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DAY OF EVENT INFORMATION

Leap's 27th Annual Sandcastle Contest: October 2, 2010

Event theme: *Sand Francisco*

At 8:00 a.m., Leap staff and volunteers will be on the beach to rope off the sites. Teams may bring rakes to clear their own sites as early as 9:00 a.m. You may bring tools, however, no building or digging on the site is allowed until the foghorn is blown at 10:00 a.m. signaling the start of the contest.

Building sites will be 20' x 20' and there will be 20' in between sites. You will also be given a 20' x 20' "staging" or "Team Support" area for any tents or lunch set up that you may have. These spaces will be marked prior to your arrival. Teams **MUST NOT** build beyond the site parameters.

There will be a Central Corridor between your staging area and your sandcastle site. This corridor is for the public to view the castles. It will be marked with orange cones on the side closest to your support area. We appreciate your help in keeping a clear "lane" for viewing.

Judges will start touring sites beginning at 11:00 a.m. Final tour of all sites will be made beginning at 1:30 p.m. Building must stop at 2:00 p.m.

Team Necessities

You will need:

1. Rakes for cleaning your site
2. Shovels, pails and buckets
3. Tools for carving
4. Shoes that cover your feet securely (sneakers rather than sandals)
5. Good sunscreen
6. Towels for drying off (more than you think)
7. An extra set of dry clothes and sneakers
8. Trash bags
9. Plenty of drinking water
10. Team spirit!

Special Notice

Over the past several years the teams have invested a lot of time and money in building formwork for their sandcastles. This year, in a continued effort to green the event,

NO FORMS WILL BE ALLOWED.

Please channel those funds to the event and Leap.



Unloading and Parking

You may drop off your materials near the stairwell where you access the beach. Then **YOU MUST MOVE YOUR VEHICLE** so that others have access to the stairwell. There should be no problem parking in the lot.

1. If your site is # 1 – 5, please enter at Stairwell A.
2. If your site is # 6 – 10, please enter at Stairwell B.
3. If your site is #11 – 15, please enter at Stairwell C.
4. If your site is # 16 – 20, please enter at Stairwell D.
5. If your site is #21 – 25, please enter at Stairwell E.
6. There will be signs at each stairwell indicating the letter.

Team Check-In

All teams must sign in at the Leap Tent on the day of the event, which will be located at the top of Stairwell C. There will be raffle tickets available at the Leap Tent as well as a BIG copy of the floor plan.

Parent Consent Forms

If the Leap kids have not already done so, please turn in all permission slips from parents or guardians on file at the Leap Tent. Remember that the school gets a copy and Leap gets a copy. Parent consent forms are included in this mailing.

Team Waterguard Check-In

Due to the riptides, we require that each team designate one adult member that is solely responsible for keeping your team's kids from swimming in the ocean. Please designate that person well ahead of time so there is no confusion the day of the event. There will be a meeting that will be announced over the PA system at approximately 9:15 am. Waterguards will be asked to come to the Judge's Tent to pick up their "Waterguard t-shirt" and review the job.

Team Green Guard

Help us make the SCC a greener event by appointing a trash and recycling monitor -- aka the "**Green Monster**"-- for your team. This person will receive a "Green Monster" t-shirt and will be in charge of their team's trash and recycling removal. Please provide the receptacles, bags, and staff necessary for your Green Monster to manage your site. We encourage you to sort your trash into three categories: compost, recyclables, and trash. Please use "green" containers such as biodegradable bags and cardboard boxes. We will have dumpster zones assigned to each category for your convenience. There will be a meeting that will be announced over the PA system at approximately 9:30 a.m. Green Monsters will be asked to come to the Judge's Tent to pick up their t-shirt and receive final instructions.

There will be an award for "Most Green Site". The judges will be evaluating each teams "green" trash set up and management.

Sites and Signage

The site for your team will be announced at the Pre-Party. Please ensure that one of your team members is there to choose the site, or the Leap Sandcastle Committee will choose it for you. Sites will be 20 feet by 20 feet and will be marked off with access to the water.

Teams are responsible for creating a sign to display on the beach. There will be award given to the “Best Site Sign.” This is your chance to display the name of your team, sponsor(s) and school. Be creative! Please do not forget your sponsors’ name on the sign. All signs must be removed from the beach at clean-up time.

