



San Mateo County

Sheriff's Activities League





Mission Statement

The mission of the San Mateo County Sheriff's Activities League is to invest in all youth of San Mateo County by offering impactful programs that guide them towards unlocking their full potential. Through creating meaningful opportunities, we build strong relationships between deputies, youth, families, and the community, fostering a foundation of care and togetherness for all.



Focus Areas



**Building the bond
between, deputies,
youth, and communities**



**Academic
Achievement**



**Health, Wellness, &
Sports**



**Leadership
Development &
Mentoring**



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Youth Mentoring Programs

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Redwood City/North Fair Oaks: 105 youth

Half Moon Bay: 28 youth

Pescadero: 22 youth

Millbrae: Coming soon!



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Joining the Program

Youth join the program by word of mouth, school presentations, referral by school staff, teachers, referral from School Resource Officers (Deputies), etc.



All youth who join receive a 1 on 1 check-in to address immediate needs and integrate into the program. We also meet with parents and offer resources for immediate needs.



We work with school administrators to let them know which youth from their school are a part of program for any truancy, behavior, grades, or mental health concerns.



Mentors continue to check-in with youth individually and their families. Mentors are SAL staff, Deputies, and School Resource Officers.



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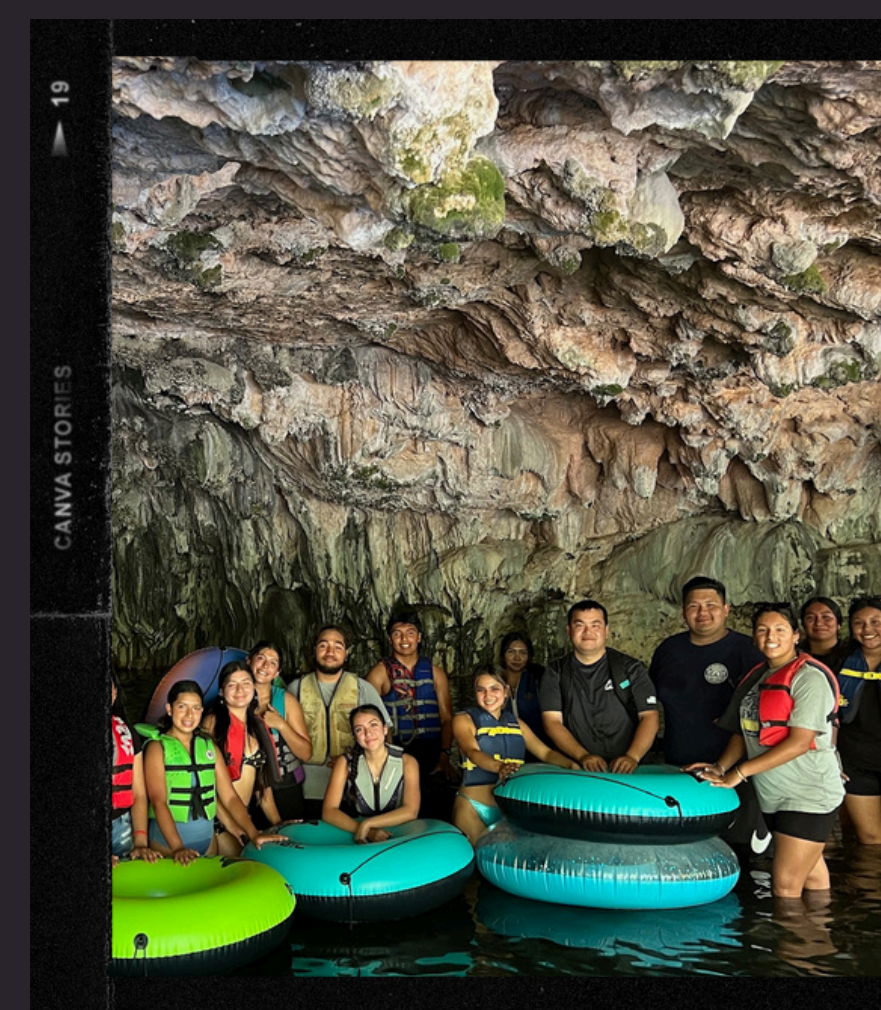
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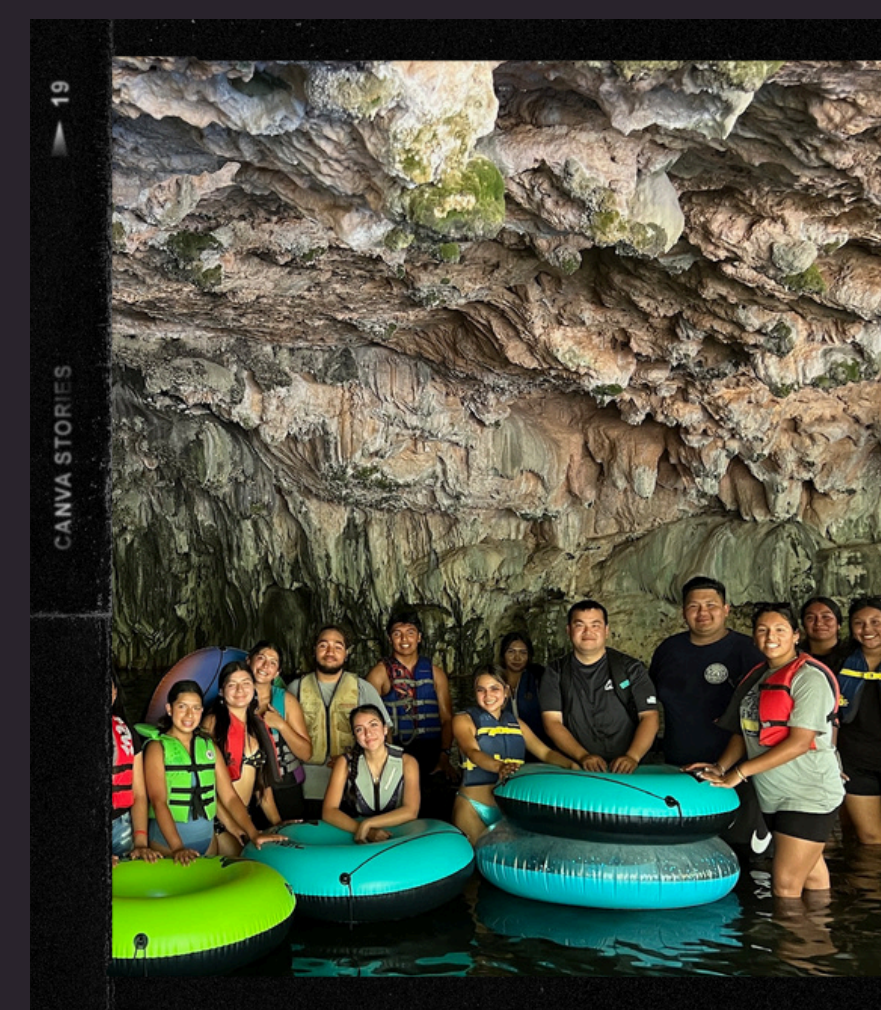
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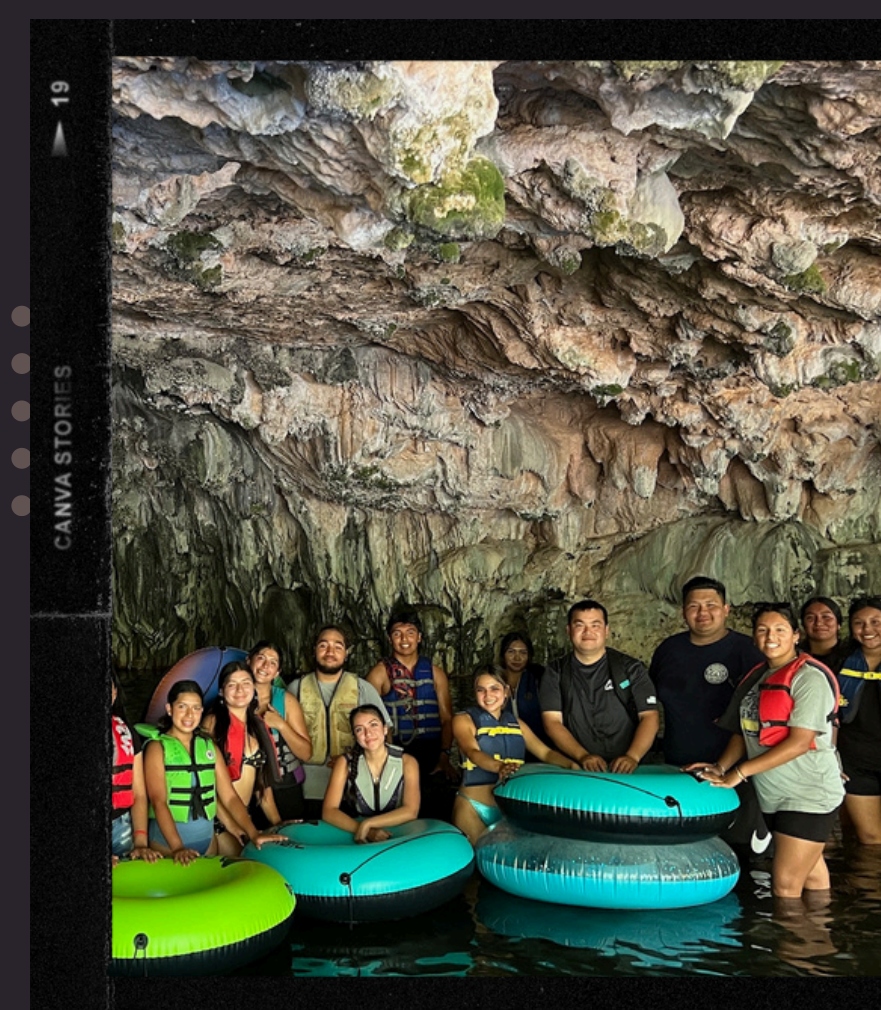
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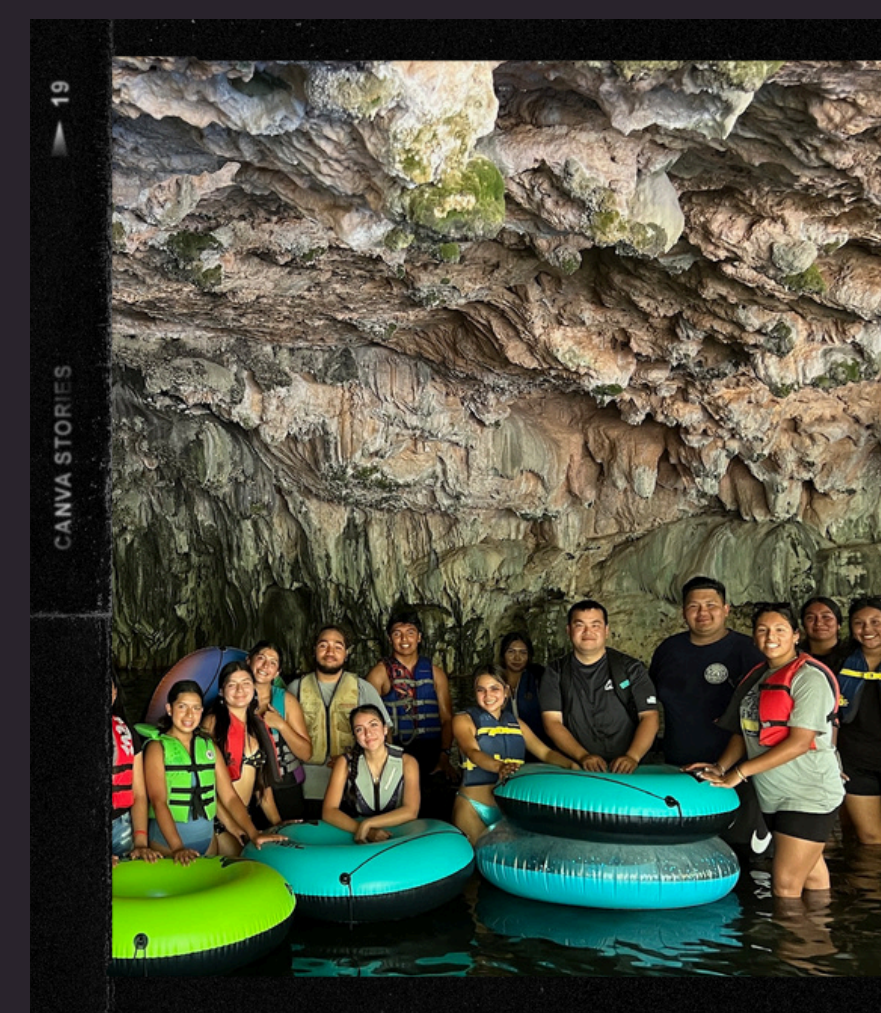
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SAL Trip
Washington



