Take a typical Southern California day—add about 100 fire trucks, lots of sunshine, water hoses, grilled hot dogs, healthy competition and some live music—and you’ve got the hottest family event of the summer!

On Saturday, July 19, join the Burn Institute and thousands of our closest friends at QUALCOMM Stadium for the 18th Annual Viejas FIRE EXPO/Firefighter Combat Challenge Presented by Toyota and FIRE-ETC. Billed as California’s Largest Firefighting Event, admission to this fun, family-friendly experience is FREE!

The festivities kick-off at 11 a.m. with opening ceremonies. From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., things will really heat up as firefighters from all over the United States compete in the Southern California regional competition of the National Firefighter Combat Challenge. Then prepare to be dazzled with the arrival of the Burn Run Parade! Complete with blinking lights and sirens blaring, the spectacle of nearly 100 fire trucks and engines roaring into the stadium’s lot is a perennial hit for young and old alike. From start to finish, the day will be fun-filled for everyone!

Throughout the day and until 5 p.m., enjoy free giveaways, take the children to the Kiddie Karnival, visit informative fire safety booths, get an up-close view of fire apparatus, munch on delicious food and enjoy live entertainment at your leisure. It’s all here!

This is the second year that the FIRE EXPO will be held in conjunction with the Southern California Hot Fun in the Summertime: Viejas FIRE EXPO/Firefighter Combat Challenge!
Dear Friends:

Greetings!

May was quite a month for the Burn Institute!

First, I was fortunate enough to receive the American Burn Association Burn Prevention Award in Chicago—and the Burn Institute was center stage nationally. Then, just a few weeks later, I was the recipient of the San Diego County Fire, Chiefs’ Association Maltese Award—an equally great honor.

But these awards are really not about me. Rather, they are a microcosm of a much bigger picture—a community dedicated to a common cause. Both of these awards represent the hard work and dedication of a lot of people—Burn Institute staff, volunteers, board members, and our close, close partners in the fire service.

None of what we do as an agency would be possible without this dedicated team. I’m just the guy driving the bus.

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On behalf of all of those we serve, thank you for making our important work possible!

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Best regards,

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**Summer Safety Tips**

**Sun Safety**
- When going outdoors, always wear sunscreen with a minimum SPF 25 and follow the directions for re-application. Serious sunburns can occur even when it is cloudy or overcast.
- Wear sunglasses that provide UV protection and wear a broad-rimmed hat to protect your head and neck.

**Fireworks**
- Fireworks ARE ILLEGAL and DANGEROUS.
- Sparklers heat up to 1,800 degrees and ARE ILLEGAL and DANGEROUS.
- NEVER play with fireworks. Leave fireworks to the experts and only watch licensed fireworks shows.

**Barbecues**
- Keep hot grills at least 10 feet from your house.
- Keep children and pets away from hot grills.
- Dispose of hot coals in proper receptacles—buried coals retain heat for up to 24 hours and may cause a serious burn injury to an unsuspecting passerby who steps in them.

**Emergency Service and Family Oriented Vendor Booths**
- Face Painters
- Food and Beverage Stands
- Live Bands
- Vendor Booths
- Fire and Burn Prevention and Community Education Pavilion
- Kiddie Karnival
- Fire Safety Trailers
- 2 Live Bands
- Event Fire Expo / Firefighter Combat Challenge Highlights
- Campfires
- Barbecues
- Helicopter Flyovers
- Live Firefighting and Emergency Service Demonstrations
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**Open Letter**

**An Appeal to Fire Chiefs**

On June 6, 2008, Jim Floros, the Director of the Burn Institute (BI), served as the Induction Officer at our 21st Annual Installation Banquet for the San Diego County Fire Chiefs’ Association (the Association). Beginning July 1st, your new SDCFCA Board of Directors is Chief Augie Ghio (President); Chief Tracy Jarman, Treasurer; Chief Gary Fisher, Secretary, and Chief Dave Burk, Past President.

Now, what does this mean to the BI? It means opportunity for the new Association Board of Directors to take our partnership with the BI to a new level. That level will include developing a strategic approach to supporting the projects and programs that we have historically provided our personnel, time, and energy toward.

