



# MEDIA ADVISORY

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## ONLY TWO WOW OUTINGS LEFT FOR 2009

### *Overnight camping for kids ages 8-12 at Ramona Gardens*

**WHEN: Friday-Saturday, June 12-13, 2009 5:00 p.m. Friday to 2:00 p.m. Saturday**

**WHERE: Ramona Gardens Recreation Center 2830 Lancaster Ave.**

**WHAT:** The seventh of eight **WOW (Wonderful Outdoor World)** overnight campouts in 2009 for children ages 8-12 in urban areas, giving them an opportunity to experience what it's like to participate in this activity at a location close to where they live. 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. The goal is to expose youth to the excitement of outdoor recreation and help them develop skills and gain knowledge about the environment, themselves, and others.

The program is offered by the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, together with several public agency and corporate sponsors, and held at department facilities. The final outing will be at Reseda Recreation Center, 18411 Victory Blvd. (San Fernando Valley), on June 19-20.

**VISUALS:** A few dozen kids putting up tents, setting up their sleeping bag and other stuff  
Boys and girls ages 8-12 participating in typical campout activities in a familiar place  
Children from an urban area enjoying and learning about the outdoors

**TO GET TO RAMONA GARDENS RECREATION CENTER:** From the **10 (San Bernardino) Freeway**, exit at N. Soto St. Take N. Soto St. north ¼-mile (from the westbound 10 exit) or ½-mile (from the eastbound 10 exit) to Lancaster Ave. Take Lancaster Ave. east to the facility, which is in the Ramona Gardens Housing Complex. **OR:** From the **5 (Golden State) Freeway**, exit at Cesar E. Chavez Ave. Take Cesar E. Chavez Ave. south ½-mile to N. Soto St. Take N. Soto St. north one mile to Lancaster Ave. and follow the directions above. (*Thomas Guide page 635, grid C-3*).

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