Please include the Leap logo and “Bringing Art and Architecture to Bay Area Schools” on your sign. We will email you this logo. It will also be available for download at www.leap4kids.org.

T-Shirts

Each team is expected to provide t-shirts for their staff and students. **We will provide you with Leap Sandcastle artwork to put on your team specific t-shirts.**

There will be an award for “Best T-Shirt”. Please remember to include your sponsors on your t-shirts. We are asking each team to drop off a t-shirt in each size you are ordering at the Leap Tent in the morning when you arrive. These will be used to judge the winner and also will be sold by Leap to raise additional funds for our programs in schools. Winners will be announced at the Post-Party.

Special Deal!

Starfish, Inc. has offered to provide a discounted price on t-shirts for Sandcastle teams. If you are willing to include Starfish logo on your team shirt and include them as a sponsor of your team - they will offer you a **15%** discount on your order.

Please contact Irene Zheng at Starfish at (415) 468-6688, or irene@starfishsf.com and tell her that you are a Leap Sandcastle team. You will need to provide Starfish with your artwork.

Lunch

Each team will be responsible for providing lunch for your team, staff and students. You may take a lunch break whenever you choose.

Community Castle

- **Background:** The Community Castle is returning after a successful pilot last year. In this area, bystanders and families of team members partner with volunteers and an architect from Leap’s teaching roster to build their own sand structure. This area is non-competitive and will not be included in the judging. Participants in this activity were encouraged to make a donation to support Leap's art and architecture residency programs in Bay Area schools. Participants who donated \$10 or more received a Leap Sandcastle t-shirt. It proved to be an

engaging, family-friendly activity in which people of all ages had an opportunity to jump in and join in the fun!

- **Promotion:** We will provide you with flyers to give to your school so that families of the students are aware of this opportunity.
- **Team Donation:** We are also asking the teams to help us with donations of essential building materials for the Community Sandcastle-building area. We are asking each team to donate one or two of the following items.
 - Large shovel
 - Bucket
 - Assorted sand carving tools (trowels, etc)
 - Watering can
 - Spray bottle

We will make an announcement at the beach asking for teams to bring these items to the Leap tent on the beach. Thanks for your help in creating our first Community Sandcastle-building area! Donations are tax deductible, and we can provide a tax receipt upon request.

OFFICIAL RULES

1. Absolutely **NO BUILDING BEFORE 10:00 a.m.** You may clean and rake your site but **DO NOT** shovel any sand prior to the 10 o'clock siren. Each team must stop building/grooming after the 2 o'clock siren.
2. Teams may include any number of volunteers. However, we are encouraging teams to form a one- to-one (kid to adult ratio) joint venture team. Please note that one of the four judging criteria is participation of Leap kids. Judges will review their involvement in the design process and building efforts.
3. This is an amateur event that benefits the kids. No professional sandcastle consultants or assistance is allowed. Any team using professional help will be disqualified.
4. Teams are responsible for creating a sign to display on the beach. Please do not forget your sponsors' name and the Leap logo on your sign. Also, remember to remove all signs from the sites at the end of the day.
5. All waste is to be disposed of in the **DUMPSTER(s)** which will be near the north end of the parking lot. Please **DO NOT** leave trash in the cans at the top of the stairs. Please refer to the "Green" goals for the event outlined above.
6. **NO WOODEN FORMS WILL BE ALLOWED THIS YEAR.**
Also, no substructures are allowed to support the structure/sand in the finished form. However, you may use one ladder, one wheelbarrow and some water sprayers along with your hand tools. Make sure that your water sprayer can handle salt water, since there are no fresh water spigots available for filling.
7. Materials in the final sand structure are limited to sand and water (in any form including ice and dry ice). No dyes, paint, glue, plaster, etc., are allowed.

8. Judges will begin touring the sites beginning at 11:00 a.m. Final tour of all sites will be made at 1:30 p.m.
9. Building sites will be 20 feet by 20 feet and there will be 20 feet in between each site. Teams are not allowed to build beyond the site parameters.

10. HAVE FUN!

Cliff Notes:

Date:	Saturday, October 2, 2010
Place:	Ocean Beach in San Francisco at the foot of Balboa Avenue
Team Set Up:	9:00 a.m.
Start Time:	10:00 a.m. at the sound of the foghorn
End Time:	2:00 p.m. at the sound of the foghorn
Awards Ceremony:	3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.