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Heritage Hill Historical Park

This year's cover depicts Heritage Hill Historical Park which is Orange County's first historic park. This 4 acre property is home to the Serrano Adobe, the El Toro Grammar School, St. George's Episcopal Mission, and the Bennett Ranch House. These fully restored early California buildings have nineteenth and twentieth century furnishings, artifacts, and landscaping set in a historic village setting.

Programs and Special Events:

Free weekly "walk-in" tours are available for individuals and groups of seven or less on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday at 2:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Tours for groups of eight or more should be arranged at least three weeks in advance. The fee for group tours is \$2 per person.

In addition to the individual and prearranged group tours, there are programs specifically offered to children. Third grade students can enjoy a hands-on program with activities at the various historical buildings. Fourth grade students can experience a turn-of-the-century school day as a part of the Living History program. All elementary school children have the opportunity to take a Native American tour which features a visit to the Indian village exhibit. Small group nature tours are available to groups of all ages.

Heritage Hill Historical Park offers a unique and charming setting for a wide variety of special events including weddings, receptions, corporate functions, Victorian teas, as well as country and western style events. The park is also widely known for its Christmas celebration held on the first Saturday of December.

Location:

Heritage Hill Historical Park is situated in the community of Lake Forest (El Toro) near the intersection of Lake Forest Drive and Serrano Road. The park is open Wednesday through Sunday, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For more information about Heritage Hill Historical Park, please visit www.ocparks.com/heritagehill/ or call (949) 923-2230.

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