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#### **“Art a la Carte” Mobile Art Program**

The City of Santa Maria Recreation and Parks Department introduces Art a la Carte, a FREE mobile art education program that brings exciting hands-on art experiences to neighborhood parks so that children age 6-13 can be introduced to art history and basic techniques for several art mediums.

Each month the Art a la Carte trailer will visit a different park where art instructor Tommy Hacker will lead a variety of art lessons. Parents will have the opportunity to observe and learn about art history and different art mediums while their children create and practice the new art skills learned.

Art a la Carte is made possible through a collaborative effort involving the Santa Barbara County Arts Commission, Orcutt Children’s Art Foundation, and the People for Leisure And Youth, Inc.

Two identical lessons are planned during each park visit. They will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. and from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Advance registration is suggested, but not required.

The dates for Art a la Carte are:

- April 14 – Oakley Park: 1300 North Western Avenue
- May 19 – Preisker Park: 330 Hidden Pines Way
- June 23 – Russell Park: 1000 West Church Street
- July 13 – Waller Park: 3107 Orcutt Road
- August 25 – Jim May Park: 809 Stanford Drive
- September 8 – Grogan Park: 1155 West Rancho Verde
- October 20 – Veterans Memorial Park: 311 West Tunnell Street

Questions may be directed to the Recreation and Parks Department 925-0951 ext. 260.

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