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LA COUNTY PARKS CREATES YOUTH CARE CAMPS IN RESPONSE TO ONGOING WILDFIRES

*Four LA County parks offer programming and services
for youth and teens affected by the Eaton Canyon Fire*

LOS ANGELES (January 11, 2025) In response to the ongoing wildfires, County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation (LA County Parks), is offering a fun and supportive space for children and teens affected by the Eaton Fire with new LA County Parks Care Camps. LA County Parks Care Camps are designed to assist families under mandatory evacuations, displaced due to the fires, or directly affected by the wildfires, offering a space where children age 5-12 can learn, play, and thrive while parents focus on recovery. Some locations will offer programming for teens age 13-17.

Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger said, “The events from this week have been tragic and traumatic experiences for all of our communities, but especially for residents displaced by the wildfires that have swept through many parts of our County. We want to support the emotional and physical well-being of children and families during these challenging times. LA County Parks is partnering with the Dodgers Foundation, the Natural History Museum, the La Brea Tar Pits, LA County Arboretum, LA Philharmonic and Altadena Libraries, to provide field trips, activities, and nutrition at no cost to families. It takes a community to rebuild, and we are determined to do our part.”

“LA County Parks is part of the fabric of the Altadena and Greater Altadena community. LA County Parks staff want to make sure that our youth and families know they are not alone. We are here to support the community in this time of need with Care Camps.,” **said Norma E. García-González, Director of LA County Parks.**

LA County Parks Care Camps are led by our dedicated and trained staff, with a 1:5 staff-to-participant ratio, to ensure personalized attention and care for every child. Additionally, each of our camps will include parent lounges/spaces, where parents are invited to drop in for some time or stay for the entire duration of the camp, providing a welcoming environment for the whole family. Camps will provide music, arts and crafts, sports, and field trips to the LA County Natural History Museum, LA Brea Tar Pits, Dodger Stadium, and more.

Two LA County Parks Care Camp locations will also include teen centers open to youth ages 12-17, with extended program hours from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM. These teen centers will offer age-appropriate activities and a safe space for older youth to connect, engage, and receive support during this challenging time. Our camps are here to bring fun and community to families during this difficult time.

Dates and Times: Our camps will operate **Monday, January 13, 2025, through Friday, January 31, 2025.**
Youth Camps, Age 5-12, 8 am to 5 pm
Teen Camps, Age 13-17, 8 am to 7 pm

Meals Provided: Each child will receive two snacks (AM/PM) and a lunch. Teens also receive a supper in the evening.

LA County Care Camp Locations:

1. Pamela Park, 2236 Goodall Avenue, Duarte, CA 91010
 - a. Pamela Park Care Camp for youth age 5-12
 - b. Pamela Park Teen Camp for teens age 13-17
2. Arcadia Park , 405 South Santa Anita Avenue, Arcadia, CA 91007
 - a. Pamela Care Camp for youth age 5-12
 - b. Pamela Teen Camp for teens age 13-17
3. Crescenta Valley Community Regional Park , 3901 Dunsmore Ave, La Crescenta, CA 91214
 - a. Crescenta Valley Park Care Camp for youth age 5-12
4. LA County Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Ave, Arcadia, CA 91007
 - a. Arboretum Care Camp for youth age 5-12

For the LA County Care Camp Registration Form, please visit: <https://parks.lacounty.gov/care-camps/>
For more information please email recprograms@parks.lacounty.gov

About the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation

The County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation manages 182 parks. It also operates a network of 9 regional parks, 38 neighborhood parks, 20 community parks, 16 wildlife sanctuaries, 8 nature centers, 41 public swimming pools, 23 splash pads, 14 lakes including 3 with swimming beaches, more than 240 miles of multi-use trails for hiking, biking, and horseback riding, and the largest municipal golf system in the nation, consisting of 20 golf courses at 18 facilities. The department also maintains four botanical centers: The Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanic Garden, the South Coast Botanic Garden, Descanso Gardens, and Virginia Robinson Gardens. The department also owns the iconic Hollywood Bowl, and the John Anson Ford Amphitheatre (The Ford), providing County residents with valuable entertainment and cultural resources. Visit: <https://parks.lacounty.gov/>

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