



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

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FOSTER SIBLINGS REUNITE AT CAMP CONNECT

County Provides Unique Opportunity for Siblings to Bond

WHAT: Camp Connect San Diego is an opportunity for more than 75 foster youth to spend four days at a campground in Julian, bonding with their siblings who are unable to be placed in the same foster home. The youth have an opportunity to strengthen their family bonds through activities such as rock wall climbing, swimming, hiking, scrapbooking, horseback riding, a talent contest and dance.

WHO: Supervisor Ron Roberts, San Diego County Board of Supervisors
Debra Zanders-Willis, Child Welfare Services Director
Margo Fudge, Camp Connect Director
More than 75 foster youth
Community volunteers

WHEN: Thursday, August 19, 2010
12 noon to 1 p.m.

WHERE: National University- Parking Lot
9388 Lightwave Ave.
San Diego, CA 92123

WHY: It's a constant challenge and important priority for HHSA to place siblings in the same foster home. Unfortunately, this is not always possible. The camp is a four-day bonding experience for siblings who have been placed apart in foster care. The camp provides them with an opportunity to spend quality time with their brothers and sisters in a fun, carefree atmosphere.

The camp is made possible through a partnership between the San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency, United Way of San Diego and Promises2Kids. Camp Connect also offers other activities for them throughout the year such as outings to Padres games, Sea World, Legoland, Knott's Berry Farm and Boomers.

For more information regarding Camp Connect San Diego, please contact Margo Fudge at (858) 694-5388.

VISUALS: More than 75 foster youth boarding the bus to camp, dozens of volunteers, balloons and a festive atmosphere for their camp send-off.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Foster youth participating in the camp have court clearance to be photographed and there will be foster children available for on-camera interviews.

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