



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

DATE: November 1, 2011
TO: Distribution
FROM: Mika Shimada-Cicirelli, Park Ranger, Park and Recreation Department
SUBJECT: 2012 Explore Mission Trails Day

The Mission Trails Regional Park is seeking motivated organizations to participate in the annual Explore Mission Trails Day on Saturday, May 19, 2012. The theme of the 2012 event is *Connecting Children to Nature*. Please visit our website to learn more about Explore Mission Trails Day. (www.mtrp.org/EMTday.asp) The Explore Mission Trails Day takes place at two locations, (1) Visitor Center and (2) Equestrian Staging Area within Mission Trail Regional Park. Your group will be assigned at Equestrian Staging Area. (www.mtrp.org/equestrian.asp)

I would like to ask each organization to provide an Interactive Display booth pertaining to your organization. It can be related to nature, safety, and/or outdoor recreation in the park. It would be wonderful if you could offer items children can take home. For example, coloring books, stickers, educational quizzes, arts and crafts, flashcards, word searches, and games.

Your participation to support our targeted theme, *Connecting Children to Nature* would be highly appreciated. Children will benefit greatly from organizations like yours.

As the event is finalized I will be sending out follow-up emails with information regarding assigned parking and booth location at the Equestrian Staging Area. Mission Trails Regional Park will provide two chairs, one table (30" x 72"), and one canopy for each booth.

Please reply with confirmation to Mika Shimada-Cicirelli at mshimadacicirelli@saniego.gov by November 30, 2011, to discuss the specifics of your participation.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Please see the second and third pages for information regarding the four venues at the Equestrian Staging Area.

Respectfully,

Mika Shimada-Cicirelli

Here are the four main venues and prospective participants at Equestrian Staging Area at Mission Trails Regional Park (As of 11/01/2011)

Information Booth

- City of Santee
- Mission Trails Regional Park

1. Discovery Stations

To better serve children's interest in nature, we will be introducing *Discovery Stations*: booths that offer children the ability to touch, feel, and see as part of the learning process. *Discovery Stations* consist of information pertaining to mammals, insects, plants, birds, habitats, and other environmental topics. Please let me know the nature-related Interactive Display ideas your group would like to present

- California Native Plant Society – Native Plants and Butterfly
- Mission Trail Regional Park Trail Guides
 - Radical Reptiles
 - Indispensable Insects
 - Kumeyaay Culture
- Padre Dam Water District – Santee Lakes' History and Wildlife Exploration
- Project Wildlife – Wonderful Wildlife
- San Diego Audubon Society
- San Diego Children and Nature – Geology ROCKS!
- San Diego County Office of Education – Let's Talk Trash! Recycle or Not?
- San Diego County Vector Control – Water Insects, Mosquitoes
- San Diego River Park Foundation
- Tietje, Gerry – Sketch-A-Bird
- Tietje, Claire – Play Clay

2. Outdoor Recreation

- Boy Scouts of America Venture Scout assisted by Adventure 16– Camping Demonstration
- Cerutti, Richard – Flint Knapping
- Ellsworth Handcrafted Bikes – Bike Demo
- Esterly, Wendy – Nature Photography
- MTRP Birding/Nest Box Projects – Birding Experience
- Rock Climbing Wall
- San Diego Mountain Bike Association – Bike Maintenance
- San Diego/MTRP Tracking Team – Take Time to Track
- Santee Kiwanis food booth
- Sierra Club San Diego Chapter – Wilderness Basics

3. Public Safety

- San Diego County Sheriff's Department Search and Rescue Dog Teams- Demonstration
- San Diego Mountain Rescue Team – Information Table and Equipment Demonstration
- San Diego Firefighters and Engine
- San Diego Medical Services Enterprises/ Paramedics

4. Nature Craft, Face Painting and Pony Rides

- Linda Hawley, Education Instructor of MTRP Foundation – Nature Crafts
- Girl Scout Troop 3285 – Face Painting
- “My Little Pony” Rides

Event Volunteers

- Event set-up, take down, and patrol
 - Urban Corps of San Diego County
 - Andy Koperdak
 - Sandy Miller
 - Tom Thompson
- MTRP Information Booth
 - Michele Ruppert
 - Lisa Crabtree

Distribution:

Arnie Johanson, California Native Plant Society
Chris Redfern, San Diego Audubon Society
Danielle Heckman, San Diego Audubon Society
Ed Ruiz, City of Santee
John Wehbring, San Diego Mountain Rescue Team
Celeste Pack, San Diego Mountain Rescue Team
Krissy Meckel-Parker, San Diego County Vector Control
Norri Robbins, San Diego Children and Nature
Linda Hawley, Mission Trails Regional Park Foundation
Minette Osaki, San Diego Mountain Bike Association
Summer Henderson, Ellsworth Handcrafted Bicycle
Richard Dhu, San Diego River Park Foundation
Shawna Fakhouri, Padre Dam Water District
Valerie Thompson, San Diego County Office of Education
Richard Miller, Sierra Club San Diego Chapter
Vic Enchelmayer, Boy Scouts of America
John Mead, Adventure 16
Pam Medhurst, SD County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Dog Team
Sam Lopez, Urban Corps of San Diego County
Gerry Tietje, MTRP Volunteer
Claire Tietje, MTRP Volunteer
Andy Koperdak, MTRP Volunteer
Sandy Miller, MTRP Volunteer
Tom Thompson, MTRP Volunteer
Lisa Crabtree, MTRP Volunteer
Michele Ruppert, MTRP Volunteer
Richard Grebe, MTRP Volunteer
Wendy Esterly, MTRP Volunteer

Cc:

Matt Sanford, Mission Trails Regional Park Sr. Park Ranger, Open Space Division
Dorothy Leonard, Mission Trails Regional Park Foundation
Jay Wilson, Mission Trails Regional Park Foundation