



Mission Offers 2009 Summertime Activities: Craft Days, Old-Fashioned Play Days & Storytelling on Weekdays; Ceramics & Indian Summer Camps

SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO, February 23, 2009 – Mission San Juan Capistrano is pleased to offer a wide variety of summertime activities and camps starting in June:

Weekday activities included in the price of general admission or free to members of the Mission Preservation Society:

Craft Days – Tuesdays, June 22 – August 25, 10 a.m. – noon. Each day will feature either building a miniature adobe house, lasso/rope jump or dolls.

Storytelling Days – Wednesdays, June 24 – August 26, 10 – 11:30 a.m. Learn about Fr. John O’Sullivan, the Great Restorer of the Mission, Capistrano’s Cliff Swallows, and Famous Stories of San Juan Capistrano.

Old Fashioned Play Days – Thursdays, 10 a.m. – noon. Children are led in toy making and playing old-fashioned games.

For additional information, contact Megan Dukett, (949) 234-1320 or mdukett@missionsjc.com.

2009 Summer Camps;

Ceramics – For children ages 8 – 14. Two week-long sessions available; sign up for one or both sessions. Classes are limited to 10 children.

Session 1: June 22 – 26 and June 29 – July 3, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. each day, \$150

Session 2: June 29 – July 3, July 6 – 10, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. each day, \$150

Registration for ceramics classes required. Call Kathleen Witkowski, (949) 234-1306 or kwitkowski@missionsjc.com.

Indian Summer Camp – For children ages 6 – 12. June 22-26 & August 30 – September 4, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Juaneno Indian descendent Jacque Nunez presents a camp that celebrates culture, diversity and California’s heritage. Journey back to a time when people lived in harmony with the Earth and learn about Native American cultures and lifestyles from early California. Children become Keepers of the Earth through sound environmental practices and acquire skills that the Native California Indians used, such as weaving a basket, making an arrowhead, making a gourd bowl, drilling shells for necklaces, and pounding yucca for string. Campers will also learn about skills developed when the Spanish came, such as making adobe bricks, and about the Gold Rush era. Campers will pan for gold and shave like a miner. Indian dancing and frybread are part of the fun.

Cost: \$175 per child, second child \$160. Registration required. Call Kathleen Witkowski, (949) 234-1306 or kwitkowski@missionsjc.com.

Visitors are welcome to bring a sack lunch to enjoy after any of these programs.

*Mission San Juan Capistrano is open 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily. **The Mission operations are funded by gate admissions – preservation work is funded by grants and fundraising efforts.** To reach the Mission, take I-5 to the Ortega Highway exit to San Juan Capistrano. Admission: \$9 adults, \$8 seniors, \$5 children ages 3-11, and under 3 free. Price includes self-guided, digital audio tour. Information: (949) 234-1300. Mission address: 26801 Ortega Hwy., San Juan Capistrano. Website: www.missionsjc.com.*

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