Step 5: Community Leadership and Future Planning

- Youth Led Community Service Projects
- Councils, Committees, Panels,
- Leadership Opportunities
- Internships/Career Exploration
- Job Training



- Scholarships
- Commissions
- College Admissions
- Awards
- Letters of Recommendation
- Jobs



Youth Success Stories: Destiny Cortez

- 5 years in the program
- 900 hours of community service
- Youth Directors Council
- OYE Latinx Youth Conference MC
- MC at 4 other conferences
- Facilitated Food & Jacket Drive and distribution, fundraised for COVID supplies to help unsheltered population.
- 2023 SAL Youth of the Year
- 2024 California PAL Youth of the Year



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- Applied for 23 Universities
- Accepted to 18 including: UCSB, UCSD, Drexel
- Offered full-ride scholarships from: Lehigh, American, and, Lafayette
- Awarded: Sequoia Awards, Goldie Scholarship, and Rotary Scholarship
- SAL Summer Intern
- Wants to start non-profit to help unsheltered population



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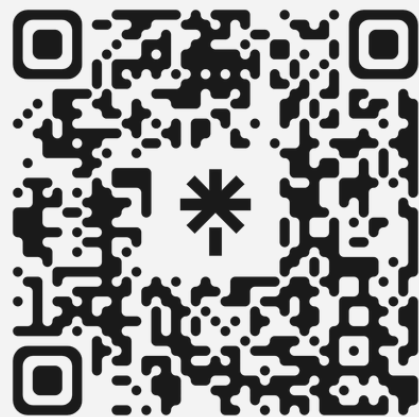


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