



Benicia motorcycle, classic car run benefits Solano food bank

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BENICIA — Employees and contract employees from Bay Area refineries will ride their motorcycles and drive custom cars in a benefit for the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano.

Event organizers expect 200 riders to participate in the event, which gets underway at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Valero Refinery, 610 Industrial Way. Riders and drivers are expected back at the refinery about noon. Festivities will follow with music, food and prize drawings.

The run is the culmination of a monthlong fund drive held at each participating refinery. All proceeds will be donated to the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano.

"We are excited to host the after-ride celebration in Solano County," said Paul Adler, director of community relations and government affairs at Valero, in a press release. "Valero realizes the importance that the food bank provides to community members, especially our most vulnerable citizens. We look forward to a fun day with a strong showing of classic cars and motorcycle riders."

The Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano has been providing food to those in need since 1975. More than 25 million pounds of food was distributed last year. More than half of it was fresh fruits and vegetables.