



MONTE NIDO VALLEY



COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



A Dark Sky Community

E-NEWSLETTER

May/June 2013

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JULY 4TH PARADE AND PICNIC

It's Official!!!

**Due to High Demand
and Great Popularity...**

The young people of Monte Nido aged 0-18 are invited to submit an idea to the

**Theme Contest
for the July 4, 2013**

Monte Nido Parade and Picnic!!!

Send us your great ideas for this year's theme!!!

(email to loislove331@earthlink.net by June 15)

The Winner will be the JUNIOR GRAND MARSHAL and ride in a Vintage Fire Truck in the parade

**Submissions must be received by June 15.
Contestants must be under the age of 19.
Get those creative juices flowing kids :)
You Could Win!!!!**

AND PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO HELP!

Remember, none of the July 4th festivities happen all by themselves. It takes "people power". We really do NEED YOU to help, either in advance or that day or both! Please contact Lois Love loislove331@earthlink.net to Tracy Bunetta tracybunetta@hotmail.com to offer your services. Lois needs volunteer to carry the Monte Nido banner and flags to lead the parade. To help with the picnic, contact Tracy.

July 4th Equestrians Important Notice!!

All equestrians participating in the MNVCA 4th of July Parade with a horse, pony, mule or donkey are covered by insurance provided to MNVCA by Equestrian Trails, Inc., Corral 36. No equestrian may participate in the parade with an animal without first signing the WAIVER & RELEASE FOR EQUESTRIAN TRAILS, INC., ACTIVITIES, found in this newsletter. Please complete and return this waiver release to Stephanie Abronson prior to July 4th. Reach Stephanie via email: Stephanie@abronson.com or leave a telephone message at 818.222.7669.

Parents of children participating with a horse, pony, mule or donkey in the parade must sign the waiver & release form before their children can participate in the parade. Member of the USEF (United States Equestrian Federation) are exempt from purchasing a one-day single event membership for Equestrian Trails, Inc. but must provide a copy of their current membership card. If you are not a current member of Equestrian Trails, Inc., or the USEF, you must purchase ahead of time a one-day single event membership at a cost of \$5.00 per adult or child or \$7.00 for a family up to 4 persons.

We will greatly appreciate your forethought to getting this paperwork done before July 4th. It's really tough to tell a child that they may not participate in our wonderful parade because mommy or daddy didn't get the paperwork done! You can find the ETI Liability waiver in the back of this Newsletter (view print lay-out to print).

Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Areas Visitor Center

Sophia Wong, from Western National Parks Association and Manager of Store & Events at the new Visitor Center at the King Gillette Ranch site spoke to MNVCA Board and community members at the April 9 meeting.

She gave a run down on upcoming scheduled events and specialty items available at the store. Reports from many recent visitors are that the new Park Visitors Center's interactive educational features are great for kids and adults alike. Rangers lead guided hikes and tours from the site often. Sophia's phone number is 805-370-2302. The web site is www.wnnpa.org

Thank you MNVCA Members

Thank you to all the people who responded during the recent membership drive for Monte Nido Valley Community Association. We will continue to represent and inform you on issues that affect our neighborhood. We invite anyone who is interested in attending our bi-monthly meetings to check this newsletter for dates and times. If you are not currently a member, we would appreciate it if you would consider joining. Membership is \$50 and addressed to MNVCA at P.O. Box 8054, Calabasas 91372.

Judy Goldin, Treasurer

And if you have NOT already joined the MNVCA ...

Earlier this year, you should have received the annual Monte Nido Valley Community Association membership appeal. It's only \$50 a year to support the organization that supports you. The MNVCA organizes and finances insurance and infrastructure (like tables, microphones, trash, food) and other expenses for the July 4th parade and picnic, and the autumn BBQ and Square Dance. Board members and community volunteers organize and staff the Adopt-A-Highway cleanup, Fire Safe Council, the monthly Bulletin Board and this newsletter. They represent our interests at Las Virgenes Homeowner's Association, at County Supervisor meetings, and with local developers to protect our rural character and our trails. Your donation helps make all this, and more, possible. It's a small price to pay for a big return! Please mail your membership check today.

**Thank you from the Board and
our community equestrians to all
the friendly Monte Nido
neighbors who allow horses to
cross their properties.**

FIRE SAFE COUNCIL REPORT

**Don't delay getting your brush clearance up
to snuff for the upcoming fire season. For
any special concerns or further guidance
contact the local fire station personnel. Phone
number for the fire station on Piuma is 818-
222-1099**

*All neighbors are welcome
and encouraged to attend Board meetings.
We welcome your interest and involvement!*

How to reach us:

Send your email address to Jill Reiss, the MNVCA secretary, at mnvcanewsletter@gmail.com, to receive announcements of meetings, community activities, and the time and location of our Board meetings.

President: Carrie Baltin 818-224-4696

Vice Pres: Joan Slimokowsky 818-591-1082

Treasurer: Judy Goldin 818-983-1910

Secretary: Jill Reiss 818-222-1995

**Contributions to the newsletter can be sent to the editor Mary Helen Young
youngsmh@earthlink.net**

*The Next Meeting of the
Monte Nido Valley
Community Association
Board of Directors
Is scheduled for
June 11, 2013*

*At the home of Heidi and Barry Stompe
871 Malibu Meadows Dr. 818-222-9711*

Mark your calendars...

