



Dimondale News



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Enrichment Program

The youth are saying YES to Youth Enrichment Services. Now in its second year, the Dimondale Enrichment Program continues to provide educational programs for the underserved youth throughout Los Angeles and the Antelope Valley. The mission of the Enrichment Program is to provide at-risk youth with the opportunity to achieve success through participation in a variety of related programs.

Classes are currently held at the Gardena Boys and Girls Club, Los Angeles Boys and Girls Club, Lancaster Facility and the Los Angeles area.

For more information on Enrichment Services please contact our Enrichment Service Coordinator, Carina Rowland at Crowland@dacfs.org

Dimondale Picnic

2013 Dimondale Annual Picnic



The sun was shining and a light breeze was blowing. It was a beautiful Saturday afternoon, the youth and the staff of Dimondale Adolescent Care Facility assembled for some well-earned R & R at Wilson Park in Torrance, CA. The turnout was remarkable with staff and youth from all four facilities in attendance. The annual Back to School Picnic is one of two company events held by Dimondale each year, providing the youth with an opportunity to meet, mingle and kick back with peers from other organizations, family and friends. August 3rd was a time to celebrate the end of summer.

The celebration offered a wide array of food, activities and entertainment. While children and adults played water games, others could be found at the gazebo taking dancing lessons from the Polynesian dancers! The event also had a slushy bar with a list of flavors to choose from as well as a photo booth to capture the fun everyone was having. The youth near the duck filled ponds and took photos with their friends and family at the photo booth.

This year's Back to School picnic, like always, was a smashing success. Dimondale would like to thank all who were in attendance for making the picnic memorable.

A special thanks to the Polynesian dancers for their awesome performance and dance lessons.





"I love circus de Solei and I always will"

~ Heather T.

Circus de Solei 'Totem'

The youth of Dimondale went on an afternoon outing to the Port of Los Angeles to enjoy the dazzling Circus de Solei show 'Totem'. The riveting performance left the youth in awe. They especially enjoyed the Crystal Ladies juggling the weighted squares of cloth with their feet. The death defying roller skating pas de deux almost made their heart stop! "I love Circus de Solei and I always will" said one of your youth in attendance.

Introducing our youth to the aesthetics of the world is one of the many things Dimondale takes pride in.



The UniverSoul Circus

The UniverSoul Circus returned to Inglewood, California with amazing acts, at the Hollywood Park Forum on March 17th. Our youth sat front and center with their popcorn, excited about the circus and the performers. Throughout the show they laughed, danced and gasped at the jaw dropping performances. The circus was enjoyed from the beginning until the end. From the funny ringmasters; Shuckey Duckey and Zeke, to the bend it like a pretzel human contortionist. The circus provided our youth with irresistible fun.



The Dimondale Experience ✨

LA Sparks ★



It was game time at the Los Angeles Staples Center on July 17th, when the Atlanta Sparks came to face off with the Los Angeles Sparks. The youth enjoyed the close game between the two teams but in the end, only one could win. The Los Angeles Sparks won their home game against the Atlanta Dream's with the final score of 73-77. The ladies from both teams played incredible that night.



Joe Turner's Come and Gone ✨



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May 4, 2013

August Wilson's play 'Joe Turner's Come and Gone', took our youth on a trip to 1911 Pittsburgh. The play told the story of freedom, hope and despair. The play left our youth intrigued, shortly after the play the youth they discussed their thoughts about the play. One youth said she was motivated by the character Lumis; despite being illegally enslaved, he retained hope of better days. Upon his freedom he immediately went in search of his son and wife. He remained motivated and determined to find his family. "He was determined. I think that's cool. A lot of people would have given up" said Angela M. The show was enjoyed by both staff and youth.



DID YOU KNOW...

- **Universal Studios Hollywood:** While the studio backlot had been open to tour buses for decades, the first official Universal Studios backlot tours started in 1964, with tickets being sold out of a trailer. The tour was approximately 90 minutes and featured a stop at the studio commissary and a makeup demonstration.
- **Knott's Berry Farm:** In 1920 Walter and Cordelia Knott moved to the then-sleepy community of Buena Park, Calif. to farm 20 acres of rented land. Today, that land is part of 160-acre Knott's Berry Farm, America's first theme park and the 12th most-visited amusement park in the country.

A Day at the Park

As kids we all looked forward to Summer Vacation. That moment when the last bell rang and you knew Summer had officially started; sleeping in late, playing outside with friends, family vacations and so much more. The summer of 2013 at Dimondale brought picnics, beaches and amusement parks! Dimondale knows a Summer isn't a Summer without a few rollercoaster rides. Our youth visited both Knott's Berry Farm and Universal Studios this past summer. They enjoyed a variety of rides—from being completely soaked in water to flying through the air at the same speed as cars traveling on the highway. For some, this was their first experience at an Amusement park but they adjusted very quickly especially with their "Front of Line Passes". The youth enjoyed the afternoon of hot dogs, rollercoaster rides and carnival games. They had an overall fascinating experience.



Donations

There is Still Time to Give!

You can also make a donation via PayPal by visiting our website at: www.DACFS.org. Just click on the PayPal "Donate" button in the upper right hand corner.



OR

Copy and Paste the following link to your web browser:

https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=YYTE99QF8JLZ1

There is still time to give a gift of hope. By supporting our youth with your donations we will be happy to acknowledge you in our next newsletter and at our upcoming events.

Please make checks or money orders payable to:

Dimondale Adolescent Care Facility
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Torrance, CA 90505

If you have questions about the organization or to request a pamphlet, please contact us at: info@dacfs.org or give us a call at: (310) 791-3064



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

To our employees celebrating their anniversaries.



We'd like to wish a "Happy Anniversary" to all the Dimondale Adolescent Care Facility employees celebrating their anniversary with us! Thank you for your hard work!

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Denisha Gallsion - 8 yrs.• Dawn Parker- 7 yrs.• Darlene Pimentel- 4 yrs.• Robin Moore- 3 yrs. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adeline Torress- 1 yr.• Shechaniah Lewis- 1y• Monique Woods - 1yr. |
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Lyn Ayars- November 26

Ms.Cris Velez- November 26

Olivia Verrett- Dec 5

Carina Rowland- Dec 13

Stephan Houston- Dec 20

Diamond Wright- Dec 22

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