



# MEDIA ADVISORY

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## KIDS IN THE EAST VALLEY CAMPING OUT

*Wonderful Outdoor World programs for 2008 begin in Pacoima*

**WHEN: Friday-Saturday, March 28-29, 2008 5:00 p.m. Friday to 2:00 p.m. Saturday**

**WHERE: Hubert Humphrey Recreation Center 12560 Filmore St., Pacoima**

**WHAT:** The **WOW (Wonderful Outdoor World)** program, which is offered by the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, together with several public agency and corporate sponsors, gives children ages 8-12 an opportunity to experience what it's like to camp out overnight at their neighborhood recreation center.

Through the free program, kids can learn how to pitch a tent, use a cook stove, catch fish, and enjoy the wonders of nature while preserving it for future generations, all in a familiar setting. Outings are being held at eight Department locations in 2008. The goal is to expose children to the excitement of outdoor recreation and help them develop skills and gain knowledge about the environment, themselves, and others.

**VISUALS:** About 40 kids pitching tents, putting in their sleeping bags and gear  
Typical campout activities in a non-traditional setting  
Children from urban areas having a good time enjoying the outdoors

**NOTE: Media are welcome to attend any campout. A list of the remaining events follows. Participants are pre-selected by staff at the centers where the outings are held.**

**TO GET TO HUBERT HUMPHREY RECREATION CENTER:** From the **118 (Simi Valley/Ronald Reagan) Freeway**, exit at San Fernando Rd. Take San Fernando Rd. southeast ½-mile to Van Nuys Blvd. Take Van Nuys Blvd. northeast one mile to Dronfield Ave. Take Dronfield Ave. northwest ¼-mile to Filmore St. (*Thomas Guide page 482, grid E-7*).

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For more information about Department of Recreation and Parks events, activities, programs, services, and facilities, go to [www.laparks.org](http://www.laparks.org), or call 311, or (213) 928-9200.

**SCHEDULE OF 2008 WONDERFUL OUTDOOR WORLD (WOW) OUTINGS**

<b>DATES</b>	<b>RECREATION CENTER or PARK</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>PHONE #</b>	<b>COUNCIL DISTRICT</b>
March 28-29	Hubert Humphrey	12560 Filmore St., Pacoima, CA 91331	(818) 896-6510	7
April 4-5	Toberman	1725 Toberman St., Los Angeles, CA 90015	(213) 485-6896	1
April 11-12	Elysian Valley	1811 Ripple St., Los Angeles, CA 90039	(323) 666-5058	13
April 25-26	Penmar	1341 Lake St., Venice, CA 90291	(310) 396-8735	11
May 16-17	Peck	560 N. Western Ave., San Pedro, CA 90732	(310) 548-7580	15
May 30-31	Baldwin Hills	5401 Highlight Pl., Los Angeles, CA 90016	(323) 934-0746	10
June 13-14	Eagle Rock	1100 Eagle Vista Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90041	(323) 257-6948	14
June 20-21	Sylmar	13109 Borden St., Sylmar, CA 91342	(818) 367-5656	7