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Atheists and skeptics gather in Fresno for annual “Heretic’s Barbecue.”

Secular and skeptical people from around California will celebrate reason, critical thinking, and freethought at Fresno’s annual secular event, the “Heretic’s Barbecue.” Hosted by the Central Valley Alliance of Atheists and Skeptics, this event will take place starting at 11:30 am, Saturday October 29th.



Fresno, CA (cvaas.org) September 5, 2016 – This year’s Heretic’s Barbecue will be the biggest event that the Central Valley Alliance of Atheists and Skeptics (CVAAS) has ever hosted. In its 9th year, speakers will include:

- Keynote speaker **Heina Dadabhoy** – is an atheist, activist, and secular humanist who was raised a practicing Muslim. Heina speaks on feminism, race, LGBT issues, the challenges of deconversion, Islam, non-monogamy, strategies for inclusivity, and the various intersections of the above topics.
- Virtual speaker **Ashton P. Woods** – is an activist for atheism, HIV education, the LGBT community, and Black Lives Matter. Ashton promotes universal equality because he understands what it means to be marginalized. Ashton will be appearing on a big screen by 2-way teleconference from his home in Houston, Texas.
- Local transgender activists **Jess and Jordan Fitzpatrick** – Jess is a community organizer for transgender rights, and is the Vice-Chair of Trans-E-Motion, a Fresno non-profit organization that supports and educates local transgender persons, their friends, family and the San Joaquin community. Jordan Fitzpatrick is the social media coordinator and outreach organizer for Trans-E-Motion. Jess and Jordan were married on June 18, 2016.



Heina Dadabhoy

This year’s theme is, “Liberty, Equality, and Justice for all!”

The Heretic’s Barbecue will take place at the beautiful Moravia Wines and Event Venue, located at 3620 N. Bishop Ave. Wine will be available for purchase to those 21 and over. Tri-tip and chicken dinners will be catered by Maw n’ Paw BBQ, from Clovis, CA.

Lunch will be served at noon, and the keynote will start at 12:30.

This child-friendly event has a playground and toys for children, along with pumpkin decorating and apple bobbing.

There will be a silent auction and raffle with secular and skeptical themed items, along with hand-crafted items for sale.

Exhibitors and groups from around the Central Valley will host tables at this event to showcase their organizations. Tables are available for purchase through CVAAS.org.

Tickets are \$19 for adults and \$5.00 for children. CVAAS members receive a \$5.00 discount. Tickets are available via RSVP from the CVAAS.org website or by phone RSVP at 559-892-0102.

For organization information or upcoming CVAAS events, go to CVAAS.org or call (559) 335-3228.

