

# APPLE VALLEY LEADERSHIP TRIPS

## **RW Ranch:**

Royal Way Ranch was established by Michael Menahem Gottlieb and was created as an instrument for bringing modern man and woman to the experience of god as an experiential knowing. The Ranch spreads across 700 acres of desert foothills at the base of the San Bernardino Mountains. There is a 4,300 square foot conference building in the heart of the Ranch. There are country-style bungalows, a meditation center, gardens, a session room and so much more.

[http://www.royalway.org/rw\\_ranch\\_in\\_winter.php](http://www.royalway.org/rw_ranch_in_winter.php)

## **St. Mary Medical Center:**

St. Mary's was established in 1956 and over the 50 years it has grown and continues to plan for future. Its center is accredited by The Joint Commission, the largest and oldest hospital accrediting body in the nation. Their staff is made up of more than 150 High Desert doctors and offers a range of services from wellness and prevention programs. St. Mary Medical Center's dedication to serving the Victor valley has remained intrinsic to its core values of Hospitality, Dignity, Justice, Service, and Excellence.

<http://www.stmaryapplevalley.com/>

## **Lewis Center for Educational Research:**

This centered opened in 1990, the center has hosted more than 100,000 students, teachers and parents participating in outreach programs, clubs and other educational activities. The Lewis Center for Educational Research, formerly the Apple Valley Science and Technology Center, was designed by Rick Piercy, a former kindergarten teacher. Among the Center the most significant programs is the Academy for Academic Excellence (AAE), a K-12 charter school in which new teaching techniques and strategies are tested and refined in a standards-based educational program. Another program is the Global Program that is a project with NASA in which teachers nationwide access a 34-meter radio antenna via internet. The Lewis Center is governed by the Board of Directors of the High Desert "Partnership in Academic Excellence" Foundation, Inc. a non-profit corporation.

<http://www.lewiscenter.org/>

## **Town of Apple Valley:**

Ursula Poates, one of the first settlers in the area, is credited with saying, "There were some apples being raised along the river in those early days, but not by ton, so I just cut it down and called it Apple Valley." In 1860 the first cabin was built in Apple Valley by Silas Cox and the first road was cut the following year. With a pleasant climate and lots of land, many types of ranches were built in the area. Other ranches provided a haven for shell-shock victims of World War I, while still others developed into guest ranches.

People would come to Apple Valley to enjoy the western lifestyle where they could ride horses, attend rodeos and just get away from the big city. There are many city offices such as: the town hall and the Apple Valley Chamber of Commerce.

<http://www.applevalley.org/index.aspx?page=36>

### **Apple Valley Historic Tour:**

Famous singer and cowboy actor, Roy Rogers lived in Apple Valley along with his wife Dale Evans. They had a museum in Apple Valley that was then moved to Victorville. Both famous singers and actors were buried at Sunset Hills Memorial Park in Apple Valley. The chapel located on the park was in honor of Roy Roger from the request of his wife, Dale Evans. There is also the Victor Valley Museum that contains living history and cultural art of the High Desert.

### **Southern California Logistic Airport:**

The Southern California Logistic Airport is a 2,500-acre world-class aviation and air cargo facility serving international and domestic needs. The airport can accommodate all current-flying commercial and military aircraft with a 24-hour per day tower operation and emergency response capabilities comparable to the world's largest airports. This airport offers 24-hour, seven-day-a-week operations with onsite U.S. Customs. It has been designated a Foreign Trade Zone and a Local Agency Military Base Recovery Act Zone by the Federal Government.

<http://www.logisticsairport.com/page.aspx?pgid=3>

### **Mojave Water Agency:**

The Mojave Water Agency is one of 29 State Water Contractors with access to the State Water Project. It was created by High Desert voters in 1960 and is governed by a seven-member elected Board of Directors. The Agency, in cooperation with other water districts is responsible for managing the region's water resources to ensure a sustainable supply of water for present and future use.

<http://www.mojavewater.org/>

### **Apple Valley Country Club:**

Every year the Apple Valley Country Club hosts the Chairman's Awards Dinner and Leadership Graduation. The Club is known for having the best greens in the High Desert and the Town is excited this community icon is open to the public. Apple Valley Country Club was established in the mid 1940s by Newton "Newt" T. Bass and Bernard J. "Bud" Westlund, oil field wildcatters who are widely considered to have created Apple Valley, California. This year will mark the 10th Annual Chairman's Award Dinner and Leadership Graduation at the Apple Valley Country Club.

<http://www.applevalleycountryclub.com/>