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**Two Weekends of Discovery and Giving Back to the San Diego River  
May 9<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>**

SAN DIEGO, CA – Our namesake river that runs through the heart of San Diego is being honored over two weekends with the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual River Days celebration. The kick off event starts this Saturday morning May 9<sup>th</sup> at Dog Beach in Ocean Beach at 8:30AM. A 12-mile bike ride along the river starts here and there will be a beach cleanup at 9:00AM. Coffee and Snacks will be provided and free Goodies Bags will be provided to the first 50 attendees. River Days, sponsored by Think Blue and hosted by the San Diego River Park Foundation and the San Diego River Coalition will occur May 9, 10, 16 and 17.

Executive Director of the San Diego River Park, Rob Hutsel, explains, “River Days 2009 is a two-week long celebration of the San Diego River. We encourage everyone to come out and enjoy what the river and watershed have to offer. Many people in our community don’t know about the San Diego River. River Days is designed to provide a range of community events to showcase the river and the organizations of the San Diego River Coalition.

San Diego River Days is the largest watershed event of its kind. It offers everyone across the county, from the headwaters in East County, through Mission Valley, to the river mouth near Mission Bay many opportunities to reconnect with the San Diego River. River Days consists of over 30 events attended by thousands of green minded families and individuals over the course of two weekends all working toward a clean and healthy San Diego River and watershed. Events include bike rides along the river, volunteer river cleanup events, nature walks and hikes, museum tours, gardening events and more. The numerous events that make up River Days allow the community to enjoy one of San Diego’s most treasured natural resources while spurring awareness about preserving the river. For more details on River Days and River Days events go to: [www.sdriverdays.org](http://www.sdriverdays.org)

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About The San Diego River Park Foundation

The San Diego River Park Foundation is the only non-profit organization working to restore and enhance the entire San Diego River, from the mountains to the ocean. Working with a broad-based coalition of over 70 community, civic, and public interest groups, as well as public agencies, elected officials, and civic leaders, the Foundation believes a River Park is a special project that has tremendous potential to benefit not only the current generation but future generations as well.