

CAMPO - LAKE MORENA

Mountain Empire Community Center

September at the MECC

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WELCOME OUR LATEST MEMBERS

John Ing, Joe Reilly, Chuck Reed, Dave Wilson and the Johnson Family are all our latest members of the Mountain Empire Community Center. Help us reach our goal of 100 new members by the end of the year. Please consider joining and supporting your local community. For information please see membership form in this edition of the Backcountry Messenger or stop by the community center.



The Mountain Empire Community Center serves an integral part in the community. We have a senior lunch program that is open to all ages. We have a high speed Internet computer lab with a laser printer. High Speed Wireless is available to members. We are a meeting place for community members and groups such as Campo/Lake Morena Kiwanis, Backcountry Seniors, Boy Scouts, Weight Watchers, Campo/Lake Morena Planning Group, Backcountry Revitalization Forum, Mountain Empire Disaster Preparedness Council, Mountain Empire Collaborative Family Fun Night and many others. Come be a part of "What's Happening" and stop by for a monthly calendar, menu and activity program.

MHCS is committed to meeting the needs of our community. Please let us know what programs you want to see at the Mountain Empire Community Center. Call Shannon

Reed, Community Center Coordinator at 619-478-2384 to express your thoughts.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT:

Dave White, Woody Conklin and Becki Parrott have been volunteering at the Mountain Empire Community Center in our food services program. Dave and Woody pick up the Fresh Rescue each week in Alpine and deliver it to the community center. We would not have this food available if not for Dave using his own vehicle and time to retrieve this food. Woody helps load and unload the food. He also makes lots of wooden signs for local community associations such as Mountain Empire Little League and directional signs throughout Campo. Becki helps with the Fresh Rescue and Food Pantry as needed. She also comes by several times a week to pick up and post fliers for MECC

and other local events. All three individuals are always willing to help when needed and are a pleasure to work with. Thank you very much for a job Well Done! (Pictured is Woody and Becki with a sign they made for the "Smoking Area" at the community center. Thank you!)

SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES

Mountain Empire Community Center in Campo is happy to offer the following programs in September.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT!

Come for dinner and "shop" for your school supplies at Back To School Night at the Mountain Empire Community Center on Tuesday September 1st at 5pm. Please see flyer in this newspaper (page 7) for more information or call 619-478-2384.

SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY CENTER—JOIN TODAY!

HELP ENHANCE RURAL LIFE IN THE EAST COUNTY BY BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE MOUNTAIN EMPIRE COMMUNITY CENTER

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS INCLUDE:

1. Use of the Main Hall for meetings during hours of operation when available (previous arrangements must be made)
2. Use of wireless internet connection during business hours
3. Discounted rates on rental of center
4. Notification of Program Events and Classes
5. Community Center Newsletter



The Mountain Empire Community Center has a maximum capacity of 125 occupants. Tables and chairs are available for use. The center also includes a tot room and a high speed internet computer lab with 10 desktops. There is a large screen TV with a VHS/DVD player. The center also had a kitchen available for rent for an additional cost.

Please note: Alcoholic beverages may not be served on Mountain Empire Community Center property without a permit from the County of San Diego.

MOUNTAIN EMPIRE COMMUNITY CENTER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please complete this form and mail with payment to:

MHCS PO Box 37, Campo, CA 91906

Circle your membership level: (membership is good for 12 months)

Individual \$25 Couple \$50 Family \$75
Non-profit \$150 Corporate \$250

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

We appreciate your support and look forward to serving your family or organization this year.

HOMEWORK CLUB

Starting September 3rd every Tuesday and Thursdays students can meet at the community center to work on their homework. Come get help or help others from 3-5pm.

FRIDAY FUN NIGHT WILL BE SEPTEMBER 25TH FROM 6-8PM.

This night of food and fun is sponsored by the Mountain Empire Collaborative.

GENERATIONS OF ACTION FOOD PANTRY

Upcoming dates are September 8th & September 22nd. Please line on the back deck no earlier than 10:30am. For pantry locations call 619-468-6855 for recorded information.

ADULT TAP DANCING

Classes are every Friday except the first Friday of the month. Come join us at 10am. Upcoming dates are September 11th, 18th &

25th.. Thank you Harriet! Mountain Health & Community Services continues to serve the Backcountry through the many programs at the Mountain Empire Community Center. The Community Center is located at 976 Sheridan Road across from Sheriff Station in Campo. Regular operating hours are Monday through Saturday from 8:30am to 5pm. We are closed on major holidays and for special events.

KIWANIS COMMUNITY SWAP MEET NOW BACK AT THE HIGH SCHOOL!

Mtn. Empire High School
3291 Buckman Springs Road
In Front of the Main School Building



Make money while cleaning out your barns and storage sheds

Sat. Sept. 12, 2009
7:00 am—1:00 pm
(Vendor Setup 6:00 am)

Swapmeet spaces are \$20.00 and are approximately 10'x20'. One vendor per space please.

Advertising will be throughout the Mountain Empire area. Food will be available from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Call Dudley Mills at 478-5787 to reserve a space or for more information. Shoppers always get in free.

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NEW

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING

**Starting 8/20/09
Thursdays @7pm
Sacred Rock Reserve
in Boulevard**

(formerly Outdoor World RV Park)

Check in at office to verify meeting location.
Call Shannon R. 742-9479 for more information