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Public Invited to Experience Cal Poly on April 18 as Part of Open House

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Cal Poly will host its 16th annual Open House on April 16-18, and the public is invited to the Campus Showcase on Saturday, April 18.

Open House presents the campus to admitted and current students, their supporters, alumni and the San Luis Obispo community.

The Campus Showcase begins with the Poly Royal Parade at 9 a.m. at Grand Avenue and Perimeter Road. The parade will travel down North Perimeter toward Via Carta, ending at Dexter Lawn. Seating is available along the route.

Opening Ceremonies begin at 10 a.m. on Dexter Lawn. Activities following opening ceremonies will include a Kids Fair, live music, RoboRodentia, the Cal Poly Tractor Pull, Cal Poly Rodeo, Open House Concert and other events. More than 200 student clubs and organizations will offer educational, information and concession booths from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Parking is free, and all parking lots will be reserved for visitors. Tune to 1610 AM for Open House traffic and parking information.

The Open House committee and student clubs will be on Broad Street at Farmers Market in Downtown San Luis Obispo on Thursday, April 16. April 17 is open to conditionally admitted students and their supporters. That day's activities include an opportunity to meet college deans, tour the campus and departments and become acquainted with the resources available to Cal Poly students.

Open House is planned by a committee of student volunteers working under Student Life & Leadership's Orientation Programs, in collaboration with the community, student clubs, faculty and staff.

Orientation Programs coordinates three programs for new Cal Poly students and their families: Open House, Student Orientation & Advising Resources and Week of Welcome.

For more information, visit the Open House Web site at <http://orientation.calpoly.edu/openhouse> or call the Open House office at 805-756-7576.

Open House 2009 schedule of events:

Thursday, April 16

6 to 9 p.m. – Club Preview Night
Farmers Market, Downtown SLO

Friday, April 17

6 p.m. – Cal Poly Rodeo
Rodeo Grounds

Saturday, April 18

8 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Open House Information Booth
Meet Open House Committee members, buy an event t-shirt and obtain event information
Dexter Lawn

9 a.m. Poly Royal Parade University Union at Grand Avenue

10 a.m. Opening Ceremonies with special guests President Warren Baker and Cornel Morton, vice president for Student Affairs
Dexter Lawn

10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Kids Fair (University Union Plaza); Club Information and Concession Booths (campuswide); Exhibits and Demonstrations (campuswide); and Main Stage Performances Main Stage (Dexter Lawn)

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Campus Tours
Dexter Lawn

1 p.m. RoboRodentia
Recreation Center

1 to 3 p.m. Cal Poly Tractor Pull
Across from the Crops Unit

3:30 p.m. Closing Ceremony and Awards
Main Stage, Dexter Lawn

5 p.m. Cal Poly Rodeo
Rodeo Grounds

8 p.m. Music Department's Open House Concert Performing Arts Center

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