



NEWS RELEASE
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Catch a Ride to the Ranch

Catch a free ride (or drive yourself) to Los Flores Ranch Park as the Santa Maria Recreation and Parks Department presents Outside in Nature Play Days. Guests of all ages are invited to reserve a seat for a family friendly trip to explore an interpretive and educational program focusing on site-specific curriculum, nature walks, experiential learning, and hands-on activities designed to teach the history, geology, and biology of Los Flores Ranch Park.

The first play day, themed “Kids in Nature”, kicks off on Saturday, March 16. This new program features education about domestic and wild animals, safety around animals, a docent-guided nature walk, eye spy activity, crafts, and a special visit from Smokey Bear and the U.S. Forest Service’s Los Padres National Forest Santa Lucia Ranger District staff.

The free shuttle will depart from the Abel Maldonado Community Youth Center (600 S. McClelland Street) at 8:15 a.m. and return at noon. A light snack will be provided for guests at 11:30 a.m. Participants providing their own transportation can find park information and a map to Los Flores Ranch Park, 6271 Dominion Road, by visiting <http://www.ci.santa-maria.ca.us/LosFloresRanchPark.shtml>.

Outside in Nature Play Days is a free program occurring on the third Saturday of each month from 8:30 a.m. to noon, March 16 through November 16. Each play day has a unique theme that includes presentations, special guests, live animals, and a variety of activities.

Please contact the Recreation and Parks Department at (805) 925-0951 extension 260 to reserve your free transportation no later than March 14 by 5:00 p.m. Space is limited.

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