Please join us for The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Northern California's

26th Annual Holiday Party & Winter Membership Meeting

Saturday, December 15, 2018

(Note change of date) California National Guard Armory 711 Hillcrest Ave, Benicia, CA 11 am – 5 pm (Doors open at 8:00 am for set up & drop off)

8:00 am	Drop off before parade or stay for set up
9:00 am	Assemble for Benicia Parade
11:00 am	Parade-goers arrive, get settled, shop, mingle
Noon	Enjoy Potluck Luncheon
12:30 pm	Membership Meeting
	(see next page for Agenda)
1:30 pm	Recognition of our veteran dogs
	Silent & Live Auctions following

Bring your holiday dish to share

A-G Main Dish - H-N Appetizer - O-Z Side Dish

(Please note that the Armory is making some changes and the bathrooms are being remodeled. There will be porta potties available.) (There is no oven available, but there is a microwave for heating.)

We will be having both silent & live auctions; proceeds will benefit the AKC Pet Disaster Relief Trailer Fund and the North Valley Animal Disaster Group. We will also be collecting cash donations for these organizations if you would like to privately donate as well (we will <u>not</u> be collecting tangible donations this year).

(see next page for details)

<u>Winter 2018 Quarterly Membership</u> <u>Meeting Agenda</u>

Approve Quarterly Meeting Minutes Reports of Officers & Committee Chairs Election of New Members Unfinished Business New Business – to include 2019/2020 Officer and Board of Directors Nominations

Silent/Live Auction

Bring an item that we can auction to raise money for the AKC Pet Disaster Relief Trailer Fund and the North Valley Animal Disaster Group. Donations towards the Trailer fund will help buy a trailer that will be stored at the Sonoma County Animal Shelter and will be sent out as part of disaster response in Northern California. Pat Moffitt, who is spearheading the fund-raising for the trailer in our area, will be attending our meeting to answer any questions. The North Valley Animal Disaster Group is working with the victims of the Camp Fire in partnership with other shelters, the National Guard, and Butte County

We would like this to be the most successful fund-raiser we have had, so we will be offering a prize to the item that brings in the highest bid.

The Way & Means Boutique will be open for Holiday Shopping, so bring your Christmas List.

Don't forget to bring your ex-pens or crates, as dogs must be confined during lunch and the meeting.

Help us set up (stating at 8 am) & clean up (starting at 3:30 pm). If you are not going to be in the parade, please help us set up and decorate tables.

Help set up Ways & Means.



Benicia Main Street Holiday Parade

This is the signature event of the year! Spectators love our 1st-place award-winning group of Berners. Bring your four-legged friends, with or without carts. It's a fun holiday event!

Where?

1st Street, downtown Benicia. The staging area is at East 2nd & 'D' Streets.

When?

Saturday, December 15, 2018. Assemble at 9:00 am. Parade begins at 10:00 am.

What to wear?

Christmas attire for you and especially for your K9 friends. Try to wear Santa or holiday hats and as much red and green as possible so we can coordinate as the BMDCNC Berner Christmas group.

Berners with/without carts.

Dogs may wear decorated harnesses, bells, hats, scarves, packs, etc. We will have a team leading our group with the Club Christmas Tree. Have your carts filled with wrapped presents, toys, stuffed animals, candy canes, etc. Candy may be passed out but not thrown.

If possible, please call Cynthia Hilton at (510) 235-4922 if you will be joining the parade.

The parade organizers would like to know the size of our contingent in advance.



Directions to the Nation Guard Armory - 711 Hillcrest Avenue, Benicia, CA

-From 680 Freeway: Take 780 Freeway west toward Benicia/Vallejo -From 80 Freeway: Take 780 Freeway east toward Benicia/Martinez

-From the 780 Freeway:

Take the East 5th Street exit, turn north onto 5th Street at the end of the off-ramp, and go under the freeway (if exiting from 780 East). 5th Street ends at Hillcrest Ave. Turn right onto Hillcrest Ave. The Armory is at the end of the road on the left.

Directions to the Holiday Parade staging area at 2nd and 'D' Streets.

From 780 Freeway take the 2nd Street exit. Turn left onto 2nd Street at the end of the off-ramp. Turn right on Military Street West, then turn left on 1st Street. Continue on 1st Street or jog over to 2nd Street to park. The parade runs north up 1st Street, so it's best to park above 'H' Street to return to your car.

Meet at 9:00 am