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Metro kids take aim with hula hoops to toss a ring around the rocking horse. Below, balloon artist makes bright blue swords, pink poodles, balloon hats and much, much more.



3,500 Pack Knott's Berry Farm for Metro Family Day

(April 15, 2008) Metro Gateway Cities General Manager Alex Clifford welcomed employees, their families and guests to last Saturday's fourth annual Metro Family Day at Knott's Berry Farm.

Like the record heat, which soared to nearly 100 degrees, attendance soared to 3,500, easily

doubling last year's tally, said Danielle Boutier, Director, Communications Services.

Speaking on behalf of Chief Operations Officer Carolyn Flowers, Clifford echoed the sentiment of the day: "It's important to take some time off to be with your family. This is quality time with your Metro Gateway Cities GM Alex Clifford: Metro family."



Quality time with Metro family.

It was an easy directive to follow for the 3,500 who enjoyed a summer's day at the amusement park. Many families arrived early and took a midday break to enjoy a delicious spread of hamburgers, chicken and all the trimmings under canopies in the picnic area.

Kids competed in hula hoop and musical chairs competitions, went hand-overhand up a climbing wall or - armed with air-filled jousting poles - challenged each other on a bouncing cushion.



Helmeted knights of yore on the jousting arena. Below, Metro Bus Operators Jaime Marquez, East Valley Division, and Juan Guzman, Gateway Division give the logo some face time.



The appearance of Snoopy, Charlie Brown and other Peanuts characters made the day extra special for the little ones. And many walked away with balloon hats, gold fish, swords, poodles and other air-filled animals.

After lunch, many families visited Camp Snoopy or panned for gold dust or braved the roller-coasters and other rides. And many went home with souvenirs – or at least a smile. -- from Gayle Anderson









Clockwise from bottom left: \* Hula hoops are good for lots of stuff \* Kayla Trujillo, daughter of Andrew Trujillo, Gateway Division scheduling, poses for caricature. \* Alex Clifford sets the tone for fun! \* Metro Red Line Operator William Lee meets up with Snoopy. \* Look, Ma! A balloon sword! \* Climbing wall goes all the way up. \* Real Estate Officer Reggie Buenrostro with wife Marisol and son Daniel. \* Face painting is always worth sitting still for. \* East Valley Division Operator Jaime Marquez' godson Christian Szabo turns into a pirate!









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