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#### **Santa Maria Valley Sportsmen's Association Receives Meritorious Award**

The City of Santa Maria Recreation and Parks Commission is happy to announce the Santa Maria Valley Sportsmen's Association as recipients of the 2013 Meritorious Community Service Award.

The Santa Maria Valley Sportsmen's Association (SMVSA) has made a lasting impression on Santa Maria residents by providing recreational activities and educational programs for young sportsmen through hunter safety courses, fishing derbies and hunting excursions. In addition, the group has dedicated more than 3,000 hours of community service in support of PLAY, Inc.'s Take Me Fishing program, Santa Maria Recreation and Parks' Tri-the-Bull triathlon, and the Autumn Arts Grapes and Grains Festival.

The Meritorious Community Service Award was established to provide public recognition to individuals, businesses or organizations whose contribution of time and/or resources have made a significant impact on the youth programs and leisure services in the Santa Maria Valley.

The SMVSA will be recognized at a reception on Monday, August 12, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Abel Maldonado Community Youth Center, 600 South McClelland Street, where their plaque will be added Meritorious Community Service Award wall.

Questions may be directed to the Recreation and Parks Office, 925-0951 ext. 260.

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