



# Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District

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## RivCoParks “The Hive – Virtual Adventures” Receives Award from the California Parks & Recreation Society

**March 23, 2022 – Jurupa Valley, CA** - The California Parks & Recreation Society (CPRS) presented Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District (RivCoParks) with an award of excellence for our online educational portal, “The Hive – Virtual Adventures” on March 10, 2022 at the “CONNECTIONS 2022” annual conference and exposition event. The award honors excellence in parks and recreation. The Hive can be found at <https://www.rivcoparks.org/the-hive-vr>

The Hive is a mini-website within RivCoParks main website, and is a collection of on-line nature education resources for kids of all ages. The award was given within the category of digital media in marketing and communications, and recognizes excellence in electronic communications to promote public parks and increase public awareness.

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# RivCoPARKS

Designed as a virtual-natural world to visit, The Hive also encourages people to go enjoy the great outdoors in person after learning a thing or two online. This fun nature ed portal was created during Covid-19 and it offered families who were cooped up ideas to have fun safely, either indoors or outdoors, with nature-themed activities. The need for children (and adults) to have fun during this time was identified as critically important to support mental health as study after study have confirmed the physical and mental health benefits of nature.

“We are honored to have the opportunity to share nature education with children and families and to encourage them to get outside. RivCoParks has consistently offered positive options, both virtually and in-person, during this challenging time in history,” stated RivCoParks General Manger Kyla Brown.

Created with plenty of bee puns and whimsey, The Hive includes the following:

- Special Events like Virtual Twilight Tales, Virtual Pajama Storytime, and I Love My Watershed Week
- Nature Guides & Scavenger Hunts featuring birding booklets, word search games and camp-at-home fun and games
- Crafts to build your own watershed, create a frog face, and design a flying bat
- Virtual Storytime with Stagecoach Storytime readings and other stories read at various park sites
- What’s the Difference? WEDNESDAYS – a series of videos about the differences between similar critters like the Millipede Centipede Misunderstanding
- Virtual meeting backdrops from scenic locations

Be sure to stop by and visit the award-winning “The Hive – Virtual Adventures”  
<https://www.rivcoparks.org/the-hive-vr>

See our flyer enclosed for more info.

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## **The Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District (RivCoParks)**

Our Mission is to acquire, protect, develop, manage, and interpret for the inspiration, use and enjoyment of all people, a well-balanced system of park related places of outstanding scenic, recreational, and historic importance. Our Vision is to be the regional leader in improving lives through people, parks, places and programs.

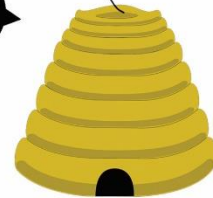




# Welcome to the Hive



We'll bee learning a lot together!



Buzz by our Virtual - Natural World before you fly off to the Great Outdoors in person!