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## EDUCATION

### Students ready for concert

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Yosemite High School students Whitney Williamson, Regina Reeve, Ryan Morgan, Cody Cederblom and Sabrina Best want their senior project to make a difference in other kids' lives, but they need your help to make it happen.

"We feel like so many kids in our peer group can be so lost, and we wanted to find a way to help give them direction, if they want it," Williamson said.

To that end, all five seniors have committed to putting on iTruth08, a music and entertainment concert April 26 in the Oakhurst Community Park as their senior project.

Williamson said the group is arranging bands, motivational speakers, inflatables and informational and entertainment booths.

"We are doing all of this with donations," Williamson said. "Big items like the motivational speakers, sound system and tech support are being donated. If it weren't for donations, it would cost \$20,000 to put the event together. But we still need cash to pay for the bands and other items."

Morgan said more food vendors are needed, but they must have their own food handling permit.

"We would love to have Jamba Juice, Starbucks or the Pizza Factory join in our event," she said.

"Those are the places that teenagers already like to hang out, and we would like to give them visibility for their years of support."

Best said senior projects are planned well in advance.

"Usually you start planning in your junior year," she said. "We are given a guideline of what is expected, and we are challenged to come up with a project that will teach us to be better communicators, better leaders and community participants. Our project is exciting and we are getting lots of participation, but we still need donations."

Williamson said she hopes to create an event where teens and youth in the community can have an annual hang out, instead of just hanging out in front of local businesses.

"We are planning to hand down the plans for iTruth to the juniors in our youth group and challenge them to keep it going," she said. "We hope to show that youth can make a difference in the community."

The group has partnered with Mountain Christian Center and any donations to the iTruth08 concert will be tax deductible. For more information on donations, contact Cherissa Wheeler at (559) 760-3054.

For more information on iTruth, contact Cody Cederblom at (559) 760-7265.



Whitney Williamson



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