

## The Buzz

## 2014 Winter Camp - Next Chapter Ahead!

Each Presidents' Day weekend the Fire & Burn Foundation hosts a winter camp for burn-injured children in the San Bernardino Mountains. This year was no exception, and despite the weather seeming more like summer than winter, all who attended had an amazing time. In total, 43 campers ages 5-17 attended camp, with 8 Leaders-in-Training, who are burn survivors ages 18-20. Along with the campers and LIT's a team of volunteer camp counselors and volunteer camp staff members participated for 4 days of healing, growth, and most of all Fun! Campers from the Inland Empire were joined by campers from San Diego, Orange County and Las Vegas in this unique camp offering much needed peer support and reprieve from day to day life!

Campers got to experience a number of educational and fun activities including NASA's mobile planetarium, Bowling at The Bowling Barn in Big Bear Lake, an instructor led painting class put on by Purple Easel, and an hour of entertainment hosted by Fantastic Patrick which had the whole camp laughing until it hurt. These activities were in addition to the typical camp activities, like playing games, arts and crafts, and outdoor play! The group also got to work together in teams through a series of team building activities and then entertained the camp with a number of skits performed by each cabin. In addition to the fun aspect of camp, a team of trained social workers and therapists led the group in support sessions to help them re-establish and enhance their self-esteem.



Campers show off their wonderful paintings thanks to Purple Easel!

The Fire & Burn Foundation's Youth Winter Burn Camp is free to burn survivors and an opportunity to attend a Summer Burn Camp is available. Please contact the Fire & Burn Foundation at (909) 580-6339 for more information and to get registered!

## **Youth Burn Survivor Support Group**

Date: Thursday, March 27, 2014

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: ARMC - Edward G. Hirschman Burn Center

400 N. Pepper Ave, 2 North

Colton, CA 92324

Call or eMail Kylie Apodaca to reserve your space or for more information. 951-901-8293 or kapodaca@fireandburn.org.



# Join Us for the Cherry Hills Club's First Annual Chili Challenge!

Saturday, March 22, 2014 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM 28333 Valley Blvd. Sun City, CA 92586

Come and cheer on your favorite teams as they battle it out to claim bragging rights for THE best chili in Southwest Riverside County!



#### **Competing Teams:**

Menifee Lakes Fire Station #76
Riverside County Sheriff's Department
Brookdale Place - San Marcos
Retired Local Firefighters
Menifee City Hall
Brookdale Place - Nohl Ranch Inn
Cherry Hills Club
Menifee Medical Center
Menifee Chamber of Commerce









## Save the Date!

Mark your calendar for Summer Camp in San Diego July 28 - August 4.

Applications will be mailed or emailed to you from the Fire & Burn Foundation and must be returned to the Fire & Burn Foundation to be eligible to attend.

### We Want to Stay In Touch

Have you changed addresses? Phone numbers? eMail addresses?

If so, please contact the Fire & Burn Foundation today at 909-580-6339 so we can update our records!

## Is Your Home Wildfire Ready?

With our current drought conditions the risk of fire has increased dramatically. The Fire & Burn Foundation's Ready! Set! Go! Guide is available now in both English

and Spanish. It contains the important information you need to prepare your home and family against fire. By following the steps to prepare your home you help Firefighters have a better chance of saving it. You can also help reduce the risk to your family by creating an evacuation plan and practicing it.



To receive your FREE Ready Set Go Guide, contact the Fire & Burn Foundation at 909-580-6339. Or download a copy from our website under the Prevention tab at www.fireandburn.org.