

## “Wheel of Wealth” Game at New Melones Lake Promotes Recreation, Safety, Stewardship

On Sunday, July 8, 2012, about 30 visitors between the ages of 4 and 81 competed in a lively game of “Wheel of Wealth” at the New Melones Amphitheater. New Melones Lake, located near Sonora, Calif., is managed by the Central California Area Office.

Three teams worked to decipher five word puzzles. The stakes were high, as each puzzle was considered “winner take all” ... all bragging rights, that is. The winning teams did not receive actual prizes, but the competition was fierce nonetheless.

The five categories were “Food and Drink,” “Same Letter,” “Before and After,” “What Is It?” and “Phrase.” Members of each team took turns spinning the wheel and solving the riddles, which promoted the principles of safety, recreation, stewardship and the importance of family.

Interpretive programs and events at New Melones tie into President Barack Obama’s *America’s Great Outdoors* initiative (<http://americasgreatoutdoors.gov/>), which seeks to empower Americans to share in the responsibility to conserve, restore, and provide better access to our lands and waters and leave a healthy, vibrant outdoor legacy for generations to come.

Ranger-led activities also support the Department of the Interior’s *Let’s Move Outside* initiative (<http://www.letsmove.gov/lets-move-outside>), which was created to encourage children and their families to enjoy outdoor activities, which abound in every city, town and community.



“Vanna White” (Ranger Casey Batchelder - left) and “Pat Sajack” (Ranger Hilary Maxworthy – right) lead a rousing game of “Wheel of Wealth” at the New Melones Amphitheater.