Part of this strategy will include a stronger outreach to those fire chiefs and other chief officers who have not recently been active with the organization. We will take to them the gift of involvement and sharing of their skills with the BI. We all know that the return on the investment of giving is a huge sense of personal satisfaction.

One of our initial objectives related to the BI, is to host a meeting with Jim and his staff and review where we have been in regard to its various projects and programs historically; discuss what may be done to improve our support and participation, and finally, map out an actionable plan to meet our objectives.

Our Burn Institute is a model that has stood the test of time in setting a national standard of excellence in program and service provisions throughout our region. This has been done through the support and efforts of hundreds of firefighters county-wide. Now it is time for we, as fire chiefs, to rededicate ourselves to the BI, just (continued on page 3)
Donors

The Burn Institute is grateful to the following individuals, corporations, foundations and community groups for their generous gifts. Listed below are donations of $250+ made from February 23, 2008 to May 16, 2008.

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President's Circle Members as of February 2008

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Check Presentations

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Do You Have an Auto, Boat or RV That You No Longer Need?

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donating your auto, boat or RV can directly support the important work of the Burn Institute. In addition, you will also receive the maximum legal tax deduction and potentially earn a cash payment. BHEI towing and pick-up anywhere in the United States.

Call toll free at 866.244.8464, and remember to designate the Burn Institute as the beneficiary.

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The Cost of Caring

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Save the Date!

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The Art of Fashion 2008

Thursday, Sept. 18, 2008

The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe

Come out for lunch and an afternoon with your girlfriends—all while supporting a worthy cause! On September 18, The Gluttons Friends will host its 33rd Annual Art of Fashion Runway Show on the lawn of the picturesque Inn at Rancho Santa Fe. This popular event will feature fabulous runway shows, a luncheon, runway shopping and wine tasting. Several of the designers will be featuring including Dolce Kauai, Emilio Pina, Oscar de la Renta and Valentino, among many others... Proceeds from this event will benefit the Burn Institute.

For information: (858) 756-1192, Ext. 4 / events@thecountryfriends.org.

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Join the Heritage Society Today!

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The Burn Institute’s Heritage Society is for those who have included the Burn Institute in their estate plans. Membership is growing! All Heritage Society members are invited to an annual luncheon, as well as receive other special benefits, as a special thank you. For more information about the Burn Institute’s Heritage Society, please contact Diane Sutherland at dssutherland@burninstitute.org or 858.541.2277 ext. 19.
Making a Difference: High School Junior Raises Awareness, Funds for Camp Beyond the Scars

Her parents say she’s a changed girl, but Carolyn Hillgren was just doing what came naturally—helping others.

In summer 2007, Hillgren volunteered as a resident Counselor-in-Training at the Burn Institute’s Camp Beyond the Scars. The experience made a lasting impact on the high school sophomore, who returned to Francis Parker School the following fall and founded the Camp Beyond the Scars Club, with the aim to raise awareness about traumatic burn injury and raise funds to support the Burn Institute’s summer and winter camp programs.

On April 29, 2008, Hillgren spearheaded a lunchtime fundraiser at her school. The club’s 15 members helped to promote the fundraiser, which offered IN-N-OUT burgers on campus. Hillgren solicited matching donations for the fundraiser and began the same club on their campus as other high schools will pick up on the success of this event. The club’s 15 members helped to support the Burn Institute’s summer and winter camp programs.

But Hillgren hasn’t stopped there. In her senior year, she plans to build on the club’s success so that yearly donations for camp may continue. Ideally, she would like to expand the club’s reach. “We are hoping that other high schools will pick up on the success of this fundraiser and begin the same club on their campus as well,” she said.

SAVE THE DATE!

Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Conference
September 17-19, 2008
Town & Country Resort, San Diego, CA
Conference Deadline: August 15, 2008
(Early bird fee—$225)
For More Information Contact: Aida Flores
858.541.2277, Ext.13 or email aflores@burninstitute.org

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Imperial Beach $ 1,649
Lakeside $ 2,809
La Mesa $ 361
Lemon Grove $ 6,348
Miramar $ 5,544
National City $ 2,861
North County Fire $ 10,276
Oceanside $ 4,375
Pala $ 13,643
Poway $ 3,816
Ramona/CDFD/Intermountain $ 14,002
Rancho Santa Fe $ 27,388
Santee $ 9,164
San Diego Fire $ 12,573
San Miguel $ 8,080
Solana Beach $ 3,147
San Pasqual/Valley Center $ 3,088
San Pasqual Volunteer $ 4,060
Viejas/Alpine $ 11,897
Vista $ 5,023
Grand Total: $ 216,798
Davee Scholarships

Melissa Valencia was born and raised in National City, one of three children in a single parent household. Times were tough in her neighborhood, but despite the negative influences and low socio-economic status of her surroundings, Valencia rallied. She has not only risen to the challenge educationally, but has been able to surmount the struggles of a burn survivor – to become her family’s first generation college student!

It was at Camp Beyond the Scars where Valencia truly learned what it meant to be a Burn Survivor. It wasn’t just a label, “but an actual experience,” she later explained. “Burn Survivor” …means not giving up, it means getting past the stares, the murmurs, and the false stories people infer…to be comfortable in your own skin, and to be able to look at your burn and know and believe that it is just a scar – a scar that tells an amazing story.”

Valencia recently graduated from Sweetwater High School and will be attending the University of California, Santa Cruz in the fall. She plans to major in psychology and would like to pursue a career in law enforcement or education.

A Survivor’s Story: Jacquelyn Owens

At 28, Jacquelyn Owens has already lived a life of experience well beyond her years.

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Mentorship Program

Support for the Long Road Ahead

The Burn Institute is always looking for new ways to stay connected with burn survivors. Implemented in Fall 2007, the Burn Institute’s Mentorship Program was designed to further emphasize the organization’s commitment to be there for burn survivors – not just at the beginning of injury and treatment – but for the long run as well.

Among its numerous burn support programs, the Mentorship Program was a brand new approach for the Burn Institute and stemmed from Camp Beyond the Scars. Designed with the Big Brother-Big Sister model in mind, the new program was first developed to maintain positive relationships with counselors and campers during the off-season between summer and winter camps. During this time, counselors (mentors) were asked to learn more about the campers’ (mentees’) interests/skills and foster those interests through the program.

Planning barbecues to bring the families of both the mentor and the mentee together, the Mentorship Planning Committee (Jason Kimbrell, Ann Malo, Paula Wernicke, Jim Lecklitter, and Dana Carnduff) established that mentors and mentees would meet every other week for two hours, write a log reporting each visit, and return the log after reporting was complete.

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On March 20, the UCSD Regional Burn Center was awarded the 2008 Combined Health Agencies (CHAD) Health Hero Award, for its significant contribution to the health of San Diego. The Burn Institute nominated the Burn Center staff, under the strong leadership of Dr. Bruce Potenza, who accepted the award at the 14th annual event held in Balboa Park.

The companies and individuals honored by CHAD have given freely of their time, talent and resources to improve the health and well-being of the people of San Diego County. In its nomination, the Burn Institute cited the UCSD Regional Burn Center “for their outstanding dedication to the burn community.”

Under the direction of Dr. Bruce Potenza, Burn Center staff members offer each patient personalized family-centric care that sets this medical team apart. Because of the traumatic nature of burn injury and the months to years of rehabilitation that burn survivors often face, it takes a special kind of medical professional who can work closely with family members—from weeks to months—as they work through the painful, often arduous process of healing and rehabilitation.

The UCSD Regional Burn Center team provides the community with extraordinary medical care under extraordinary circumstances. They do an exceptional job identifying the outside needs of patients and their families, then helping to facilitate specific wrap-around services to fit those needs, often turning to the Burn Institute to help families with emergency needs funding to cover housing, food or transportation costs.

During the recent wildfires, the staff cared for more than 30 burn survivors, with some patients under intense medical supervision for more than two months. It can be a very tough job, but the staff works together as a cohesive team, supporting one another with the same compassion and care they provide to their patients. Congratulations to the entire team!

