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## **Natividad Tweens and Teens group to hold beach party**

Natividad Medical Center's Healthy Tweens and Teens group will hold a beach party at Lover's Point in Pacific Grove, beginning at 11 a.m. Saturday.

Julie Dustin of Breathe Central Coast will attend.

Lovers Point Beach is at the corner of Ocean View and Forest Avenue in Pacific Grove.

Those needing transportation may meet at 10 a.m. at Natividad Medical Center, to leave at 10:15 a.m. Gather at the Barnet J. Segal Outpatient Services Center, Natividad Room (behind the Gift Shop), 1441 Constitution Blvd., Salinas.

Information: Call Chesney Hoagland-Fuchs at 759-6564.

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## **Natividad investing in capital equipment Staff report**

Improved cash flow at Natividad Medical Center has allowed the hospital to refocus on buying clinical and operational capital equipment for fiscal years 2007 and 2008.

Recent capital equipment purchases through the hospital's Foundation include two bariatric beds and a bariatric wheelchair for the medical surgical unit and a special ventilator and an oxygen blender for critically ill infants in the Natividad Level 111 Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

The original \$1 million capital budget approved for clinical and operational equipment purchases in FY 07 was raised to \$2 million in June. Through input from physicians and clinical departments, NMC capital investment during the last 8 months totals approximately \$1.9 million and includes Intensive Care Unit beds, low beds for fall prevention for the medical surgical and rehab units, upgraded telemetry monitoring equipment for the medical surgical unit, defibrillators for the Emergency Department, special cardiac/respiratory arrest equipment, sophisticated GI surgical equipment including a laparoscopic video surgical system, an automated sterile processor, three radiology ultrasound systems, a cardiac echo ultrasound machine, and a vitrectomy machine, a multi-functional surgical instrument for the surgical treatment of eye disease.

The hospital has also just received approval to begin electronic scanning, storage and retrieval of patient medical records.

A long list of clinical and operational capital needs is being evaluated for fiscal year 2008 as NMC strives to better serve the medical needs of the community.

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