

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT!

Recaps and Updates

March Madness at 4S Ranch

The County of San Diego held the 2nd annual March Madness Basketball Tournament at the 4S Ranch Sports Park on Sunday, March 6th. The tournament featured 8 adult



basketball teams from all over San Diego. Each team, playing as their favorite college team, competed in a double elimination tournament with hopes of taking home the championship. The Oral Roberts University Golden Eagles outlasted the field to take home the title. For more information click [here](#).

On March 17, 87 youth participated in the largest Dodge ball game ever played at the Spring Valley REC Club. The youth also enjoyed St. Patrick's as well as a leprechaun piñata filled with prizes.

Mardi Gras Celebration

Over 100 youth attended a Mardi Gras celebration at the Spring Valley REC Club on March 8. The youth learned the history of Mardi Gras, participated in carnival style games, cupcake decorating as well as mask making.



On the weekend of March 25-28 participants gathered at the

Vallecito Days

Vallecito Stage Station for the 5th annual Vallecito Days. This year's theme was the 150th anniversary of the beginning of the Civil War. To add to the reenactment festivities, a squad from Fort Tejon Infantry marched into Vallecito as part of their 32 mile historic march. Saturday was the



day with the equestrian reenactment ride into the stage station greeted by docents with cool cups of water for the weary travelers. On the ride, the Mountain Men had their camp set up and gave the visiting public a chance to learn how to throw a tomahawk. The Infantry proceeded on their march, but

with their destination to Carrizo becoming more elusive as the day wore on they found themselves back in the shelter of the stage station. Though, the weekend could be described as "everyone had a wonderful time stepping back into time."



Parks Society News

By: George Hanson, President of the San Diego County Parks Society

I see the board of the San Diego County Parks County as a group of friends. I always enjoy seeing my fellow board members, and our meetings are much warmer occasions than I would expect the conduct of business to be.

Though our board members are all extremely talented, we are a small group of people always on the watch to make new friends. Currently we would like to make new friends who could help us with fund raising. The Parks Society currently makes money from firewood sales, vending commissions, gift store sales, and several species of special events. But we would like to welcome a new friend who could help us with securing donations and bequests.

Another need is a friend who is savvy in the ways of applying for grants. Our group has writing ability, but we lack information about the many groups and organizations that make grants to non-profit groups like ours. It would be great if we could find someone who is aware on a continuous basis of the funds we might try applying for.

A third need is to find a friend savvy in the way of maintaining Websites. Our group, like most groups these days, has a Website, but we lack someone proficient enough to make additions, changes, and updates. Members of our group are of generations that did not grow up with computers and the Internet, so finding a computer-literate friend would be most helpful to us.

Perhaps one of you would like to volunteer your expertise. More likely, you know someone with the skills we're looking for, and that person. If you know someone looking for a little civic involvement, let that person know that we're a friendly bunch of folks always interested in making

