

# NEWS Release

City of Richmond Recreation Department



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## **Free Backpack Give-Away to Richmond Summer Youth Camp Participants**

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| <b>What:</b>  | Back-to-school backpack and school supply give-away to 350 youth summer camp participants |
| <b>When:</b>  | <b>Saturday, August 8, 2015</b><br><b>3 p.m. – 5 p.m.</b>                                 |
| <b>Where:</b> | Richmond Recreation Complex<br>3230 Macdonald Avenue, Richmond, CA                        |

**Richmond, Calif.** – Hundreds of Richmond’s youth who have participated in one of six summer camp programs, operated by the City’s Recreation Department, will be ending their summer (and starting their school year) with new backpacks and school supplies. The items have been donated by the One Richmond Motorcycle Association.

Included in each backpack will be a variety of school supplies and a special children’s book, written by Andre A. Lewis, about the work of the City’s Office of Neighborhood Safety (ONS) titled, ***‘Be A Change Agent For Your Community’***.

“There’s no better way to conclude an extraordinary summer of learning!” said Summer Camp Program Coordinator Dean Vigil. “To have the One Richmond Motorcycle Association approach us and communicate that they feel that Richmond Youth are important and that they want to donate free backpacks to support Richmond youth learning is awe-inspiring.”

Darryl “Star Child” Robinson, who’s a member of the Richmond motorcycle club, “All Access Platinum VIPs,” established the One Richmond Motorcycle Association as a way to unite the different motorcycles clubs in the City, creating a unified voice to support the community.

“We are trying to bridge the gap between our clubs and the kids of our communities,” said Robinson. “It’s important that kids know that riding a motorcycle and being associated with a motorcycle club does not make you a bad person. We are truly excited and inspired by what these youth and the Richmond Recreation Department have created together this summer!”

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The Richmond Recreation Department's Summer Camp Program provides high quality summer camp experiences for the whole Richmond community. "Our goal is to create a comprehensive summer camp experience for youth, providing a rich blend of project based learning, quality enrichment programs, and recreational activities, that will support their success in school and life," said Kris Lofthus, Richmond Community Services Manager.

**About the City of Richmond Recreation Department**

The Recreation Department is dedicated to improving the quality of life in Richmond by celebrating the diversity of its residents and building understanding through interactions in its recreation programs, parks, facilities, and cultural events. The department is committed to providing the highest quality recreation, parks, programs and services at a good value to our customers.

For more information about Richmond Recreation, please visit our website at <http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/106/Recreation>

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