

# The 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Very Special Arts Festival

## ***The Great Outdoors***

**TO:** Very Special Arts Festival Participants

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The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Very Special Arts Festival (VSAF) will be held on Wednesday, April 29, 2009 from 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM. Please review the VSAF curriculum guide on *The Great Outdoors* to explore ideas that can be adapted to the skills of your students. Please take the time to complete the necessary participation forms and fax them to the appropriate contact.

Student stage performances are a highlight of the festival and we hope your students will participate. Performances should have some relevance to the theme and must be five minutes or less to allow as many students to participate as possible.

Student visual art projects are an important part of the Very Special Arts Festival. We encourage teachers and schools to take particular care in mounting each work in a way that highlights the piece and enhances the overall display. Please make sure that you read the Art Submission Guidelines carefully to help make this process runs as smoothly as possible.

Now is the time to start planning for a bus for your students. If you foresee problems securing transportation, please contact your school sponsor, school district, local councilperson or the LAUSD or LACOE point person mentioned above.

All students must supply their own lunches which may be stored in the lunch area. The Festival can be crowded with all the activities available. Consider bringing extra support for medically fragile students.

### **Important Dates and Times**

**April 13 – April 24, 2009**

All two-dimensional art (including photography and poetry) must be delivered to Lanterman High School between April 13 and April 24, 2009 (see details in Art Submission Guidelines) between the hours of 2:30 pm and 4:30 pm only.

**April 25, 2009 – 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

We are asking for volunteers to assist with mounting the art at Lanterman High School.

**April 29, 2009 – 6:30 AM – 8:30 AM**

Three-dimensional art must be delivered to the Music Center Plaza on the day of the Festival by 8:00 a.m. At 8:30 a.m. the street will be closed, making it very difficult to get in to deliver the art. Your work must be picked up no later than 2:00 p.m. or it will be discarded since there is no storage space available.

**April 30 – May 8, 2009**

Your two-dimensional art submissions must be collected from Lanterman High School between April 30 and May 8, 2009. Art left at the school after May 9 will be discarded.

**[www.musiccenter.org/education/vsaf.html](http://www.musiccenter.org/education/vsaf.html)**