



MEDIA ADVISORY

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KIDS CAMPING OUT NEAR DOWNTOWN L.A.

Toberman Recreation Center will host Wonderful Outdoor World program

WHEN: Friday-Saturday, April 4-5, 2008 5:00 p.m. Friday to 2:00 p.m. Saturday

WHERE: Toberman Recreation Center 1725 Toberman St.

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: A few dozen children getting ready for an overnight outing
Activities emblematic of a traditional campout, but in the heart of the city
Kids from urban areas getting a chance to experience 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 TOBERMAN RECREATION CENTER: From the **10 (Santa Monica) Freeway**, exit at Vermont Ave. Take Vermont Ave. north ¼-mile to Washington Blvd. Take Washington Blvd. east ½-mile to Union Ave. Turn left and take Union Ave. to 17th St. Turn right and the facility will be on the right side of the street. (*Thomas Guide page 634, grid C-5, bottom left corner*).

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

REMAINING 2008 WONDERFUL OUTDOOR WORLD (WOW) OUTINGS

| DATES | RECREATION CENTER or PARK | ADDRESS | PHONE # | COUNCIL DISTRICT |
|--------------|----------------------------------|---|----------------|-------------------------|
| 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 |