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***Coyote Valley Family Harvest Feast***

*Celebrates the Fall Harvest with Fresh, Healthy Food and Outdoor Fun*

**San Jose, CA - Sept. 3, 2015:** The Open Space Authority cordially invites the community to the Coyote Valley Family Harvest Feast, a grand celebration of our local agricultural heritage. The Feast will take place on Saturday, September 19, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the newly-opened Coyote Valley Open Space Preserve in Morgan Hill. All attendees are encouraged to register in advance at <https://cv-family-farm-feast.eventbrite.com>.

Coyote Valley will come alive with a festival of music, dancing, live animals, games, and guided hikes. The Harvest Feast will provide an abundance of lively entertainment for the whole family, including ABC-KGO Anchor Dan Ashley as MC, kids' entertainer Andy Z, and several local performance groups representing diverse cultures. Chef Erica Schaal will demonstrate how to prepare her signature paella dish and will share free samples.

"Around the world, the harvest is a time of joy and celebration," said Andrea Mackenzie, General Manager. "Whether it entails a ceremony that honors the earth or a gathering to share the bounty – harvest time represents our connection to the land that produces fresh, nutritious foods that nurture us. The Family Harvest Feast will take place in a spectacular 348-acre open space preserve with family entertainment, environmental education, guided hikes and affordable delicious food. There will be something special there for everyone to enjoy."

The Open Space Authority is partnering with Asian Americans for Community Involvement to provide free round trip bus shuttle service for those with limited access to transportation. Buses will leave every half hour (starting at 10:30 a.m.) from two San Jose locations: Seven Trees Community Center, 3590 Cas Drive and Asian American for Community Involvement, 749 Story Road. Return buses will leave on the half hour. To reserve seats on the bus, call Asian Americans for Community Involvement:

For English and Vietnamese speakers: 408-975-2730; ext. 362

For Spanish speakers: 408-975-2730; ext. 214

For other languages, call the general number at: 669-800-6991



This year's Family Harvest Feast is generously sponsored by **Peninsula Open Space Trust** at the Golden Eagle level; and by **Bay Area Parent, Sounds of Hope Radio Network** and **Asian Americans for Community Involvement** at the Peregrine Falcon Level.

**Family entertainment will include:**

- 11:15 a.m. Akoma Arts and Drums – A thrilling performance of African drumming and dance
- 12:00 p.m. Kathak Dance – Traditional Indian dancing
- 12:30 p.m. Xotchil Cultural – Mexican folkloric dance
- 1:00 p.m. PUSH – Classic Rock band with ABC-KGO Anchor Dan Ashley
- 2:00 p.m. Andy Z – Engages kids and kids at heart with music and laughter
- 2:30 p.m. PUSH – Classic Rock band with ABC-KGO Anchor Dan Ashley

**There will be activities taking place throughout the day:**

- 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. – Live Animals from Happy Hollow Zoo
- Cooking demonstration -- Chef Erica Schaal presents her signature Paella dish
- Once Upon a Pony petting zoo
- Children's games, environmental education booths
- Docent-led hikes in the 348-acre preserve

**Attendees can bring a picnic lunch to enjoy, or purchase delicious, affordable food:**

- Chef Erica's Paella
- Fish Taco Wabo
- Falafel Fresh
- El Porteno Empanadas
- MOGO Korean BBQ
- Three Twins Ice Cream
- Fairy Cakes
- Family-friendly food from Kiwanis including fresh fruit kabobs, grilled cheese, sausages

Additional information and registration for this free event: <http://www.openspaceauthority.org> .

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*Since 1993, the Open Space Authority has protected over 18,000 acres of open space, farm and ranchlands, natural areas, watersheds and wildlife habitat — providing outdoor recreation opportunities and preserving the natural beauty and environmental health of Santa Clara County*