



NEWS RELEASE
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Last Chance to Experience Outside in Nature Play Day

The monthly Outside in Nature Play Day program for 2014 is coming to an end, but there is still time to participate. Each Play Day is on the third Saturday of the month from 8:30 a.m. to noon with the last program held in November. A nature backpack filled with cool, informative activities will be raffled at each Play Day.

Come out to Los Flores Ranch Park (6271 Dominion Road) on Saturday, September 20 and meet John the Bee Keeper. He will provide information about bees including the important role they play in our environment. There will be real bees, honey and a hive on display. The backpack raffled for this Play Day features insect catching equipment.

Bring your family back to the park on Saturday, October 18 and meet Kevin the Exotic Reptile Man. He will have 20 different types of snakes, lizards and other crawling critters for you to meet. Participants can enter to win a backpack full of fossil and rock activities.

Don't miss the last Outside in Nature Play Day on Saturday, November 15. The theme is California Recycling Day and families can learn about the history of paper and trees. Kids will have a first-hand recycling experience as they make their own paper. Forest Service guest, Woodsy Owl, will make a special appearance to remind everyone, "To Give A Hoot, Don't Pollute." The raffled backpack features nature art projects and includes a craft book and drawing supplies.

Free round-trip transportation is available from the Abel Maldonado Community Youth Center. Please call (805) 925-0951 ext. 260 to reserve your place on the shuttle. Driving directions can be found at <http://www.cityofsantamaria.org/losfloresranchpark>. For recorded park information, please dial (805) 925-0951 ext. 985.

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