



SECTION 430

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2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SCHOOL, SCOUT OR YOUTH GROUPS MUST CALL US WELL IN ADVANCE TO AVOID SCHEDULING CONFLICTS AND IT'S STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR GROUP LEADER(S) TAKE ONE OF OUR CLASSES!!!

LAUNCHES AT THE SANTA FE DAM RECREATIONAL AREA:



Los Angeles County Supervisor

HILDA L. SOLIS

First District



**US Army Corps
of Engineers**
Los Angeles District



Model Rocket launches run by SCRA as a Core Program Partner of the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks & Recreation. SCRA conducts controlled & supervised launches for the general public at the Santa Fe Dam Recreational Area in Irwindale on the dates listed below. **YOU CAN ONLY LAUNCH IN THE PARK AS PART OF A CONTROLLED & SUPERVISED LAUNCH!!** Normal SCRA safety-check and launching procedures will be followed. You must be familiar with the procedures & have your flight cards filled out properly. For a copy of the [launch procedure](#) & [flight cards](#) call SCRA or visit our [website](#). **Please note current park vehicle fee and SCRA launch fee to help our club offset the new park "staffing fee".**

DATES: SATURDAYS: Jan. 24, Feb. 28, Mar. 21, July 11, Sep. 19, Oct. 3, Nov. 7, Dec. 5.

SUNDAYS: Jan. 11, Feb. 1, Mar. 8, June 7 & 28, July 26, Aug 30, Sep. 27, Oct. 18, Nov. 15, Dec. 13.

Dates are subject to change or cancellation due to weather, other events or FAA emergencies.

LAUNCH TIMES: 8:00 am to 12:00 noon. Set-Up time is 7 am. Arrive early if you want to launch!

SCRA launches at the Santa Fe Dam are scheduled to start at 8 am, but they will start late if volunteers do not show up early to help set up the launch equipment. Please arrive between 7 and 7:30 am to help. THANK YOU!!!

VEHICLE FEE (pay at park entrance): \$15 per passenger car. \$8 Senior citizen (65+).

LAUNCH FEE (pay at safety check-in table): \$5 per flyer per day. The "flyer" is the person checking the rocket in through the safety check/pad assignment table. No fee for spectators. Fee waived for NAR members (Please bring or print your NAR membership card) & for student [American Rocketry Challenge \(ARC\)](#) teams.

LIMITS: Field will accommodate up to a single G motor. There are trees & a lake downwind from our launch and recovery area, so you should use the lowest power motors possible to recover your model rockets safely. Call us or see our Web Group <https://groups.io/g/SoCalRocket430> (We no longer use YahooGroups) for more details or advice.

DIRECTIONS: The park is located southeast of where the 605 & 210 Freeways meet. Enter park on Azusa Canyon Rd (on Arrow Hwy, just west of Irwindale Ave); pay the park vehicle fee (\$15) and then turn left at the main park roadway and proceed all the way to parking lots 5 or 6. Launch area will be roped off just south of parking lots (towards the dam) in "overflow" area. Park map is available at the park entrance or on our website.

MODEL ROCKETRY CLASSES: Perfect for all beginning and intermediate level modelers as well as youth group leaders & members. Learn how model rockets are built & flown *safely*! Learn about basic design & stability and advanced topics such as multi-staging, boost-gliders, clustering, scale modeling, etc. Each student will build their own model rocket - to keep and launch over and over. Each class is different...sign up for one or all.

We can do a special class for you at *your* location, just give us a call!

Perfect for Youth groups (Scouts, etc.), School groups, and Birthday parties!

Materials Fee: \$20 to \$25 (depending on rocket) includes one motor for your first launch.

Call (714) 529-1598 or e-mail mebowitz@earthlink.net to arrange class date & location.

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LAUNCHES AT LUCERNE DRY LAKE BED for 2026: Sunday: April 19. Additional dates may be announced via SCRA [Web Group](#). It's big, mostly empty & will accommodate launches up to the full [NAR Model Rocket Safety Code](#) **All motors must be CA State Fire Marshal classified as a "Model Rocket Motor"!** This is a VERY desolate location, so you will need to bring water & food. The winds can reach high levels by mid-morning, so launching should begin as early as possible. We will plan on being there by 7am. Use of a road map is always advised when driving in the desert and odometers vary, so mileage is approximate. Take I15 north to Bear Valley Road/Cutoff. Go east 13 miles until you reach route 18. Continue east on route 18 another 11.3 miles and then turn left (north) on route 247 (also known as Barstow Road). Continue north on route 247 for 3.9 miles, then turn left (west) onto the dry lake on the well used dirt road. We'll be out in the middle (approx. 1 mile). ****No High Power Rockets.**

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MEMBERSHIP: There is no membership fee for the Southern California Rocket Association (SCRA) -- you only have to be a member of the National Association of Rocketry (NAR) to become a full member in SCRA. NAR membership includes insurance, and the application is only online at the NAR website <http://www.nar.org>. Be sure to designate Section 430 in your NAR membership profile when you apply. If you're already an NAR member and did not designate Section 430, you can do so on the NAR website - Member Login - Profile - More member Options - Clubs/Additional members. **PLEASE DOWNLOAD YOUR NAR MEMBERSHIP CARD AND PRINT IT AND BRING IT TO LAUNCHES TO AVOID PAYING THE DAILY LAUNCH FEE.** To be added to our membership/mailling list, send us your E-mail address, Name, Address, City, State, Zip Code, Phone Number, Date of Birth, NAR Membership Number and we'll add you. We also accept non-NAR members on our mailing list (perhaps you'll join the NAR in the future ☺). **We seldom mail anything: For notification of cancellations, special events or news please join our Web Group: <https://groups.io/g/SoCalRocket430>**

LAUNCHING: Launching of model rockets **anywhere** in the State of California requires the permission of the property owner **and** of the local fire authority. This fire authority permission should be in the form of a written permit according to the latest directive of the California State Fire Marshal. SCRA has copies of California regulations if you need them. SCRA conducts regularly scheduled "controlled & supervised" model rocket launches, where we have secured all of the necessary permits.

SERVICE: **If you supervise a Scout or Youth group, or are a private/public/home schoolteacher, contact SCRA to coordinate a launch date or special model rocket building class so that we can better serve you!**

We can conduct a special class that will run from one to three hours at your location, and all of the students (*and parents*) will have a fantastic time building and learning about model rockets. **Cost of materials (rocket kits and motors) is extremely low! If you plan to build on your own, contact us about low-cost kits** and we will send you info sheets on safety and launching procedures to copy and distribute to your members.

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