

Rim Education Foundation Update January 2016



Whoop! Whoop!

Rim Education Foundation has been selected by the **Lake Arrowhead Chamber of Commerce** to be honored as the **2016 Non-profit Organization** at their February 20th Gala. Contact Lake Arrowhead Communities Chamber of Commerce

askus@lakearrowheadchamber.com for ticket information for the event

Give Big Campaign

Rim Education Foundation raised a total of **\$6775** in the County's **Give BIG** campaign on Giving Tuesday, December 1, 2015. We look forward to the Give BIG campaign in 2016.

Rim Education Grants

This year the Foundation granted \$15,360 in education grants. Grants range in size from \$3,786 (one award); two awards in the \$1,200-\$2000 range; and 10 grants in the \$500-\$1,000 range. The grants are awarded to individual teachers for classroom projects.

Following are some snapshots of the funded grants in the fall of 2015:

- **Trout in the Classroom:** An interactive program with specialized equipment to raise and study the life cycle of trout for release into the environment.
- **Odyssey of the Mind:** An international program that teaches students how to collaborate creatively to solve problems effectively and efficiently.
- **Wii Will Wii Will Rock You:** Wii equipment and accessories for use by Adaptive PE students in Special Education to address the need for a more diversified multi-sensory integration program to benefit fine and gross motor skills

ROP (Regional Occupation Program)

In 2015-2016, the Rim Education Foundation decided to expand its focus to include ROP provided at Rim of the World High School. On December 7, 2015 representatives from Rim Education Foundation awarded a \$5,000 grant to Rim High School's ROP.

ROP classes are designed to prepare students for life. Beyond learning skills associated with a variety of occupations (i.e. firefighting, printing, wood and metal work, auto mechanics, and many more), they are taught critical thinking and real world involvement with school administration, corporate business, and local employers. ROP changes lives; some students say they did not know what they wanted to do in the future until enrolling in ROP courses. Many students move forward to successful careers and advance education as a result of the skills learned through ROP. ROP is making a difference in students' lives and we, as a community through the Rim Education Foundation, are helping to fund their futures.

AVID (Achievement Via Individual Determination)

Rim High's AVID program purchased 26 Chromebook computers with the \$5000 that they received from the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians this past year. With the software that has been loaded on them by the District technology department, the computers give students the opportunity to compose college applications and to send those applications to colleges via the internet. This is almost a 1:1 computer to student ratio for the AVID senior class and will allow the students to work on college applications during class time. The students used to have to complete their applications at home on their own time with little feedback from the teacher or their peers, but now they can work on them in class with supervision and peer editing. These computers should last for 10 years or more with routine maintenance. The AVID program would not have had the money to purchase these computers without the generosity of San Manuel and the Rim Education Foundation.

Events for Your Calendar

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| Jump in the Lake | Feb. 6 at Lake Arrowhead Resort and Spa |
| Bowling for Education | March 13 at Rim Bowling and Entertainment Center |
| Fashion with Jazz | May 1 at Lake Arrowhead Resort and Spa |

For more information, go to our website www.rimedfoundation.org or call: Marilyn Mays (909) 485-1153

Please join us at these fun events in support of quality educational experiences for our Rim USD students.

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