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## Family Fun in Nature for River Kids Discovery Days

Two-day event celebrates the San Diego River with exploration, play and learning... and free events for all ages!

San Diego, CA – The fourth annual River Kids Discovery Days is Friday and Saturday, March 9 and 10 at sites along the San Diego River and its tributaries from Descanso to Ocean Beach. The two-day event begins on Friday to allow schools and teachers to take advantage of these fun, free nature activities for youth and families, and continues with Saturday events for the whole family.

Rob Hutsel, President and CEO of The San Diego River Park Foundation says, "Each year, we host hundreds of events for the community to connect with the River, but these event specifically geared for kids are extra special for us. The San Diego River is really cool, and we love to share it with so many kids for this special event!"

Thanks to title sponsor San Diego Gas & Electric and in cooperation with 18 partner organizations, 14 different free activities are planned, including a trout release, river art projects, native planting and more. For a complete list of partners, project sites, and media site information, please visit www.riverdiscoverydays.org.

There are 14 different events that make up River Kids Discovery Days, but the media site is:

**WHO:** The San Diego River Park Foundation will be joined by students from local elementary

schools as well as partners from the San Diego Fly Fishers, the California Department of

Fish and Wildlife, and the City of San Diego

**WHAT:** Students will release baby trout that they have been raising since they were tiny eggs.

During this field trip, students will learn about conservation of habitat and natural

resources along the San Diego River.

**WHERE:** Lake Murray boat launch

5540 Kiowa Drive La Mesa, CA 91942

WHEN: Friday, March 9, 9:30 am to 11 am

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## **About The San Diego River Park Foundation**

The San Diego River Park Foundation's mission is to engage people to work toward a better future for the historic San Diego River and the creation of a 52 mile river parkway from the mountains to the ocean. The River Park Foundation is a non-profit community-based organization that is dedicated to engaging the community in caring for and celebrating the San Diego River. As part of this effort, we will provide free, hands-on education experiences for more than 2,500 kids this year. Visit www.sandiegoriver.org for more information.