An Appeal to Fire Chiefs

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as our rank and file personnel have. If each fire agency in San Diego County set one new BI program goal for their organization this next fiscal year, we would achieve an unprecedented new level of success for our Burn Institute.

During my induction speech I listed the following personal objectives as the new President of the Association. These objectives include:

- Developing and implementing a Diversity Recruitment program that all fire agencies in San Diego County can be part of.
- Providing Succession Planning seminars to assist fire agencies develop their own plans for the future of their organizations.
- Grow our relationships between CAL FIRE, USFS, Tribal Fire Departments, and our Elected Officials.

- Encourage future consolidations between agencies and functions in San Diego County.
- Improve our support to our Association Sections and their objectives.
- Seek funds to assist all fire agencies improve Community Education and Readiness.

I will add one more to this list: Expand our opportunities to support the Burn Institute. Together, we as the fire service leaders in San Diego County, in partnership with our firefighters and the BI, can meet all these objectives. It just takes a little effort from all of us. So let's roll-up our sleeves and get to work!

Augie Ghio
President,
San Diego County Fire Chiefs’ Association

KOGO Lends a Hand for Boot Drive

The Burn Institute’s 8th Annual “Give Burns the Boot” Firefighter Boot Drive took on a brand new venue this year, when AM 600 KOGO News Radio stepped in to help promote the fundraiser, broadcasting reminders throughout the week, and setting up shop at QUALCOMM Stadium. The Chip Franklin morning show set up its live broadcast tent in the early morning hours of May 7, with popular radio personality LaDona Harvey at the helm from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m., encouraging commuters to stop by and donate for a good cause. Loyal listeners were all smiles as they got a chance to meet firefighters from Station 45, shook hands with Harvey and came away with some fun freebies. A big thank you to everyone at KOGO!
35th Annual Spirit of Courage Awards Banquet

On May 22, nearly 600 guests joined the Burn Institute in honor of 30 exceptional men and women who bravely risked their lives to save another from death or injury by fire.

The 35th Annual Spirit of Courage Awards Banquet was not only a commemorative year of celebration for the Burn Institute, but took on a somber note as it paid homage to all those who lost their lives in the 2007 wildfires. As guests arrived at the regal Hyatt Regency La Jolla, special Spirit of Courage commemorative pins were distributed to award recipients, both past and present, which set the tone for the evening.

The program began with a welcome by Local 145. The Carlsbad Fire Department presented The Colors, accompanied by the North San Diego County Firefighters Pipes & Drums, who followed a Moment of Silence with a moving rendition of “Amazing Grace.” The National Anthem was performed by Alfonso Le’Acala, who won his own Spirit of Courage Award in its Inaugural Year – 1973. San Diego Fire-Rescue Department Chaplain Mickey Stonier delivered the evening’s invocation. The event’s Master of Ceremonies was broadcast journalist Marty Levin (NBC 7/39), who co-presented with Jerry Davre, Burn Institute Chairman of the Board.

The emotional evening came to an end with a standing ovation when the final recipients – CAL FIRE firefighters Brooke Linnman, Andrew Pilkop, Jose Viramontes, Captain Raymond Rapae, Jr. and U.S. Forest Service helicopter pilot, Mike Wagstaff – were called to the stage. During the Harris Fire last October, the firefighters had been caught in a burnover incident while attempting a dangerous rescue in Portrero. Despite high winds and horrible visibility, Wagstaff rescued the firefighters and 15-year-old Richard Varshock and flew them to safety.

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Volunteer of the Year Award

Chief Erwin Willis (Ret.) from the Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District was the recipient of the 2008 Pamela R. Kelly Volunteer of the Year Award. Willis has been directly involved with the Burn Institute for more than 13 years in several roles, including Board Member, Spirit of Courage Nominating Committee member, Chief’s Golf Committee member, plus involvement in FIRE EXPO and Give Burns the Boot Firefighter Boot Drive. In 1995, he joined the Board of Directors and he’s been looked ever since. After retiring from the fire service in 2005, Willis started his own computer business and is now fondly referred to as the BI’s “Technical Guru,” able to trouble-shoot practically anything a hard drive can throw at him. Before and after retirement, Willis has been heavily involved in fire prevention and fire service, including helping to implement sprinkler codes for new buildings. For his years of dedication and service to the Burn Institute, and for helping to make our community a safer place in which to live--we congratulate Erwin Willis! Ø

Firefighter Night at the Padres—A Home Run!

