



**Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission**

# MEDIA ADVISORY

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## **Summer Camp Unites Runaway & Homeless Youth With Well-Known Visual and Performance Artists**

*- Week-long summer camp takes 14 youth off the streets and into a positive environment -*

**(Fresno, CA)**- Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission's (EOC) Sanctuary and Youth Services, in partnership with the San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust, is pleased to announce Camp Sanctuary '10: Nature of Art Camp at Owl Hollow, from July 12–16, 2010. The week-long, all-day summer camp will offer 14 Sanctuary Youth Shelter and Outreach to the Streets participants new experiences of the San Joaquin River through the visual arts, poetry, photography and outdoor theater with well-known visual and performance artists.

"Camp Sanctuary will bring together youth and professional artists to explore nature on the riverbanks of Owl Hollow," says Michelle L. Tutunjian, EOC's Sanctuary Director. "This camp will give our youth an opportunity to enjoy the outdoors and turn their experiences into original works of art."

"I am looking forward to camp because I will have something positive to do for the summer and it's a great way to make new friends," says Shaylee Stickles, 13-year-old Camp Sanctuary participant.

Camp Sanctuary participants will work with professional artists and ecologists to create art which will be featured in an exhibition at the Coke Hallowell Center for River Studies and a future Art Hop exhibit hosted by the EOC Sanctuary in November as part of National Runaway Prevention

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and Awareness Month. Full scholarships from the San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust make this experience possible.

The media is invited to capture all the excitement. Media opportunities are as follows:

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT/LOCATION</b>	
July 12-16, 2010	Daily at 8:30 AM	River Center-11605 Old Friant Road, Fresno, CA 93730	
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July 12	10 a.m. – 12 p.m. or 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.	River Center	Learning underwater photography and printing
July 13	9 a.m. - 10 a.m.	Owl Hallow	Working with water color expert from Yosemite National Park
	1 p.m. - 3 p.m.	River Center	Learning about natural history of San Joaquin River
July 14	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	River Center	Working with print maker and famous poet
July 15	9 a.m. – 11 a.m.	Owl Hallow	Learning from environmental artist and co-founder of San Joaquin River Parkway
July 16	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Owl Hallow	Canoeing around lagoon
	12 p.m. - 3 p.m.	River Center	Open House and visual arts exhibit

**NOTE: Youth, San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust staff, and EOC Sanctuary Youth Services staff are available for interviews.**

### **About Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission (EOC)**

For over 44 years, Fresno County EOC – a private, nonprofit agency – has helped low-income Fresno County residents become self-sufficient. EOC offers over 30 comprehensive community-based programs that develop an individual's capabilities and places them on the path toward financial independence.

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