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BALBOA PARK TO EVACUATE DURING STATEWIDE EARTHQUAKE DRILL *Museum Visitors and Staff Will Drop, Cover and Hold On; Park Buildings to be Evacuated*

WHAT: San Diego County employers, schools and residents are encouraged to take a few minutes Thursday morning to participate in an earthquake drill as part of the statewide Great California ShakeOut exercise.

Balboa Park museums will participate in the drill. At 10:15 a.m., bells from the Museum of Man's California Tower will signal the beginning of the drill. Museum employees and park guests will be directed to drop, cover and hold on if they are inside a museum or to find a safe place outside, away from trees, power lines, or heavy objects that could topple over.

At 10:20 a.m. the park will go a step further by evacuating the park museums, which would occur during a significant earthquake or other emergency.

WHEN: 10:15 a.m. on October 15

WHERE: San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado, in Balboa Park

WHO: Ron Lane, Director for the San Diego County Office of Emergency Services
Pat Abbott, geologist (only available until 10 a.m.)
Dave Dalton, ShakeOut Chair and Natural History Museum Security Director
Casey Smith, Senior Park Ranger for Balboa Park

EDITOR'S NOTE: Media are invited to arrive early at 9:30 a.m. to observe the drill and interview park visitors and the experts listed above to discuss the importance of earthquake preparedness and the drill. Learn more about ShakeOut at www.ShakeOut.org.

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