



*Lake Perris State Recreation Area*

The Outdoor Youth Connection (OYC) began in 2007 as a collaborative effort between California Department of Parks and Recreation's Office of Community Involvement (OCI), the California State Parks Foundation, and the Pacific Leadership Institute, which is a special project of San Francisco State University's Research and Leisure Studies Department administered through the SFSU Foundation, Inc.

The OYC program's goals are to use the outdoors as a tool to train for leadership and to build relationships through positive experiences, leadership, respect, trust, and teamwork. The Department's OYC partnership provides California's young people with ongoing opportunities for highly structured, powerful introductions to outdoor experiences. This cooperative effort combines resources to unlock the potential for young people to become catalysts for change in their communities. More Info: [Office of Community Involvement Website](#)



*The Challenge Course Fort Miley, San Francisco, National Park, a Pacific Leadership Institute partnership*



*OYC Teambuilding Activity, a Southern California State Beach*