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during RiverCamp in Riverside.

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A number of Inland programs give kids a summer experience to remember.

A group of children playing in the Santa Ana River ignore repeated calls to get out for snack time. They laugh and squeal as they splash about in a shallow section of the waterway.

It was day two of the five-day RiverCamp recently offered at Martha McLean-Anza Narrows Park, which hugs the Santa Ana River in Riverside. Every day, the young campers spent time in the river. Among other things, they collected and studied water bugs and learned about the river's plants, as well as the culture and history of the area.

Most of the 40 children were unaware the river ran through Riverside



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prior to going to camp.

"It's cold and it feels good," said 11-year-old Davin Ledbetter of Riverside.

This is one of many summer camps in the Inland Empire that provide extraordinary experiences. One in Hemet introduces children to paleontology by having them cast their own fossils. Another in San Bernardino has its campers make mummies as a way to teach them about ancient Egypt.

A camp at an animal shelter in Jurupa Valley lets children interact daily with animals, and another in Redlands has young campers sleeping in teepees.

PROGRAM OPTIONS:



MILKA SOKO, FILE PHOTO

Marisa Alfaro touches an alligator as several peers watch warily during the Critter Kiddz Camp at the Western Riverside Animal Shelter.

It's not too late to sign up for camp. Here are three upcoming camps in the Inland area:

CRITTER KIDDZ CAMP

Children learn about pet care, wildlife and habitat conservation, as well as respect for all animals. They can expect to interact with a variety of animals.

Ages: 6-13

When:

Week One: Wildlife in Your Backyard! Monday-July 17, 9 a.m. to noon

Week Two: For the Birds Week! - July 20-24, 9 a.m. to noon

Where: Western Riverside Animal Shelter, 6851 Van Buren Blvd., Jurupa Valley

Cost: \$100 per week (\$75 for second child)

Information: rcdas.org, 951-358-7997

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This was the second year the conservation group Inland Empire Waterkeeper offered RiverCamp.

"The purpose of this camp is to connect the children of the Inland Empire with the Santa Ana River. Really, my purpose is to connect them with nature in general, but the Santa Ana River is kind of how I do that," said Megan Brousseau, Inland Empire Waterkeeper program director.

While on land, Brousseau's campers took part in science-based activities that were anything but run-of-the-mill.

They dissected owl pellets, for example. They also spent a few moments every morning simply listening to the sounds of nature.

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Riverside residents Elijah Marquez-Carter, right, and Vincent Schroeder, both 10, smell owl pellets.

MORE CAMP OPTIONS:



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Girls work in pairs to build robots made from Lego pieces at Camp Einstein in Redlands.

CAMP EINSTEIN

The overnight camp offers hands-on science, technology, engineering and math activities for girls and boys in a semi-rustic setting.

Ages: 7-14

When: Boys camp, July 23-26; girls camp, July 30-Aug. 2

Where: Burrage Mansion, Redlands

Cost: \$150 per camper, plus a \$20 annual membership in the Boys & Girls Clubs. Scholarships are available.

Information: Applications are available at begreatie.org and may be submitted at 1251 Clay St., Redlands. Call 888-822-6535 with questions.



COURTESY OF ROBERT AND FRANCES FULLERTON MUSEUM OF ART
Last year's Egyptian-themed workshop at Cal State San Bernardino included mummy crafts.

KIDS DISCOVER EGYPT: TWO-DAY ART WORKSHOP

Children learn about ancient Egypt through art. They'll make artwork from clay and beads from ancient Egyptian molds, plus excavate a mock archaeological dig.

Ages: 9-12

When: July 20-21 and July 22-23, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Where: Robert and Frances Fullerton Museum of Art at Cal State San Bernardino

Cost: \$40, general registration; \$30 for Friends of RAFFMA, CSUSB faculty, staff, students and alumni association members

Information: 909-537-7373, raffma.csusb.edu

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ABOUT THE BILL

Name: SB858

cessfully earlier this year to get the Legislature to re-

have endured years of devastating budget cuts that

word Unified School District board, said reserves have helped some special