

## COMMUNITY LIFE



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### *Creekside, Sacramento Kids See Performances at Wolf Trap*

Recently a chartered bus took 52 children and their escorts from Sacramento and Creekside Neighborhood Centers to see two performances at Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts. The first performance was Project Trio, which contained an upright bass, a cello, and a beat box flute. The performance included an interpretation of "Peter and the Wolf." One of the students noticed that the beat box flute performer had been on the television show *icarly* and got his autograph. Next came the Wolf Trap Opera Studio. They introduced the students to the different vocal techniques and sounds of the opera. Then the kids got to pick their own opera. The students voted on the plot of the opera as well as the characters and their moods. The results of the vote were an opera starring Justin Bieber and Harry Potter with a tragic ending. This trip was sponsored and paid for by the Mount Vernon Kiwanis Club.

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### *Ninja Time at Spy Museum*

On Aug. 13, the Mount Vernon Kiwanis Club sponsored a bus trip for 50 children and their staff escorts from the Sacramento and Creekside Neighborhood Centers to the International Spy Museum in Washington, D.C. The teenagers participated in Operation Spy, an interactive experience that required the teens to work together in teams to catch a spy. The younger group toured the International Spy Museum. All of the students first had to choose an alias before they entered. It was a truly dazzling experience that included exhibits on lock picking, spy cars, new spy gadgets and accessories and much more. Some of the kids' favorites were ninjas and Russian operatives. One exhibit included a telephone where secret messages were passed. The kids learned about the Cold War and its politics and how technology has changed the art of spying.