On Saturday, May 10, some 30,000 San Diegans dusted off their Padres baseball caps and came out to PETCO Park to meet their local heroes at the Burn Institute’s 18th annual Firefighter Night at the Padres. Firefighters representing fire service agencies throughout the county joined the Burn Institute in celebration of another successful “Give Burns The Boot” Countywide Firefighter Boot Drive. As part of the pre-game ceremony, uniformed firefighters lined the first and third-base lines, where they were enthusiastically greeted by the crowd. A moving firefighter tribute video played on the Padres Vision screen, reminding everyone of the danger faced each day by the brave men and women of San Diego’s fire service. Pre-game ceremonies included a presentation by the Chula Vista Colorguard and a recognition of young burn survivor, Carlos Quintana, who also served as the “Play Ball” kid. He was joined on the field by Chair of the Boot Drive, Carlsbad Firefighter/Paramedic Jeff Chumbley, representing the Fire Fighters’ Advisory Council to the Burn Institute. Chumbley presented a check of the event proceeds to Burn Institute Executive Director/CEO, James Floros.

Joining Floros and Chumbley was 15-year-old Richard Varshock, who was injured during the Harris Fire in October 2007, and CAL FIRE firefighters Captain Raymond Rapue, Jr., Firefighter Brooke Linman, Richard Ernstock and Firefighter Andrew Pikop, L-R: CAL FIRE Captain Raymond Rapue, Jr., Firefighter Brooke Linman, Richard Ernstock and Firefighter Andrew Pikop.

Maltese Award

“For his commitment and vision, helping to protect and inform the community,” the San Diego County Fire Chiefs’ Association presented its 2008 Maltese Award to Burn Institute Executive Director/CEO James Floros. For the firefighters who so proudly wear the Maltese Cross, it symbolizes unselfishness, honor and commitment to public safety and human welfare. As such, Floros was recognized for his 17 years of leadership at the Burn Institute, which has enabled the organization to expand and improve its valuable programs, fire and burn prevention education, outreach and support services to communities throughout Southern California. “I am most proud of the relationship that the Burn Institute has forged with the fire service,” said Floros of the honor. “It is truly a hand-in-glove partnership. This award is symbolic of that relationship and how the two groups have combined forces to serve our community.” Ø

Community Hero Award

The Burn Institute awarded the Community Hero Award to the Walden W. and Jean Young Shaw Foundation. Since 1991, the Chicago-based Foundation has funded Scholarships and equipment for Camp Beyond the Scars, supported the Burn Institute’s Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Program and its Mentoring Program. Over the years, the Foundation has donated nearly $350,000 to the Burn Institute toward its programs and services. We congratulate the Walden W. and Jean Young Shaw Foundation and thank them for their unsavering support. Ø

A growing number of couples are incorporating philanthropy into their weddings. To learn more about this new way of creating your legacy, call Diane Sutherland at 858.541.2277 ext.19 or dsutherland@burninstitute.org.
Volunteer Spotlight

Burn Institute volunteer Fred D’Acquisto III sets a great example for his peers. He not only appreciates the connection between the Fire Service and the Burn Institute, but he believes in giving back to his community. And though work and life keep him plenty busy already, he always finds time to volunteer.

The busy 24-year-old already splits his time between his job as a seasonal firefighter with CAL FIRE, finishing his college degree and working as a volunteer firefighter with Intermountain Fire Department in Ramona where he’s been for four years.

D’Acquisto began volunteering for the BI in 2000 when he was still in high school. In 2006, Fernando Felix, Fire Inspector with Chula Vista Fire Department, recruited him to help with the BI’s FIRE EXPO. Since then, he’s worked in close collaboration with the Intermountain Fire Department in developing and maintaining the EXPO’s Dynamic Displays. In 2007, he also participated in the Burn Run and drove a fire truck into QUALCOMM Stadium as part of the parade of fire trucks. That same year, D’Acquisto worked as a Boot Drive Coordinator for the Ramona Burn Institute Internship Program

Angela Martin joined the Burn Institute’s Internship Program in February, bearing an infectious smile and boundless energy. The San Diego State University senior came ready to roll up her sleeves and work, assisting several departments in a variety of tasks over her four months with the organization.

