Seneca School's web-sites.

The scanner will be available for those who wish to bring articles or photos to share with the school.

The PTA will host a silent auction, and copies of Seneca School's Oral History Book will be available for viewing and for sale.

The school museum is chock full of school memorabilia, Hines Lumber Company artifacts, and archaeological finds from Bear Valley. Student ambassadors, school staff, and PTA members will be present to guide visitors and answer questions.

A no-host lunch will be available in the city park at noon. Seneca's Cook Shack will serve its famous burger meal, and the Grant Union High School FFA will serve a barbecue lunch.

After lunch, there will be a short informal program in the park, with Jack Southworth as master of ceremonies. People are invited to come prepared with memories and mementoes to share. At 3 p.m., Jack will present a one-hour slide show of Seneca's history. This will take place in the school gym.



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The day's events will end with a concert from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., also in the gym. Steve Martin, son of the famed "singing logger," Buzz Martin, will perform his father's music. The slide show and concert are both free, but donations will gladly be accepted.

Of course, the main purpose of a reunion is the fun of seeing old friends again and reminiscing about the good old days. Let's remember that

those good old days include the memories we're making right now to look back upon with fondness in the future.

We encourage everyone to spread the word and come to Seneca on July 21 to celebrate Seneca's heritage and the 75th anniversary of Seneca School.

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