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***Star Wars: The Force Awakens* Featured This Friday at Palmdale Amphitheater**

PALMDALE – The City of Palmdale’s popular Family Movie Nights continues this Friday, July 29 at the Palmdale Amphitheater with *Star Wars: The Force Awakens*.

The gates open at 6 pm. Free kids activities will take place from 6 to 8 pm while supplies last. Costumes, impromptu dance parties and parades are encouraged at Family Movie Nights. The movie will begin at dusk.

Admission is \$4. Kids 12 & under are admitted free. Food and non-alcoholic beverages in coolers are welcome at Family Movie Night events. All bags and coolers will be inspected at the gate. Alcohol and pets are not allowed. Snack vendors will be on-site for your convenience. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Children 12 years and younger must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Three decades after the defeat of the Galactic Empire, a new threat arises in ***Star Wars: The Force Awakens***, starring Harrison Ford, Carrie Fisher and Mark Hamill. The First Order attempts to rule the galaxy, and only a ragtag group of heroes can stop them, with the help of the Resistance. Rated PG-13.

Upcoming Family Movie Nights include *Avengers: Age of Ultron*, Aug. 5; and ***Minions***, Aug. 12.

Robert Downey, Jr., Scarlett Johansson and James Spader star in **Avengers: Age of Ultron**. When an attempt is made to jump start a dormant peacekeeping program, things go horribly wrong and it's up to Earth's mightiest heroes to stop the villainous Ultron from enacting his terrible plans. Rated PG-13.

Minions, starring the voices of Sandra Bullock, Jon Hamm and Steve Carell, tells the tale of super-villain Scarlet Overkill who, alongside her inventor husband Herb, hatches a plot to take over the world, with Minions recruits Stuart, Kevin and Bob. Rated PG.

Family Movie Nights at Palmdale Amphitheater are generously sponsored by American Medical Response, AV Furniture & Mattress, Antelope Valley Mall, AVTA, Coca-Cola, Hilton Garden Inn, Lancaster JetHawks, Prestige Dental Care, Sierra Medical Group, Valleywide Dental, Ventura Graphix, Vince's Pasta & Pizza – Palmdale and Waste Management.

For more information on Family Movie Nights, please visit www.palmdaleamphitheater.com or call 661/267-5611.

About The Amp

The Amp at Marie Kerr Park is the Antelope Valley's premier outdoor entertainment venue, providing audiences with a blend of high-energy concert performances and community-based programming. Its convenient location, great sight

lines and comfortable, grassy seating areas are complemented by Saturday evening concerts and Friday evening Family Movie Nights presented during summer months.

For many years, the City of Palmdale hosted the Starlight Concert Series on a baseball field at Marie Kerr Park, and guests would come as early as 3 am to set out their blankets and stake their spots to watch entertainers perform on a portable stage. There were often smaller events held prior to the concerts, like Family Western Days, Taste of the Valley and the Fourth Saturday Cruise. Soon, however, the concerts were bursting at the seams with guests, and it became clear that a larger venue was needed.

In 2005, after Palmdale residents voted for a bond measure to provide funds for the construction, the Palmdale Amphitheater was opened at the newly expanded Marie Kerr Park site, ushering in a new era. The new amphitheater featured amenities that were not available at the old site, such as permanent restrooms, areas for food vendors, and a green room for the entertainers.

Previous performers at The Amp have included Blake Shelton, The Beach Boys, Lonestar, The Spinners, The Four Tops, Loverboy, The Temptations, The Guess Who, America, SheDaisy, The Rascals, Styx, REO Speedwagon, Chaka Khan, The Whispers, Mercy Me, Pablo Cruise, War, Euge Groove, The Rippingtons, Jeff Golub, The Village People, Starship featuring Mickey Thomas, Pam Tillis, The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, Bill Medley, Blind Boys of Alabama, Sugarland, Air Supply, Newsboys, Peter Noone and Herman's Hermits, Tracy Lawrence, Josh Kelly, Blue Oyster Cult, Los Lobos, Montez de Durango, Blood Sweat and Tears, Clay Walker, Morris Day and the Time, Fifth Harmony, Banda Machos and Phil Vassar.

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