

# ATTENTION ASSIGNMENT EDITORS



## MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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Media Advisory

November 16, 2007

6:00 pm

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### Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to Treat Cypress Park Community to Thanksgiving Dinner at the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens

*Assemblymember Kevin De Leon and MRCA Park Rangers to serve turkey dinner to  
hundreds of kids from the Cypress Park community and their families*

Los Angeles--Park Rangers and staff from the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) and Assemblymember Kevin De Leon, will serve kids from the Northeast L.A. Anahuak Soccer Association, whose 1,400 members range in age from 4-17, other community members, and their families a home-cooked, traditional Thanksgiving feast this Friday night. Dinner will include roast turkey donated by Assemblymember Kevin De Leon, and prepared by MRCA Rangers and staff, potluck side dishes brought by community members, and pumpkin pie. As part of the celebration, twenty *Junior Rangers*—kids from the Cypress Park Community who have completed a 10-week environmental program about the Los Angeles River—will be “sworn in” by MRCA Chief Ranger Walt Young.

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**WHO:** 100+ children from the Cypress Park community and their families.  
Assemblymember Kevin De Leon  
Raul Macias, founder of Anahuak Soccer Association  
MRCA Park Rangers and staff

**WHAT:** MRCA Park Rangers and staff and Assemblymember De Leon cook and serve traditional Thanksgiving dinner for the community.

“Swearing in” ceremony of twenty *Junior Rangers* from the Cypress Park Community.

**WHEN:** **Friday November 16, 2007 6:00-8:00 pm**  
**Dinner begins at 6:00; Program begins at 7:00**

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WHERE: Los Angeles River Center and Gardens 570 W. Avenue 26, Los Angeles, CA 90065, at the intersection of San Fernando Road and Avenue 26, near the intersection of the I-5 and 110 Freeways.

*Note: Interviews available in English and Spanish*

**About the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority:** The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) is a public agency of the State of California formed in 1985 pursuant to the Joint Powers Act with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District, and the Conejo Recreation and Park District. It is dedicated to the preservation and management of local open space and parkland, trails and wildlife habitat. The MRCA manages and provides ranger services to over 50,000 acres of parkland that it owns and that is owned by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and other agencies, and provides comprehensive education and interpretation programs for the community. It is one of the key public agencies working to find innovative solutions to regional water quality and supply challenges, and to restore habitat, and create public parkland along the Los Angeles River and its tributaries.

**About the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens:** Owned and operated by the MRCA, the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens is located near the confluence of the Los Angeles River and the Arroyo Seco at the heart of the Cypress Park community. Formerly the Lawry's California Center, its beautiful mission-style grounds and conference facilities now serve as a neighborhood resource as well as a focal point for the renewal of the Los Angeles River. Its amenities include a public park and picnic area, a visitor's center and exhibit hall, and a bicycle staging area for the several bicycle paths that converge nearby.

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