

Recreation Division Highlights

Thursday, April 16, 2026

District Event

Flashlight Egg Hunt

On Friday, March 27, the annual Flashlight Egg Hunt was held simultaneously at Borchard Community Center, Dos Vientos Community Center, Thousand Oaks Community Center, Conejo Community Center, and Old Meadows Center. Children enjoyed the excitement of searching for prize-filled eggs under the evening sky, with a special golden ticket element, rewarding lucky participants with additional prizes. The festive event also featured food trucks, inflatable bounce houses, crafts, a themed scavenger hunt, and the always popular Rec Van. An estimated 1,700 egg hunt participants and approximately 5,000 patrons overall, participated among all five locations.



McCrea Ranch

Intro to Native Plants & Resilient Landscapes at McCrea Ranch

We had 13 participants in our Intro to Native Plants and Resilient Landscapes class at McCrea Ranch, they enjoyed an inspiring and educational experience rooted in sustainability. Led by Kristin Guy, an editor at Sunset Magazine and a local Thousand Oaks expert, the class explored climate-resilient gardening using native plants and simple, sustainable care practices. It was a wonderful opportunity for participants to gain practical tools for creating beautiful and water-wise landscapes at home.

Thousand Oaks Community Center

Saturday Night Fun: Lego

Saturday Night Fun was a hit with our LEGO-themed evening, where 14 participants got creative and hands-on! Kids enjoyed making LEGO brick brownies, designing their own LEGO minifigures, and building imaginative cities together. Be sure to keep an eye out for our upcoming spring themes, including Tea Party and KPOP Spirit Hunters. We can't wait for more fun nights ahead!



Dos Vientos Community Center

Preschool Field Trip!

Our preschoolers enjoyed a special field trip to this local hiking trail, where National Park Rangers introduced them to native plants and animals in a fun and engaging way. Our staff guided 13 children along a 1-mile loop trail, plus a little extra exploration along the way!



The kids got hands-on with nature by making their own binoculars, "bug catchers," and nature booklets—perfect tools for curious young explorers. It was a day full of discovery, learning, and outdoor fun!



Conejo Community Center & Outdoor Unit

STEMTASTIC Event

On March 31st, CCC staff took part in the Acacia Elementary School, STEMTASTIC event, which had a few hundred students in attendance. CRPD staff lead a hands-on Aluminum Foil Boat Challenge where each student was given a 12-inch by 12-inch sheet of foil and encouraged to design a boat using any additional materials to help it hold the most weight. Before testing, students made a hypothesis predicting how much weight their boat could support, introducing them to the scientific method. Boats were then tested by gradually adding weight until they sank, with a prize awarded to the design that held the most. The activity was designed to be both fun and engaging while inspiring creativity and interest in engineering. Staff reported that approximately 50 people who visited our booth looking for more information on programs.

Archery

On Saturday April 4 the Conejo Center and Outdoor Unit held its first adult archery Class and an Easter-inspired, intermediate class on Tuesday March 31. The students participated in a mini-competition, shooting at Easter Eggs and an egg-shaped target. The archers got to arrange their own target to their own liking before firing at it for points.

We have had a strong archery program at the Conejo Community Center for over a decade. The program has expanded from offering one beginning archery class to now providing five different classes: parent/child, beginning, intermediate, advanced, and adult.



Ongoing & Upcoming

Aquatics

Summer Hiring

With the summer season quickly approaching, the Aquatics unit has begun the Summer 2026 Hiring Process. Currently, over 20 new hires have completed their hiring paperwork, with more applications coming in every day. Once new applicants have submitted an application, they also sign up for a try-out and interview. Once the onboarding process is complete, new hires will participate in a Summer Staff Orientation to kick our busiest season of the year!

Thousand Oaks Teen Center

Middle School Golf Tournament

The Thousand Oaks Teen Center is gearing up once again for its annual Coed Middle School Golf Tournament. This year's event will take place at the beautiful Los Robles Greens Golf Course on Thursday, April 23, from 4–8pm.

Two-person teams will hit the fairways in a scramble-style competition, with five groups of four golfers expected—20 talented teen participants ready to play. Along the course, players can also test their skills in our "Longest Drive" and "Closest to the Pin" contests.

The top team will take home Championship T-shirts and gift cards for free golf at Los Robles Greens. Every year, we receive fantastic feedback from both parents and teen golfers, and we're excited to deliver another great tournament this spring.

