

Recreation Division Highlights

Thursday, October 9, 2025

Past Events

Thousand Oaks Teen Center

Backyard Block Party

On Saturday October 4, the Teen Center hosted a Backyard Block Party for Conejo Valley 6th – 8th grade students. The event, which drew over 100 kids, featured live music, free pizza and soda, Outdoor inflatables, and lots of games with prizes. The Tug-o-War competition was by far the most popular game of the night. Admission was \$10 at the door, and the program ran from 7-9pm. It was a great night!



Thousand Oaks Community Center

Home School

The Fall session of CRPD's Homeschool program is in full swing at Hillcrest Center. In the Life-Size Fort Builders class, taught by CReATE Studio, students transform ordinary cardboard into functional and creatively composed forts with the use of "Makedo" tools. Students build upon their creations each week, learning the fundamentals of construction and design all while troubleshooting ideas and collaborating with peers.

Movies in the Park

The 2025 Movies in the Park series presented another hit on Friday, October 3 with the showing of *The Nightmare Before Christmas*. The Tim Burton film drew a crowd of over 200 people, creating a community send-off into the Halloween season. The pre-show activities included Zero lollipops and Skellington candle lights. Join us for the holiday showing of *Home Alone* in December!



McCrea Ranch

On Saturday October 4, Thousand Oaks Community Center succeeded in throwing the third annual *Family Harvest Festival* at McCrea Ranch. With a turnout of 150 children and their families, the historical site was packed with new life and excitement for a day at the ranch. Guests were dressed in their western-best and participated in numerous cowboy activities to kick-off the fall season, including lassoing, bolo tie crafting, and hobby horse racing.



Therapeutic Recreation

Thousand Oaks Police Service Unit

September was the kickoff for the 3rd cohort for the TOPs Unit- Thousand Oaks Police Service Unit. This is a collaboration between the Thousand Oaks Police Department and CRPD's Therapeutic Recreation Unit providing volunteer service in the community and learning about policing. Nine group members gathered to take their photos for their volunteer police badges, toured the station, police cars, had some get to know you questions to get to know everyone, and ask a lot of questions to all of the police officers. This month the volunteers and police officers will be at the Thousand Oaks Rotary Street fair passing out coupon books to the attendees.

Hawaiian Dance

About 75 attended the annual Therapeutic Recreation Unit Dinner and Hawaiian Dance. Friends from all over enjoyed BBQ chicken sliders, homemade baked desserts donated by National Charity League, and danced the night away (music provided by Thousand Oaks DJ Company).