“Angela was really committed in the time she spent here,” said Dana Carnduff, Support Services Coordinator. “She worked as a Boot Drive Coordinator for the Ramona

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CAL FIRE and Intermountain Fire Department area. This year, he re-doubled his efforts, encouraging others in his department to volunteer with Boot Drive 2008 – increasing its donations from $8,000 (in 2007) to $14,000 this year. Besides this year’s Boot Drive, he’s pitched in at several events this year so far including Share Your Heart, Firefighter Night at the Padres, and the Spirit of Courage Awards Banquet.

“Fred’s dedication is what we love to see at the Burn Institute,” said James Floros, Burn Institute Executive Director/CEO. “His commitment to the organization is a great example of how we can continue our strong partnership with the Fire Service—well into the future.”

Last year, D’Acquisto earned his AA in Fire Technology, and is working on a BA in Public Administration. He plans to continue working in the fire service—and to continue his volunteerism with the Burn Institute. We thank Fred D’Acquisto for his time and dedication to the Burn Institute. He and others like him are leaving a legacy of service we hope others will follow.

For more information about volunteering, call Kathleen Frampton at 858.541.2277, Ext. 11 or email kframpton@burninstitute.org.

Burn Institute Internship Program

Angela recently graduated from SDSU with a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Science with an emphasis in Public Health. She plans to become a nurse and hopes to return to the Burn Institute as a volunteer counselor at Camp Beyond the Scars.

The Burn Institute offers unpaid internship positions with flexible hours throughout the year. Interns are needed to help in a variety of departments including Clerical/Front Office, Special Events, Programs and Communications. For more information, contact Kathleen Frampton at 858.541.2277, Ext. 11 or email kframpton@burninstitute.org.

Volunteers Needed

Come Join Us & Have Fun with Friends!

The Firefighters Advisory Council is looking for volunteers to help with the Viejas FIRE EXPO / Firefighter Combat Challenge. This spectacular Summer event will be held on Saturday, July 19 at QUALCOMM Stadium. All volunteers will receive a T-shirt and complimentary lunch and beverages. We request that volunteers work a minimum 4-hour shift for this event.

Friday July 18
9am-5pm
Set up

Saturday, July 19
7am -11am
Check in Volunteers/Participants
Set up and Prepare Vendor Booths
10am-5pm
T-Shirt Sales
Work Grill & Food Area
Sell Beverages
Kiddie Carnival Games
Ticket Sales Booth
First Aid Booth
5pm-7pm
Tear Down
Clean Up

To sign up contact Kathleen Frampton at 858.541.2277 ext. 11 or kframpton@burninstitute.org.

$600 will provide a range-of-motion device for one week, for a burn survivor’s rehabilitation or similar physical therapy equipment.
Burn Survivors Enjoy Day at Disneyland

Having Disneyland in our backyard is one of the many advantages of living in Southern California—at least from a kid’s perspective. But during last winter’s Camp Beyond the Scars, firefighters from the Corona and Norco Fire Departments and nurses from the Edward G. Hirschman Burn Center at Arrowhead Regional Medical Center were surprised to learn that some of the local youth attending camp had never been to the popular theme park.

On May 17, 2008, the Burn Institute-Inland Empire (BI-IE) did something about it, partnering with volunteers from the community to provide a day at Disneyland for local burn survivors.

Isidro Teller and his sister Connie were among the nine kids, from 11 to 18 years, that joined up with their camp pals for a day of fun. Isidro recently survived a 50% burn and needed some additional assistance. While at Disneyland, several firefighters and nurses volunteered their time, helping to make the special day possible for Isidro.

"Isidro was an example of courage for many of the volunteers that helped with winter camp in February,” said Gary Stansberry, BI-IE Executive Director, adding that the young boy impressed everyone when he summoned the strength to bravely snow-tube down the mountain—all around. Their next adventure? The summer session of Camp Beyond the Scars, of course!

