



MEDIA ADVISORY

STAR/PAL

(Sports Training, Academics, Recreation/Police Athletic League)

What: **Surf's Up for inner-city youth!**

When: **Friday, August 22nd – Rain or Shine!**
10:00 - 10:30 am: Introduction/water safety talk/surf lesson
10:30 - 11:45 am: Free surf with volunteers
11:45 - 12:30 pm: BBQ Lunch
12:30 - 1:30 pm: Beach games/free surf with volunteers

Where: **Silver Strand State Beach, (Parking Lot #3)**
5000 Highway 75, Coronado, CA, 92118

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Over 60 inner-city youth will “hit the surf” with the help of law enforcement and public safety mentors at the annual STAR/PAL Surf Clinic. Participants, ages 9-16 years old, from various underserved communities throughout San Diego will learn about ocean safety and the fundamentals of surfing while engaging with STAR/PAL officers and other law enforcement role models in a positive and active environment.

Youth will start the day with a water safety talk from California State Park Lifeguards, then catch a wave with volunteers who are sworn officers from the San Diego Police, County Probation, Sheriff's, National City Police and Coronado Police Departments, as well as other volunteers from the community, in an exciting day of fun in the sun.

Members of the media are invited to attend this event. Members of the STAR/PAL staff and various public safety agencies will be available for comment. Video opportunities include kids learning the basics of surfing, catching waves (for many it is their first experience with surfing), as well as playing beach games.

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