



## Dimondale News

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### Annual Back to School Picnic

The sun was shining and a light breeze was blowing. It was a beautiful Saturday afternoon at Wilson Park in Torrance, CA. This year's picnic was joined by our wonderful friends at CareProvider and Guiding Light. The turnout was remarkable with staff and youth from all three organizations.

The annual Back to School Picnic, held August 12, 2017, is one of two company events held by Dimondale each year, providing the youth with an opportunity to meet, mingle and spend time with family, friends, and peers from other organizations. The celebration offered a wide array of food, activities and entertainment. While some of the youth awaited their turn to have their face painted, others could be found at the gazebo enjoying Tommy the Clown's performance and dance off with his team! The fiesta themed event also had a gelato bar with a list of flavors to choose from, tasty tacos, raspados, and street-style corn on the cob. The photo booth was a popular attraction for the youth and their families to capture those fun moments.

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



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### A Day at the Pier

Our youth enjoyed a day out at the Santa Monica Pier, where they could experience amenities of a historical site. They participated in the various festivities the iconic pier had to offer, such as the mini rollercoaster theme park with arcade games and rides. The youth reported enjoying the games and delicious food. It was a quintessential way to end the evening.



## A Day at the Park

The summer of 2017 at Dimondale brought picnics, beaches and amusement parks! Dimondale knows summer isn't summer without a few rollercoaster rides. Our youth visited both Knott's Berry Farm and Raging Waters. 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, roller-coaster rides and carnival games. They had an overall fascinating experience.



## Cars & Stripes Forever

On the 4th of July, the youth attended the 9th annual cars and stripes car and fireworks show in San Pedro, CA. The youth were amazed with all the classic cars on display as well as the colorful fireworks show. Dimondale plans to attend this event annually.



## Take Me Out to the Ballgame...

On September 10, 2017, youth spent their Sunday afternoon at the Dodger's Stadium. They enjoyed hotdogs while watching the Los Angeles Dodgers take on the Colorado Rockies. Although the Dodgers lost, 1-8, it was still a good game.