



# News Release

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## **Fourth Annual Kids' Safety Day at Millerton Lake State Recreation Area**

*FRIANT, Calif.*— California State Parks will be hosting its [Fourth Annual Kids' Safety Day](#) at [Millerton Lake State Recreation Area](#) on Saturday, May 19. The event will promote water safety for children and families from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Kids' Safety Day has been successful in recent years in educating visitors about tips on water safety when recreating at the many lakes, rivers, streams and reservoirs in the San Joaquin Valley, as well as municipal and backyard swimming pools.

The event invites several public safety agencies from throughout the Fresno/Madera metro area to provide static displays of their patrol and rescue equipment, representing a majority of the public water safety education, prevention, rescue, and recovery spectrum of the community; patrol boats and personal water crafts, ambulances, SAR teams, helicopters, fire engines and patrol vehicles. Private and non-profit entities, as well, will attend to educate visitors about knowing how to swim, wearing a lifejacket, and always swimming near a lifeguard to stay safe in the water.

A lifejacket trade-in hosted by the California State Parks [Division of Boating and Waterways](#) along with a local U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary flotilla, will be on hand to exchange unserviceable life jackets with new ones with the public while supplies last. A puppet show, Smokey Bear, Coast Guard's "Coastie the Cutter" and Valley Children's Hospital's "George the Giraffe" will be in attendance to the delight of adoring children. A US Coast Guard C-27J flyover is expected at 1:00 p.m.

A free BBQ, provided by sponsorships from local and statewide public safety professionals associations, is available to event attendees. The California State Parks Foundation is also purchasing \$500 worth of lifejackets to be used in the park's loan station program.



### **About Millerton Lake State Recreation Area**

With over 40 miles of shore land for water sports, [Millerton Lake SRA](#) offers visitors swimming, fishing and boating. The hills surrounding the lake provide good hiking opportunities. Wildlife in the park includes ground squirrels, cottontails, mule deer, badgers and bald and golden eagles. During winter, the park has special boat tours to view the bald eagles.

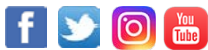
The lake was created by construction of the Friant Dam across the San Joaquin River in 1944. The park's camping facilities include boat camping. The park contains the original Millerton County Courthouse, built in 1867.

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