



MEDIA ADVISORY

STAR/PAL

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

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

When: **Friday, August 21st – 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)**

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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, community volunteers, 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 from various local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies including the San Diego Police, County Probation, and County Sheriff's Departments, as well as other volunteers from local businesses including COX Communications and AlliedBarton Security Services, 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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