



MEDIA ADVISORY

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A CAMP-OUT FOR KIDS NEAR DODGER STADIUM

Wonderful Outdoor World program at Elysian Valley Recreation Center

WHEN: Friday-Saturday, April 11-12, 2008 5:00 p.m. Friday to 2:00 p.m. Saturday

WHERE: Elysian Valley Recreation Center 1811 Ripple 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 ELYSIAN VALLEY RECREATION CENTER: From the **5 (Golden State) Freeway**, exit at Fletcher Dr. Turn right from the off-ramp and go one block to Riverside Dr. Turn left and take Riverside Dr. ¼-mile to Newell St. Turn left and Take Newell St. under the freeway to Ripple St. Turn right and take Ripple St. two block to the facility. (*Thomas Guide page 564, grid F-4*).

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REMAINING 2008 WONDERFUL OUTDOOR WORLD (WOW) OUTINGS

DATES	RECREATION CENTER or PARK	ADDRESS	PHONE #	COUNCIL DISTRICT
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