



## Press Release

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### **Pioneer High Students Hold Tamale Fundraiser**

Funds to Benefit 200 Whittier Families in Need

**WHITTIER, CA** – The Pioneer High School Leo Club is taking tamale orders to raise funds for its annual Christmas food basket distribution event for Whittier-area families now through Friday, Dec. 12.

Every year for the last 10 years, students in the Leo Club, sponsored by the Santa Fe Springs Lions Club, put together holiday baskets for 200 families in need. Baskets include fresh produce, bread, dry goods and canned goods, as well as toys.

Families are selected by Pioneer staff and counselors and the principals and counselors of the elementary and middle schools that feed into Pioneer. The schools are currently holding canned food drives for the baskets.

Students will gather in the Pioneer High School cafeteria to put together the baskets on Friday, Dec. 19. The baskets will be distributed the following day.

In order to fund the program, the Leos will sell home-made tamales. Tamales are \$8 for a half-dozen and \$15 for a dozen and are available in pork, chicken, or cheese, corn and jalapeño. Orders must be placed and paid for in cash by 3 p.m. by Dec. 12.

Lions, parents, and students will make 2,000 tamales and distribute them from 3 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 16 through Thursday, Dec. 18.

For more information or to place an order, call Pioneer Leo Club adviser Javier Gonzalez at 562-698-8121, ext. 5060, or email [javier.gonzalez@wuhsd.org](mailto:javier.gonzalez@wuhsd.org) or [martha.chirinos@wuhsd.org](mailto:martha.chirinos@wuhsd.org).

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