



MEDIA ADVISORY

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INDEPENDENCE DAY FUN OUT IN THE VALLEY

15th annual 4th of July Spectacular at Hansen Dam Recreation Area

WHEN: Friday, July 4, 2008 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. (laser light show @ 9)

WHERE: Hansen Dam Recreation Area 11770 Foothill Blvd., Lake View Terrace

WHAT: The 15th annual Independence Day celebration at a City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks' operated facility located in the Lake View Terrace area (in the northeast San Fernando Valley). The free admission event will include a variety of entertainment throughout the day, including the 4th annual Valley Idol competition, a battle of the bands, a carnival, and more, concluding with a laser light show in the sky instead of the traditional fireworks presentation.

This year's theme is "Unity of the Communities," with Valley neighborhood councils uniting to promote cultural diversity. There are numerous activities available to enjoy in the 1,400-acre Hansen Dam Recreation Area, including swimming, hiking, fishing, kayaking, a play area for children of all abilities, soccer fields, and more.

WHO: Hundreds of families from communities in the San Fernando Valley
Musicians, singers, dancers, artists, and other creative types

VISUALS: Holiday celebrators enjoying swimming, picnicking, games, and more
Performers keeping spirits high with a variety of energetic entertainment

TO GET TO HANSEN DAM RECREATION AREA: From the **5 (Golden State) Freeway**, exit at Osborne St. Take Osborne St. north two miles to Foothill Blvd. Take Foothill Blvd. east to the entrance. **OR:** From the **210 (Foothill) Freeway**, exit at Osborne St. Take Osborne St. west ½-mile to the site. (*Thomas Guide page 502, grids G1, G2*).

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