

# News Release



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## Mount San Jacinto State Park: 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Mark your calendar. On June 13, 2009, Mount San Jacinto State Park (MSJSP) celebrates the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civilian Conservation Corps' (CCC) development of the park. The day's activities begin at 10:00 am, in the park. We are located at 25905, State Highway 243, Idyllwild CA. Established in 1933, the Corps was responsible for the construction of many park facilities, including the Idyllwild campground, warden's residence and several historic structures still in use today.

Activities for this event include a spike camp demonstration by the California Conservation Corps, historic displays of "Park Rustic" architecture and stonework, and original footage of the CCC at work. There will also be a book signing by a local author & historian as well as children's games and activities. Guest speakers will include local legislators and park professionals. State park employees and volunteers will be available for questions and explanations about the CCC role at Mount San Jacinto State Park.

An evening campfire program, "A Tribute to the Civilian Conservation Corps", complete with hot cocoa and cider will culminate the day's events. State Park staff is encouraging CCC family members to contact MSJSP, as there may be an opportunity for family to display memorabilia or artifacts that tell a CCC story.

For more information, please contact MSJSP staff at (951) 659-2607.

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