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City of Palmdale's Announces Winter/Spring Bus Excursion Schedule

PALMDALE – The City of Palmdale's has announced its schedule of winter/spring bus excursions to various fun-filled locations and events throughout Southern California.

Registration is available at www.cityofpalmdale.org/playpalmdale, or at the recreation and culture office, 38260 10th St. East, open Monday through Thursday from 7:30 am to 6 pm.

All excursion busses will meet at Palmdale Transportation Center, 39000 Clock Tower Plaza. The name of each person attending, address, phone number, emergency contact, and each minor child's birth date are required. An adult must accompany anyone under age 18.

"We'll do the driving while you get to relax enjoy some of the most fun and entertaining spots and events in Southern California," said Palmdale's Recreation Supervisor Paula Leszkiewicz.

The winter/spring excursions include:

Mummies: New Secrets from the Tomb – Jan. 9, 8 am – 5 pm. \$32 - Discounted to \$25 for Palmdale residents.

Get a rare, up-close look at a selection of 20 mummies, many of which have never been on public display, originating from ancient Egypt and Peru and from many historic ages and backgrounds. This Natural History Museum exhibition reveals these people's burial secrets, new details about their lives, and the societies they lived in.

Date Festival – Feb. 13, 11 am – 11 pm - 27, 8 am – 8 pm. \$25 - Discounted to \$20 for Palmdale residents.

The Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival is one of the oldest and most unique fairs in the west. Discover the spectacular *Arabian Nights Pageant* outdoor musical. Enjoy exhibits, food, fun and musical entertainers of all kinds. View over 1,000 exhibits including animal, agricultural, arts, and gems and minerals.

Festival of the Whales – March 12, 8:30 am – 5:30 pm. \$25 - Discounted to \$20 for Palmdale residents.

Dana Point celebrates the annual migration of the California Gray Whale. The festival includes a fine arts show, classic car display, children's activities, clam chowder cook off and musical entertainment. Bring your binoculars. While whale sightings are not guaranteed, they are entirely possible.

The Broad – April 16, 9 am – 5 pm. \$25 - Discounted to \$20 for Palmdale residents.

The Broad is a new contemporary art museum located in downtown Los Angeles. The museum is home to nearly 2,000 works of art in the Broad collection, which is among the most prominent holding of postwar and contemporary art worldwide. The Broad is located within walking distance of the Walt Disney Concert Hall, Museum of Contemporary Art, L.A. Central Library and Grand Park.

The Old Mission San Buenaventura – April 30, 8:30 am – 5:30 pm. \$25 - Discounted to \$20 for Palmdale residents.

Situated along California's coastline, The Old Mission welcomes visitors to its

beautiful gardens and faithfully restored artifacts. Ninth in the series of 21 missions, it is a component of the Historic Walking Tour of Ventura and within close proximity to other historically relevant buildings and venues.

California Strawberry Festival – May 21, 8:30 am – 6:30 pm. \$25 - Discounted to \$20 for Palmdale residents.

Ranking among the top festivals in the entire nation, the Strawberry Festival in Oxnard boasts lip-smacking strawberries every way imaginable. The festival features concert performances, more than 200 fine arts and crafts booths, cooking demonstrations, children's rides and activities, gooey contests and more.

For more information, please call 661/267-5611.

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