

Rancho Los Alamitos Historic Ranch and Gardens

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**Rancho Los Alamitos Foundation Will Honor Volunteers
and National Volunteer Week
Saturday, April 16, 2011
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**

LONG BEACH, CA -- On Saturday, April 16, 2011, beginning at 9:30 a.m., Rancho Los Alamitos Foundation (RLAF) will honor the more than 150 volunteers who support every facet of Ranch activity. Volunteers will enjoy cool drinks and nibble sweet treats while Pamela Seager, Executive Director, shares a very personalized progress report on the historic restoration of the Rancho's barns area and construction of the state-of-the-art Education Center plus new plans for the central portion of the site. Following the presentation, volunteers will be offered access to a very special, very private Gift Shop Sale.

It is fitting that the event will occur during National Volunteer Week which was established in 1974 by President Richard Nixon and will be celebrated throughout the country April 10 - 16, 2011.

Volunteers bring the Rancho to life through their creative efforts. RLAF relies on the talents and generosity of volunteers to meet its educational and public program staffing needs, from offering school tours and educational special events that attract thousands to providing specialized garden care and performing skilled curatorial tasks.

The Rancho invites volunteers into six different service areas including Curatorial, Office and Administration, Special Events and Public Programs, Hospitality, and Docent Tours and School Programs. The next Docent training course will to begin the third week of May, 2011. A list of interested individuals is now forming and those who would like to participate should contact the Rancho now to reserve a space in the course.

Individuals who are interested in joining volunteers as docents or in another area of interest, may contact the Rancho by calling (562) 431-3541 or via email at info@rancholosalamitos.org. More information is available at www.rancholosalamitos.org.

Rancho Los Alamitos is owned by the City of Long Beach and operated by Rancho Los Alamitos Foundation as a public/private cooperative venture under the auspices of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine. The site is open for tours Wednesday through Sunday from 1-5 p.m. School tours and Children's Native American Cultural Workshops are scheduled weekday mornings. Admission is free and parking is normally available on site. Enter though Bixby Hill residential security gate at Anaheim and Palo Verde. For information about the site, tours, or special events and programs, please go to www.rancholosalamitos.org.

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