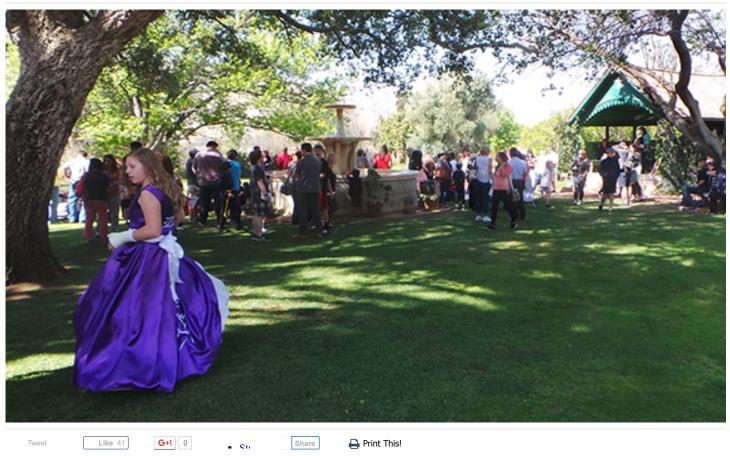




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Hundreds of Santa Clarita residents turned out to SCV i's third annual Civil War living history event Fri Ranchos Camulos in Piru.

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Visitors were treated to a day long adventure set back in time as part of iLEAD Schools' project-based learning curriculum, said school officials. SCVi Charter School's 8th-grade learners pro public with a living history display from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the historic Rancho Camulos in Piru.

Each student portrayed a person from the Civil War era, remaining "in character" throughout the event.

"This is the epitome of voice and choice in education," said facilitator Dustin Lengning. "Our students are focusing on what they feel they can learn the most about." "In order to gain a dee understanding of this tumultuous time in our nation's history, SCVi's 8th grade class has been taking their learning beyond simply reading about history. Instead, each student has chosen a may have lived in that time, whether a historical figure or a persona they created based on what they've learned and researched about life in mid19th century in America."

As guests walked the grounds, they were able to expierence displays of Civil War era inventions, a war hospital, military encampments, abolitionists, battles, a cotillion, a sutlery and more, eighth-grade learners participating as living history docents, sharing their knowledge from a first person perspective, said school officials.

The project was the brainchild of well known iLEAD facilitators and project based learning gurus Erin Aquaviva, Keith Faulkner, and Dustin Lengning, according to school officials. However, learners make this project their own, discovering for themselves new things about our nation's history that excite them enough to want to share with their peers and the community at large





Brianna Ford and Mateo Bokun, eighth-grade SCVi said they were excited for eve

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"What we want people visiting to understand is that this living history day is just the culminating event," Faulkner said. "The hard work went into the two months leading up to the present share

with the community. These kids have been incorporating their 21st-century learning skills in preparation. They have been inventing, marketing, scheduling, budgeting, planning, showing off their entrepreneurial skills, designing and much more."

One 8th grade learner who is developing her personal character shared what she has discovered so far:

"I have been learning about women who lived at the time, and their way of life was so much harder than it is for women today. Even for those who were born into privilege, there were certain rules of society that had to be followed. If you faltered in any way, you were looked down upon; your entire reputation was ruined forever. It makes me feel very lucky that I live in the time I do."; She added with a chuckle, "Not to mention those dresses and all those layers were heavy."



About Rancho Camulos

Rancho Camulos is located at 5164 East Telegraph Road (Highway 126), Piru, California, and a \$5 donation is requested to attend. The event starts at 9:00 a.m. and



Shopkeeper selling goods made by SCVi students.

runs until 3:00 p.m. SCVi offers project based K12 curriculum with global and culturally diverse influences.

The tuition free charter school emphasizes an inquiry based, learner centered approach to education through prolearning. SCVi's primary goal is to help learners lead a successful and fulfilled life while contributing to the world More information about SCVi and iLEAD Schools is available here.



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