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MISSION SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO ANNOUNCES DATES FOR 'CELEBRATING COMMUNITIES'

SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO, Calif. (Dec. 4, 2012) – Mission San Juan Capistrano has announced the dates for its 2013 “2-for-1 Celebrating Communities Program,” inviting Orange County residents to visit Mission San Juan Capistrano with a 2-for-1 admission price special.

Eligible residents who purchase an adult admission to the Mission may bring in one guest free of charge. Proof of residency (driver’s license, utility bill, etc.) is required.

Celebrating Communities days are held on the first Friday of each month for selected cities. Below is a list of specific Celebrating Communities days information.

Friday, January 4, 2013 - Capistrano Beach/Dana Point/San Clemente

Friday, February 1, 2013 - Laguna Beach/Laguna Niguel/Monarch Beach

Friday, March 1, 2013 - Coto de Caza/Foothill Ranch/Seal Beach/Trabuco Canyon

Friday, May 3, 2013 - Ladera Ranch/Mission Veijo/Villa Park

Friday, June 7, 2013 - Cypress/Garden Grove/Westminster

Friday, July 12, 2013 - Fullerton/Los Alamitos/Orange/Santa Ana

Friday, August 2, 2013 - Brea/La Habra/Fountain Valley/Huntington Beach

Friday, September 6, 2013 - Anaheim/Anaheim Hills/Irvine/Newport Beach/Stanton

Friday, October 4, 2013 - Aliso Viejo/Lake Forest/Yorba Linda

Friday, November 1, 2013 - Foothill Ranch/Las Flores/Rancho Santa Margarita

Friday, December 6, 2013 - Laguna Hills/Laguna Woods/Tustin

Every Wednesday is 2-for-1 admission day for San Juan Capistrano residents.

About Mission San Juan Capistrano:

Known as the "Jewel of the Missions," Mission San Juan Capistrano is a historic landmark and museum that boasts of quality permanent exhibits featuring original artifacts as well as traveling and temporary exhibits on a wide variety of topics.

The site itself serves as a living outdoor museum with original buildings constructed by Native Americans in the 18th century including the Serra Chapel, Great Stone Church, and the original padres' quarters of the South Wing.

The Mission was founded on November 1, 1776 by Padre Junipero Serra as the seventh in the chain of the twenty-one California missions established by Spain, and is Orange County's only mission. Every year, over 50,000 students visit the Mission and engage in an inspirational learning experience via the Mission Matters programming, as part of their State required California history studies.

Mission San Juan Capistrano is owned by the Diocese of Orange and is supported by the Mission Preservation Foundation, which is comprised of business and community leaders committed to ensuring the long term preservation and viability of Orange County's only Mission. The Mission receives no funding from either the Church or the State of California and charges admission funds as a means of providing public access.

Mission San Juan Capistrano is located at 26801 Ortega Highway, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675. Open Daily 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Good Friday afternoon. Admission is \$9 adults; \$8 seniors (60 years or over); \$6 children (ages 4 to 11); and children ages 3 and under are admitted free. Free audio guide with senior and adult admission. For more information, call (949) 234-1300 or visit www.missionsjc.com.