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CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES TO EXPERIENCE SUMMER CAMP THRILL *California Children Services Provides Afternoon of Adapted Camp-themed Activities*

- WHAT:** Children will have an opportunity to participate in different camping stations to earn merit badges. Activities will include modified versions of tricycle races, fishing, inner tubing, archery, s'mores-making, crafts and more. The physical and occupational therapists will adapt each activity so children of various disability levels can participate.
- WHO:** County of San Diego California Children Services (CCS)
Chula Vista Medical Therapy Unit
Physical and Occupational Therapy Staff and Clients
- WHEN:** 1:00pm-4:00pm
Wednesday, June 23rd, 2010
- WHERE:** Greg Rogers Elementary School
510 East Naples St. (adjacent playground to rooms 604-605)
Chula Vista, CA 91911
- WHY:** It's summer break, a time when many school-aged children are preparing to get away to summer camps. For South Bay families of children with physical disabilities such as cerebral palsy, spinal cord injuries and other muscle diseases, it can be a difficult to find safe and affordable local activities.

Recognizing that need, the California Children Services' Chula Vista Medical Therapy Unit is offering a "camp" experience to children with disabilities. This therapy unit is a San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency facility that provides free physical and occupational therapy to more than 30 children ranging in age from newborns to 21 years old. The children served there have conditions such as cerebral palsy, spina bifida, muscular dystrophy and spinal cord injuries. The therapy unit is located in space provided by the Chula Vista Elementary School District at the Greg Roger Elementary School.

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