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Katie Lowe Joins Rancho Los Alamitos as Manager of Education and Public Engagement



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Long Beach, California – Rancho Los Alamitos Foundation is pleased to announce that Katie Lowe has joined the staff as Manager of Education and Public Engagement at its historic ranch and gardens. As a member of the Rancho’s senior management team, Lowe will provide leadership and vision for the development of innovative educational programs that will enhance the experience of visitors to the site.

She comes to the Rancho with seven years of experience in museum education and interpretation. She worked most recently at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County as Interpretive Training Coordinator where she developed training programs for volunteers, docents and staff. Prior to her tenure at the Natural History Museum, she led inquiry-based programs on American history for K-12th grade students as a Museum Teacher at the Autry Museum of the American West. She interned at Winterthur Museum, Garden and Library in Wilmington, DE and developed outreach programs on art and history for underserved students.

Lowe studied at the University of Delaware in Newark, DE where she earned a Master of Arts degree in American Material Culture and a Graduate Certificate in Museum Studies as well as a Bachelor of Arts degree in Art Conservation with minors in Art History, Environmental Humanities, Material Culture Studies and Public Policy. She lives in El Segundo with her husband, Zach. Together, they enjoy hiking in California's mountains, deserts, and coast.

"I'm thrilled to be joining the wonderful team of staff and volunteers at Rancho Los Alamitos. The site's historic home and grounds are inspiring for the multitude of stories they tell about the history of Southern California. I am eager to build on the successes of the dynamic educational programming we currently offer as well as expand our programming to create new, engaging opportunities for diverse audiences to connect with the Rancho and its stories," said Lowe.

About Rancho Los Alamitos

Rancho Los Alamitos, located in Long Beach, California, is a small part of the original three-hundred-thousand-acre Los Coyotes land concession award to a Spanish soldier in 1790 for his military service. It reflects and invites exploration of the interaction between people and place, culture and environment, past and present to create a greater understanding of the evolution of Southern California and its place today's world. The 7½-acre historic resource comprises the ranch house (constructed c. 1800-1933), four acres of nationally significant gardens, a barnyard area, visitor center, and research archive. The site has been continuously occupied and the land used for more than 1,500 years beginning with the indigenous Tongva people, and the history of the site, as well as the lives of its owners and occupants, make it a perfect metaphor for the Southern California experience.

Rancho Los Alamitos, "Ranch of the Little Cottonwoods," is a Long Beach City Landmark and is twice listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Rancho Los Alamitos Foundation operates Rancho Los Alamitos Historic Ranch and Gardens in a public-private partnership with the City of Long Beach. The site is open for tours Wednesday through Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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