

## News Release

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### Recreation Summit to Address Park and Recreation Development in the San Joaquin Valley

**FRESNO**-The Office of Community and Economic Development and Department of Recreation Administration at Fresno State are pleased to announce the 2017 San Joaquin Valley Recreation Summit, to be held at the Ted C. Wills Community Center in Fresno on May 11, 2017, from 9am to 4:30pm.

The Recreation Summit is part two of a three-part series. A Parks Summit took place in May 2016, attracting an audience of more than 160 attendees. A Facilities Summit is planned for May 2018.

The objective of the Recreation Summit is to understand the complexity of recreation management and its link to other issues such as economic development, health, at-risk populations, inclusion and funding. The Summit will bring together a diverse group of interested partners and stakeholders from across the Valley and state to bolster advocacy efforts toward developing, maintaining, and supporting park and recreation development in Valley communities.

Education sessions throughout the day will feature panels that explore challenges and opportunities faced in park and recreation development as individual communities and as a region:

- Recreation and Economic Development
- Social Justice and Equity in Recreation Programs
- Recreation, Health and the Quality of Life
- Recreation for Youth and Families
- Planning for Recreation: Parks and Open Spaces
- Serving Our Diverse Communities

For more information and to register for the 2017 San Joaquin Valley Recreation Summit, please visit Fresno State's Department Recreation Administration's [website here](#).

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*Fresno State's Recreation Administration Department aims to provide the highest quality of education and training of recreation professionals in the Central Valley. Its nationally accredited curriculum centers on relevant project-based and experimental learning methods designed to foster career preparation. Students graduating from the program will be able to implement recreation programs and manage facilities serving diverse populations.*

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*The Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED) at Fresno State is an on-campus division dedicated to aligning the university's intellectual capacity and innovation-driven economic development initiatives to improve the competitiveness and prosperity of the 8-county region of the San Joaquin Valley. The role of OCED is to be the link between the university and its resources and the needs of the community.*