

Summer Camp Was Great For 80 Special Kids

SAN BERNARDINO, CA - Aug. 3, 2010. 80 very special children participated in the **Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County (CAPSBC) Summer Camp Program** July 26-30, 2010. The children spent 4 nights and 5 days in the San Bernardino Mountains at Camp Nawakwa. The camp is located in the San Bernardino National Forest near Barton Flats. It is adjacent to the Mount San Gorgonio wilderness areas and sits at an elevation of 6,860 feet.

The children made fun memories while having the opportunity to hike, take nature walks, go canoeing, and learn archery. Other activities included swimming, wall climbing, cooking outdoors, arts and crafts, singing, playing games, and having lots of fun making new friends. And when they returned, each child had a story to tell.

All campers are from low income homes, or are homeless or disadvantaged. The experience of summer camp is one to treasure and CAPSBC believes every child should have the chance to go and interact with other children,

develop social skills, and experience nature. CAPSBC supplied sleeping bags, backpacks, flashlights, and hygiene items that the children needed. Parents talked about how grateful they were that their children were given the opportunity to participate.

For over fifteen years, CAPSBC's Family Development Program has coordinated this Summer Camp project sending a total 680 kids camping over the years. The children are identified through CAPSBC's programs and through referrals from other agencies. Every camper is carefully screened for any special needs. This program is made possible through the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and through a grant from the Los Angeles Times Family Fund - a fund of the McCormick Foundation. This year twice as many kids were able to participate due to increased CSBG/ARRA funding.



A Happy Camper returns from his adventure at Camp Nawakwa.

CAPSBC is the designated Community Action Agency for San Bernardino County charged with providing programs and services for low-income individuals and families to help lift them out of poverty. As one of the largest non-profit human services agency in San Bernardino County, CAPSBC, provides resources and opportunities to the low-income to improve their lives, contribute to their communities and offer a return on investment for our communities, cities and county. Programs include Weatherization,



Children wave goodbye to their parents as they get ready to leave for 5 days at summer camp.



Friends share a happy moment together after returning from summer camp.

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Group Camp photo with lots of happy kids!

