



NEWS RELEASE

www.marincounty.org/news

For Immediate Release

June 13, 2013

Contact:

Kevin Lynch

DIRECTOR OF JUVENILE
SERVICES
Probation Department

Marin County Civic Center
4 Jeannette Prandi Way
San Rafael, CA 94903
415 473 6620 T
CRS Dial 711
KLynch@marincounty.org
www.marincounty.org/probation

Canal Summer BBQ & Program Opportunities for Youth

San Rafael, CA - Sign-up for youth summer programs and enjoy a **FREE** lunch! **Saturday, June 15 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Pickleweed Park Picnic Area.**

Numerous program providers will be on hand to talk about the many summer programs available for youth in the community and to take registrations.

In 1999 the Summer of Peace initiative, now known as the Summer of Opportunities Collaborative, was started as a partnership between the Marin County Probation Department, Health and Human Services, the City of San Rafael, Supervisor Steve Kinsey's Office, and other community-based organizations as a strategy to reduce juvenile crime and increase youth engagement in local programs and activities.

In 2010, Canal youth once again expressed concerns over the lack of coordinated activities for youth both after school and during the summer months. As a result, the collaborative created a matrix of local opportunities provided by a variety of agencies, translated the document into Spanish, and made it available to the community.

The collaborative has sponsored the summer kick-off event in Pickleweed Park where youth and families are able to enroll or obtain information about local programs, opportunities and scholarships that they may not have been aware of or missed by the local residents. A **FREE** lunch will be provided to families by the Marin County Probation Department.

This has been a small scale approach to working collaboratively across systems.

###