

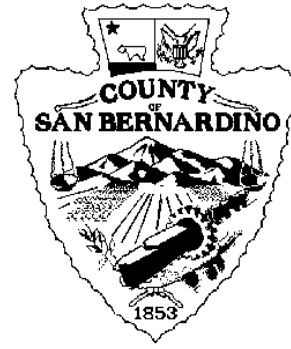
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### **Environmental Science Day Camp Receives Funding**

SAN BERNARDINO – The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors today accepted a \$60,000 grant to support the Environmental Science Day Camp, which provides memorable outdoor educational experiences for elementary school students at Mojave Narrows Regional Park and at Yucaipa Regional Park.

“This innovative program provides a unique learning opportunity in which students get to experience the outdoors firsthand,” said First District Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt. “I would like to thank our Regional Park staff for their enthusiasm in implementing the Day Camp, and I would especially like to thank The Wildlands Conservancy for this generous grant.”

The County provides the day camp as a field-trip for elementary school children aimed at stimulating their interest in the environment and science, as well as encouraging outdoor physical activity in a natural setting. Under the guidance of an experienced naturalist, students explore several habitat areas in our regional parks and learn about wildlife, geology, botany and a cultural study of Serrano Indians, who were indigenous to San Bernardino County. Teachers are provided with pre-lesson plans to prepare students for their day in the park, as well as with post-lesson plans to promote continued conservation and environmentalism in their after-trip lessons.

The program recently won an Achievement Award from the National Association of Counties. In three years, the Day Camp has served more than 17,000 students.

The funding from The Wildlands Conservancy will be used to increase staff hours, as well as for supplies and other needs. The Wildlands Conservancy, based in San Bernardino County, is a privately funded non-profit organization that promotes conservation and education about the natural world.