Like camp, the Disneyland trip served local youth as part of the agency’s burn survivor support services, explained Stansberry.

On hand to meet and greet the children as they prepared for their day of adventure were representatives from the Norco and Corona City Councils and members of the Corona Firefighters’ Association. Chilkil-A provided breakfast for the group and sent along their Cow Mascot to bid the group farewell.

The morning started out unseasonably warm, with temperatures reportedly reaching 108 degrees by mid-afternoon. It took plenty of water and assistance from Disneyland personnel, but the kids enjoyed their day despite the heat; the group was issued alternative entrance passes, sparing them from having to wait in long ride lines. What a relief!

As their big day ended, the exhausted group had smiles all around. Their next adventure? The summer session of Camp Beyond the Scars, of course!

Send a Kid to Camp Golf Tournament

September 22, 2008
Sierra Lakes Golf Club

Teeing off to send kids to camp will be the order of the day on the morning of Sept. 22, 2008. All golfers and organizations are invited to participate in the Burn Institute-Inland Empire’s fall tournament to be held at the Sierra Lakes Golf Club. Last year’s tournament was a hit, with top-notch amenities, while the course proved to be an ideal venue for players of all skill levels.

For additional information and registration contact Gary Stansberry at (909) 519-1063.
Programs and Services

Fire and Burn Prevention Education
• Burni the Dragon’s Preschool Curriculum Guide
• Fire and Burn Prevention, Fire Stress & You Curriculum Guide
• Firesafe Kids Interactive Program K-3
• It’s Your Choice: Stop Fires and Burns
• Burns are Serious Business
• Child Care Burn Prevention
• Juvenile Fire Setter Program
• Senior Fire Safety & Smoke Alarm Program
• First Responder Smoke Alarm Program
• Wildfire Program
• Fire Safety Training Program (Nominal Fee)

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Burn Research
• Funding Vital Burn Research and Treatment

Burn Survivor Support
• Camp Beyond The Scars for Burn-Injured Children
• Retreat For Adult Burn Survivors
• School Re-Entry Program
• Emergency Needs Fund
• Special Assistance Fund
• Scholarship Program
• Adult Support Group
• Holiday Party
• Special Outings

Community Service
• Spirit of Courage Awards Banquet
• Fire and Burn Prevention Literature
• Public Service Announcements
• Speakers Bureau

Beacon Bits
• The Burn Institute Board of Directors would like to welcome its newest members: Chief Augie Ghio and Eddie Villavicencio.
• A warm welcome to the most recent member of the Burn Institute family, Gwenith Lammers, who is our new Community Outreach Specialist/ Juvenile Firefighter Interventionist.
• On April 20, the Burn Institute participated in the 29th Annual Day at the Decks. The sun-drenched event was held on San Diego Bay and netted the BI a really big fish: $4,600! Thanks to all involved in this fun, fishy family event!
• On May 15, the Burn Institute teamed up with the UCSD Regional Burn Center for a Summer Beach Safety segment at Mission Beach. Lifeguards from San Diego Fire Rescue joined the Burn Institute’s Jason McSweeney, N.P., who discussed burn injuries and burn prevention tips. The segment aired on Good Morning San Diego with KUSI’s Lena Lewis reporting.
• On May 17, the Cornerstone Therapeutic Riding Center in Ramona held its Inaugural Chili Cook-off, with a portion of the gate’s proceeds to benefit the Burn Institute. Local firefighters participated in the family event, which was a great day for everyone involved! Thanks to Executive Director, Judy Beckett and her staff who, despite the recent wildfires, never wavered in their determination to see this event through!
• Correction: In the Spring 2008 issue of The Beacon, William & Dotty Metcalf were not listed as President’s Circle members. We apologize for the error.

SAVE THE DATE!
18th Annual Sunroad San Diego County Fire Chiefs’ Association Golf Tournament
Monday, September 8
Maderas Country Club, Poway

For more information, to reserve a foursome or learn more about sponsorship opportunities, please call 858.541.2277.