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Photo Caption: Exploration Backpacks enhance a visit to Alviso Adobe Community Park in Pleasanton. The backpacks are free to use during hours of park operation.

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Kids Learn from the Past with Exploration Backpacks at Alviso Adobe Community Park in Pleasanton

Pleasanton, CA—Young visitors to Alviso Adobe Community Park in Pleasanton can check out a new Exploration Backpack at no cost during their visit to the park, which spans several distinctive time periods of the Amador Valley: the native Ohlone Indians, the Spanish Californios, and the Meadowlark Dairy.

Backpacks can be checked out anytime during park operating hours at the park's Milking Barn and include themes such as the Californio and rancho period, the Meadowlark Dairy period, and animal tracking and birding. Each backpack includes games, activities, and fun information about the park and its past history and inhabitants. The park is staffed each Wednesday through Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., during which times backpacks may be checked out.

The Dairy Discoveries Exploration Backpack is loaded with information about the Meadowlark Dairy period of the park at the turn of the century, when it was home to one of California's first certified dairies. Information about cows, the milking and pasteurization process, and much more are included in this special backpack.

The California's Exploration backpack guides young explorers through the park to learn about rancho life here on the Santa Rita Rancho that was given to Jose Dolores Pacheco by the Mexican government in 1839. Also included is information about the cattle brands used in the Amador Valley, an opportunity to try their hand at lassoing like a vaquero, and background about some famous local banditos of the time.

An animal and bird tracking backpack gives young visitors some insight about the local wildlife of the area, along with a pair of borrower binoculars to take a better look.

For more information about Exploration Backpacks, please call (925) 931-3479.

About Pleasanton

The City of Pleasanton is a vibrant Northern California community of 71,000 residents situated at the crossroads of Interstates 580 and 680, in close proximity to the San Francisco and San Jose metropolitan areas. The city's location has historical significance as a major trading route of early Native Americans and later along the route of the First Transcontinental Railroad. Pleasanton is a major suburb identified by the U.S. Census as one of the wealthiest middle-sized cities in the nation and was included on Money Magazine's list of the 'Best Cities to Live 2014' and on 24/7 Wall Street's list of 'America's 50 Best Cities to Live'. Among Pleasanton's many attractions are an excellent school system, a highly educated workforce, 1,200 acres of parkland and recreational open space, a nationally recognized business park, a regional retail shopping mall, and a historic downtown district. For more information, please visit www.cityofpleasantonca.gov.

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