

## Recreation Division Highlights

Thursday, December 29, 2022

### Aquatic Recreation

#### Polar Bear Plunge

On Saturday December 17, the Community Pool at CLU hosted the Polar Bear Plunge, which brought in 45 participants. These daring swimmers went for a run up Mountclef Ridge, then jumped in the chilly winter waters of the Community Pool at CLU, before drying off to enjoy refreshments. Some enjoyed the chilly water so much, that many participants stayed in the pool for some recreational swimming. Both participants and staff had a great time celebrating the upcoming new year and holiday season.



### Dos Vientos Community Center

#### Holiday Fun Winter Camps

Winter Camps at the Dos Vientos Center brought so much fun to our community. Participants were able to choose between four types of camps: Baking Camp, Archery Camp, Dance/Gymnastics Camp, or Winter Adventure Camp. Campers experienced how to shoot arrows at targets, go on hikes, play games, learned balance beam/tumbling work, and created yummy baked treats.



## Therapeutic Recreation

### Starlight Ball

On December 17, the annual *Starlight Ball* was hosted at the Thousand Oaks Teen Center. It truly was a magical event, and all our guests had a blast taking pictures, enjoying dinner, and dancing to a live band. This event would not have been possible without our kind sponsors: PTS Furniture, Tamra Lutzker, Pat Hendrickson and Kate Lewis, Kelly Cox and Kevin Bradley, Laufenberg Family, Green family, John and Maria Prescott, Allway on Stage, Robert Hager, Uhland Family, and the Singha-Ramob family.



### Teen Winter Camp

Between December 19-December 30, The TR hosted a Teen Winter Camp! Teens enjoyed playing games, making slime, holiday crafts and outings to Paige Lane Park.



## Conejo Community Center

### Recreation Van at Conejo Community Center

On Sunday, December 11, the Conejo Community Center took the Rec Van for a spin! The first stop was Walnut Grove Park, where we had the participants design their own paper plate cars to go along with the car themed playground at the park location. The second stop was Lynn Oaks Park. Staff led crafts that encouraged participants to find, paint, and hide their painted rocks.



### Winter Ninja Camp Action!

During the week of December 19, Niki Wright hosted a fun and exciting Ninja Camp. At the end of the camp, the participants showed off their routine. Children had the opportunity to learn various karate moves, how to use nun chucks, and so much more.



## Safe Passage

### Other Event Information

On December 17, the Conejo Community Center hosted a gift giveaway for the Safe Passage participants of the Warwick community. We served approximately 100 Warwick students, and each child had the opportunity to choose 2-3 presents each. Families also experienced fun music and activities in the Main Hall of the CCC including, arts and crafts activities such as making reindeer food and writing letters to Santa, and hiking through the Jingle Bell Hike trail. Participants were also served delicious tacos along with fresh hot chocolate.



The Jingle Bell Hike was a huge success. The families really enjoyed the trail. Live music and various holiday games were also available for participants to enjoy!

On Thursday, December 22, Tim Hagel, Park Rangers, and volunteers that are associated with Safe Passage worked on the Butterfly Garden at the Conejo Community Park. The garden is visited by the Pre-Kindergarten and Preschool programs throughout the school year. During the spring, we should expect to see beautiful milk weeds, sun flowers and other various plants.

## Thousand Oaks Teen Center

### Youth Outreach/Teen Center Middle School Winter Break Camp

The Youth Outreach Team recently conducted a Middle School Camp at the Teen Center over the first week of winter break. About 20 campers enjoyed themselves while engaging in several sports, games, STEAM activities provided by Art Trek, social and emotional exercises, and took nature walks in the beautiful Conejo Creek North Park. The camp culminated with a trip to Simi Valley's own Harley's Bowl on Friday December 23. A special "shout out" goes to Liz and Shelby; two AmeriCorps volunteers that helped all week. The program was sponsored by Safe Passage and Adelante and was truly a "thumbs-up" experience for everyone involved.



## Hillcrest Center for the Arts

### Upcoming Shows at Hillcrest Center for the Arts

Our next show is our winter show, *Disney's The Descendants*. A magical tale from the viewpoint of the Disney Villains children entering into the heroes world. Can they exist peacefully together? Rehearsals are underway for both the YAE cast and CTFE cast and the shows will start in the beginning of February. Tickets are on sale now.

The next Hillcrest Players *Camp Courage* will be holding auditions in late January. This show will involve magic and some technical expertise from Scott Buchanan.



### Classes, Comedy, and Elementary Music at HCFA

Our first Comedy on the Hill in 2023 will be indoors on Saturday, January 14.

The fall session for the Elementary Music Program for Band and Strings will continue into January.

New spring Chorus classes begin in late January.

Staff continues to work on the All District Music Festival at the Kavli.

Master classes are being scheduled for the spring to help young and young at heart artists prepare for auditions, get expert advice on singing dancing, historical significance of plays and more. These will be open to the public and funds will go back to support the Young Artist's Ensemble! The guest artists are often tied to YAE in some way and have been featured on Broadway, local and regional theatre, or are professionals in the industry.