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SAN ELIJO LAGOON DAY TO BE HELD May 15, 2010 WITH THE THEME 'YOUTH AND YOU IN THE LAGOON'

CARDIFF-BY-THE-SEA, CA, April 22 2010 - San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy will host its annual Lagoon Day at San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve from 10 am - 3 pm on Saturday, May 15, 2010. This year's theme is 'Youth and You in the Lagoon.' Students from two area high schools, the Met School and The Grauer School, will showcase the work they've done over the past academic year while learning about the lagoon habitat, and their own responsibility as stewards of the environment. The event will be held at the San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve Nature Center, located at 2710 Manchester Avenue in Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 1/2 mile west of Interstate 5. Free parking will be available at MiraCosta College, San Elijo Campus, located at 3333 Manchester Avenue, 1/2 mile east of Interstate 5. Shuttle transportation to the Nature Center will be provided throughout the day. Lagoon Day is free to the public.

An interactive web map to the Nature Center venue is here:
<http://www.sanelijo.org/naturecenter.htm>

Participants will enjoy timely, informative and fun-filled activities for adults and children, designed to increase awareness and appreciation of the natural and cultural resources of this world-class ecological reserve. Special displays and exhibits will be featured both within the Nature Center facility, and on surrounding grounds.

Activities will include: Interpretive Docent interactions for children and families; Children's story times; Face painting for young and old; Interpretive talks on archaeology, Native American culture, natural history, and biological systems; Bird watching stations with trained ornithologists offering the use of spotting scopes; Demonstrations of habitat monitoring and volunteer restoration activities; and a canine welcome table (dogs, please have your owner on leash.) The Nature Center setting features a 1/2 mile long walking trail along the shore of San Elijo Lagoon.

Food and drink will be offered for sale by popular Cardiff restaurant Bull Taco. Musicians and plein-air artists will set the tone for this day of celebration and learning.

Detailed information including a list of exhibitors and activities can be found at www.sanelijo.org or by contacting Geoffrey Smith, Communications Director, at 760.436.3944 or geoffrey@sanelijo.org.

San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy (www.sanelijo.org) is a non-profit citizens group formed in 1987 with the mission to preserve, protect, and enhance the natural resources of the San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve and its watershed. Located in San Diego's North County between the seaside communities of Solana Beach and Cardiff-by-the-Sea, the Reserve is one of the few remaining coastal wetlands and home to over 700 animal and plant species.

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