Plan to come ☺

See Calendar of Events in this newsletter for more information.

Calendar of Events

MNVCA Board Meeting

Tues., June 11 at 7PM
At the home of
Heidi & Barry Stome
871 Malibu Meadows Dr
818-222-8711

ETI Corral 36 RSVP to

Stephanie@abronson.com
Location
*Diamond X Ranch, 26412
Mulholland Hwy, Calabasas*
Date and time
Tuesday, June 4, 2013, 7:00PM



WAIVER & RELEASE
FOR EQUESTRIAN TRAILS, INC., ACTIVITIES
This Is A Waiver of Your Legal Rights, And An Agreement Not To Sue
Serious Injury Or Death May Result From Riding Or Being Near Horses



1. **Participant's Name** (print): _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **State:** _____ **Zip** _____

Telephone: (_____) _____ **ETI Member** _____ **If Yes, Corral #:** _____

2. **Liability Release.**

In consideration for Equestrian Trials, Inc. ("ETI") allowing me or my child to voluntarily participate in its activities, I agree as follows:

- a. This agreement, waiver and release applies to ETI and to ETI's affiliated Corrals, committees, employees, predecessors, successors, attorneys, insurers, members and volunteers who are working in the course and scope of their duties on behalf of ETI, including its affiliated Corrals, at the time of occurrence of any act or omission which is later alleged to be a cause or contribution to a claim for injury, damages or death ("Released Parties");
- b. I forever release, hold harmless and indemnify Released Parties from liability for any and all claims, demands, causes of action, damages, injuries or death to me, my minor children, my horse and my property, and legal liability of every nature, including the negligent acts or omissions of any Released Parties, whether known or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated, direct or indirect, arising out of participation in the past, present or future ETI activities (including equestrian activities, such as the riding, use of, or being near, horses, whether at an arena, stable or on a trail ride in association with ETI) and I assume all risks of injury or death as set forth in this release;
- c. I shall not bring any lawsuit, action or proceeding against any Released Parties, even if they engage in negligent conduct; and
- d. I make this agreement, waiver and release for and on behalf of myself, my spouse, my child and/or ward, heirs, administrators, successors, representatives and assigns.

3. **Activity Risk**

I understand that some ETI activities take place in isolated or wilderness areas over rough terrain, and/or trails of unknown condition, and others take place on land or in facilities owned and managed by others from whom such land or facilities are borrowed or rented. I understand that the organizers, workers and members involved in ETI activities are not professionals in the horse industry, or in the planning or conducting of trips or camping events, or in other areas of expertise involved in ETI activities. I also understand that horseback riding is a rugged adventure, recreational sport activity. I am aware that there are numerous obvious and non-obvious inherent risks of serious injury or death, or property damage, to me or my horse, which are always present in ETI activities, on or near horses. I understand that pregnant women are specifically advised not to ride horses. I understand that ETI is a non-profit club of private individuals who have come together to support and enjoy recreation-oriented activities.

4. **Nature of Horses.**

I understand that no horse is completely safe, and the Released Parties make no representations or guarantees regarding the safety, training or suitability of any horse. Horses are 5 to 15 times larger, 20 to 40

5. Conditions of Nature & Locations.

I agree that the Released Parties are not responsible for acts, occurrences or elements of nature or a particular location that can injure a person or scare a horse, cause it to trip, fall or react in some other manner. These elements include thunder, lightning, rain, wind, wild and domestic animals, insects, other people and horses, and reptiles which may walk, run, fly near, bite and/or sting a horse or person, irregular footing on groomed or wild land which is subject to constant change according to weather, temperature, natural and man-made objects. The Released Parties have not inspected, and make no representations or warranties concerning the safety or condition of, any trail, camping site, arena and/or other location of ETI events.

6. Helmet Warning.

I am aware that protective head gear which meets or exceeds the quality standards of the SEI certified and ASTM standard F1163 equestrian helmet, should be purchased and worn by me and/or my child while riding and being near horses, and the wearing of such helmet may reduce the severity of some head injuries and may prevent my serious injury or death as a result of a fall or other occurrence. If I or my minor child do not wear a helmet, it is because we so choose.

I HAVE READ, UNDERSTOOD AND VOLUNTARILY AGREE TO THIS TWO-PAGE WAIVER & RELEASE. I FURTHER AGREE THAT NO ORAL STATEMENTS, REPRESENTATIONS OR INDUCEMENTS APART FROM THIS WRITTEN AGREEMENT HAVE BEEN MADE TO ME TO OBTAIN MY CONSENT.

Dated: _____ Participant's Signature: _____



(Printed Name)

IF PARTICIPANT IS UNDER 18, SIGNATURE OF AGREEMENT BY PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN IS ALSO REQUIRED, AND SUCH PERSON FURTHER AGREES, PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 2, ABOVE, TO RELEASE AND INDEMNIFY THE RELEASED PARTIES FOR ANY INJURY OR DEATH TO, OR ANY CLAIM BY OR ON BEHALF OF, SUCH MINOR:

Minor's Birth Date: _____

Dated: _____

Signature: _____



Relationship to Minor: _____

(Printed Name of Signor)

ETI Witness (print name) Stephanie Abronson _____ Corral # 36

Description of Event Where Signed: MNVCA 4th of July Parade, Monte Nido, CA