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Up and Coming Tastes of Mexico Event Highlights: New Regional Mexican Cuisine to Support P.L.A.Y., Inc. and Online Tickets

Experience the annual "Tastes of Mexico" event on Friday, September 10, 2010, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at the Veterans' Memorial Community Center located at 313 West Tunnell Street, Santa Maria. Support local recreational, cultural, social and arts programs while sampling Santa Maria's finest Mexican cuisine, beverages and entertainment all under one roof. The People for Leisure and Youth, Inc. (P.L.A.Y., Inc.) invites you to attend this festive evening of authentic Mexican food, beverages and cultural entertainment. Take a quick getaway to the heart of Mexico with out leaving the Santa Maria Valley!

This year, the event is expanding on its restaurant lineup of local Mexican restaurants as well as offering new cuisine. Popular local meat dishes including asada, al pastor, carnitas and mo'le will also be returning. A Mexican food competition will also take place and participating restaurants will be judged on the taste of their dish. A broad selection of Mexican beers will be available to taste and Two Guys Bar Catering will be there again to create exotic flavored Margarita's to sample at the bar.

While event goes taste their way through Mexico, top local entertainment will channel the musical vibes of Mexico courtesy of the Righetti High School Marimba Band and the Folklorico Dancers along with Mariachi Imperial and the Cuarteto Voces del Recuerdo Band. Proceeds raised at the "Taste of Mexico" event go to P.L.A.Y., Inc. which funds recreational, cultural, social, and arts programs throughout the Santa Maria Valley.

Ticket prices are \$25.00 per person. Tickets may be purchased at the Recreation and Parks Department at 615 South McClelland Street in Santa Maria or online at www.santamariaatplay.org. For additional information, contact (805) 925-0951, extension 260.

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