

Rancho Los Alamitos Historic Ranch and Gardens

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LONG BEACH - Rancho Los Alamitos Historic Ranch and Gardens plans to stage a Ranch Roundup fundraiser on August 28, 2010 featuring a campfire barbecue, live country music by Craig Ruppert and "The California Cowboy Band," dancing, a silent auction and a poker tournament.

All funds raised at the event will support the free educational programs and activities of Rancho Los Alamitos. The Rancho offers a wide range of educational programs and services including school tours and the Children's Native American Cultural Workshops, tours for the general public and special interest groups, and major public programs such as "Come Home to Povuu'ngna at Rancho Los Alamitos," the highly regarded native American cultural awareness day held this past June, Ranch Day and the annual Fall Harvest Festival.

Events begin at 5 p.m. A Texas hold 'em poker tournament will take place from 5:00 to 9:30 p.m. There is a \$100 buy-in separate from the price of admission to the Roundup. Prizes include a flat-screen HD LCD TV, an 8GB iPod Touch and more.

Guests are encouraged to dress in their best Western Chic attire as there will be a prize for the best dressed Cowboy and Cowgirl Duds!

There will be a drawing for "The Spirit of the Friendly Garden," a framed oil painting of the Rancho's historic garden by renowned local artist, Steven Looman.

Event sponsors include former California Gov. George and first lady Gloria Deukmejian, Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe, Mayor Bob and Nancy Foster, the Port of Long Beach and many other private citizens and businesses who support the historic and cultural resource and its educational programs and services.

Free parking is available in Cal State Long Beach Lot 9, which is on the west side of Palo Verde Avenue between Atherton Street and Anaheim Road. Shuttles will take guests to the rancho on Bixby Hill.

Admission tickets, which are \$125, can be purchased online at www.rancholosalamitos.com or by calling 562-431-3541. Raffle tickets, which have a suggested donation of \$20 each or six for \$100, are also available online.

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 Native American Children's 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, go to www.rancholosalamitos.com.