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## STAFF REPORT

**Date:** August 12, 2009 **Item:** 2  
**To:** Lemoore City Council Members  
**From:** Lynne Nelson, Recreation Supervisor  
**Subject:** Sarah A. Mooney Museum Board President Carmen Bettancourt

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The 2009 Summer Day Camp program was the recipient of a magnificent gift this year in the form of a wonderful lady named Carmen Bettancourt and her children Aubrey and Alden. At the February 11, 2009 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Mrs. Bettancourt provided the Commissioners with a wealth of information on the many activities and tours Sarah A. Mooney Museum provides each year to students as well as the local community. From that outline, an idea was born for the summer day campers to experience some of these activities. After meeting and discussing many ideas with Mrs. Bettancourt, each Monday at the Sarah A. Mooney Museum became a reality for campers to experience and learn more about Lemoore's yester-year life.

From the "Victory Garden" project arose a wonderful idea and with true appreciation and heart for the Museum, Carmen began to help us learn how to plant, grow and harvest a garden, make jam and we even learned how to use our waste to make fertilizer for our garden.

The 2009 Summer Day Camp Program has truly experienced an unforgettable adventure through all the activities and hands on training we received from the Sarah A. Mooney Museum staff, Aubrey, Alden and Mrs. Carmen Bettancourt.

Mrs. Carmen Bettancourt will be present at the Tuesday, August 19, 2009 City Council meeting to receive an appreciation plaque from the 2009 Lemoore Day Camp.

We would like to ask City Council Members to make time to experience tours and offered activities at the Sarah A. Mooney Museum.