

## **Mobile Recreation press release**

The Alameda County Sheriff's Office, the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District (HARD) and the Alameda County Deputy Sheriffs' Activities League (DSAL) will unveil their new Mobile Recreation Center Friday, August 7, 2009 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Sunset Field, 22100 Princeton Street in Cherryland (unincorporated Hayward). The Mobile Recreation Center will be unveiled during the final-day celebration of the Deputy Sheriffs' Activities League/San Leandro Boys and Girls Club Summer Day Camp, and will be available for the enjoyment of up to 300 area children.

Making this state-of-the-art crime prevention program a reality was a collaborative effort between committed community partners. Sheriff Greg Ahern provided an unused Sheriff's Office trailer to be converted into a Mobile Recreation Center. The DSAL provided \$15,000 from funds allocated to it under the California Correctional Standards Authority Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) to purchase equipment, including street hockey gear, sumo wrestling suits and a bungee run. The Hayward Area Recreation and Park District maintenance staff made the necessary modifications to the trailer interior so the recreation equipment can be stored properly. HARD recreation personnel will staff the mobile facility.

The Mobile Recreation Center will be used at locations throughout the Sheriff's Office Eden Township Substation service area including apartment complex parking lots, shopping centers, parks, school sites and residential streets.

"I am a big believer in physical fitness," Sheriff Ahern said. "Kids who are active, fit and engaged in healthy activities are less likely to commit crimes. This Mobile Recreation Center allows us to bring positive recreational activities to the doorsteps of kids in Alameda County; kids who, because of transportation or financial issues, may not have access to other recreational opportunities.

"Our District is always looking for ways to reach out and involve our community in positive recreation activities. We are excited that this program will allow our District to provide recreation services in the most underserved areas of Alameda County" Rita Shue, General Manager-Hayward Area Recreation and Park District

"This is a wonderful community building and crime prevention tool," Sheriff Ahern continued. "It represents a great collaboration between the Sheriff's Office, the Deputy Sheriffs' Activities League, the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District and the Correctional Standards Authority."

The Mobile Recreation Center is a free drop in program that allows children ages 6 to 18 to have fun in a safe environment enjoying outdoor games, physical activities, arts and crafts projects. The program will encourage good health and wellness. All participants will be asked to sign in

and out and have a signed emergency card on file. For additional Mobile Recreation Center information, please contact HARD Recreation Coordinator II, Michael Maine at (510) 888-0211, or Deputy Sheriffs' Activities League Program Director Hilary Bass at (510) 667-7595.

Below is the Mobile Recreation Center schedule.

### **Mobile Recreation Schedule**

**Friday August 7, 2009:** Sunset Field (Laurel & Western, Hayward) 10am – 1pm

**Saturday August 15, 2009:** San Lorenzo Farmer's Market (Hesperian & Paseo Grande, San Lorenzo) 9am-12pm

**Wednesday August 19, 2009:** Eden House Apartments: 1601 165<sup>th</sup> Ave., San Leandro – 2pm-5pm 510-278-2822

**Friday August 21, 2009:** Cherryland Park, 198 Grove Way, Hayward

**Wednesday August 26, 2009:** Ashland Community Center parking lot: 1530 167<sup>th</sup> Ave, San Leandro 510-881-6755

**Friday August 28, 2009:** Sunset Field (Laurel & Western, Hayward)

**Sunday August 30, 2009:** Cop Shop Flea Market (Hesperian & Paseo Grande, San Lorenzo) – 8am-11am

**Wednesday September 2, 2009:** East Bay Arts Parking Lot

**Friday September 4, 2009:** Meek Estates Park (Boston & Hampton, Hayward) – 2pm-5pm

**Wednesday September 9, 2009:** 16000 Mateo St., San Leandro

**Friday September 11, 2009:** Kennedy Park (19501 Hesperian Blvd, San Lorenzo) – 2pm-5pm

**Wednesday September 16, 2009:** 18651 Via Toledo (St. Christopher's Church), San Lorenzo – 510-276-7853

**Friday September 18, 2009:** San Lorenzo Village Homes Parking Lot

**Wednesday September 23, 2009:** San Lorenzo High School parking lot

**Friday September 25, 2009:** Edendale Middle School Parking Lot

**Saturday September 26, 2009:** San Lorenzo Farmer's Market (Hesperian & Paseo Grande, San Lorenzo) – 9am-12pm

**Wednesday, September 30, 2009:** Bohannon Middle School parking lot

**Friday, October 2, 2009:** Ashland Village Apartments: 1300 Kentwood Ln./E. 14<sup>th</sup> St., San Leandro 510-481-2565