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# Extreme heat wave will worsen today, forecasters say

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On a very hot day in L.A., David Murillio, 8, left, and Joshua Rodriguez, 9, cool off in a two-story inflatable pool in Boyle Heights. The boys were on their way to Pecan Recreation Center when they saw their neighbor's rented pool and jumped in. The last significant heat wave to hit Southern California was five years ago, a National Weather Service specialist said. (Barbara Davidson / Los Angeles Times / June 28, 2013)

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Photos: Heat wave in the Southland



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Sin City will be Sizzle City as weekend heat wave builds



Southland's heat wave just getting started

By Joseph Serna and Samantha Schaefer  
June 29, 2013 | 8:38 a.m.

California remains in the grip of a heat wave that threatens to bring record temperatures to the state this weekend.

On Friday, several records were set, both for high temperatures and for hottest low temperatures. And this weekend is supposed to be even hotter.

On Saturday, the National Weather Service warned that temperatures could climb to 120 degrees in some desert areas, 100 to 115 in valleys, 100 to 105 in lower mountains and 80-95 in coastal areas.

Several agencies opened cooling centers — air-conditioned facilities where the public can escape the heat — around Los Angeles County. For information about the centers, call 211, or check out an [interactive map of the centers](#) online.

Much of the state is under a heat warning at least through Sunday.

**PHOTOS: Heat wave in the Southland**

Temperature records in Palmdale and Lancaster, currently 113 and 114 degrees, respectively, could also fall this weekend, National Weather Service specialist Stuart Seto said.

The last significant heat wave to hit Southern California was four years ago, Seto said. In 2009, Southern Californians baked in unrelenting heat for two weeks.

In Los Angeles, the heat is a particular concern to firefighters because it comes in a year of record dry conditions that have already sparked several major brush fires across the region.

Plus, fireworks went on sale in some areas beginning Friday, adding another fire danger. Fireworks can be sold in 295 designated communities in the state through the Fourth of July.

Many weather experts this weekend will keep a special eye on Death Valley.

Across the Furnace Creek Resort in Death Valley, sighs of "God, it's hot," can be heard in a variety of languages.

International visitors flock to the motel in Furnace Creek, where the hottest temperature in the world -- 134 degrees -- was recorded nearly 100 years ago, on July 10, 1913.

"It's very warm, and people are coming here to see what it feels like," said Ann Wegner, executive administrative assistant for the resort. "I don't think anybody can really be prepared.

"Even if the air is blowing, it's hot," she said, comparing the breeze to air coming out of a hot oven.

Temperatures in Death Valley are expected to reach 129 degrees Sunday and Monday, breaking the record for the hottest June temperature -- 128 degrees, set June 29, 1994, said Chris Stachelski, a weather service meteorologist based in Las Vegas.

Death Valley is typically about 12 degrees warmer than Las Vegas, with normal high temperatures hovering around 114 degrees and rising to about 115 at the beginning of July, he said.

An excessive heat warning is in place for rangers and visitors to the Death Valley National Park. People going to or through Death Valley should travel during the coolest parts of the day and have

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water and food with them in case of a breakdown. Travelers should be prepared for the environment in the event something happens that strands them, Stachelski said.

Those who venture out to sightsee should avoid long walks, especially during the hottest part of the day; wear sunscreen; stay hydrated; and know their limits. Visitors should go to the coolest parts of the park, which are at higher elevations, Stachelski said. The elderly, small children and those with medical issues should stay indoors.

"If you're not used to that kind of heat, after a while you can succumb to the elements," he said.

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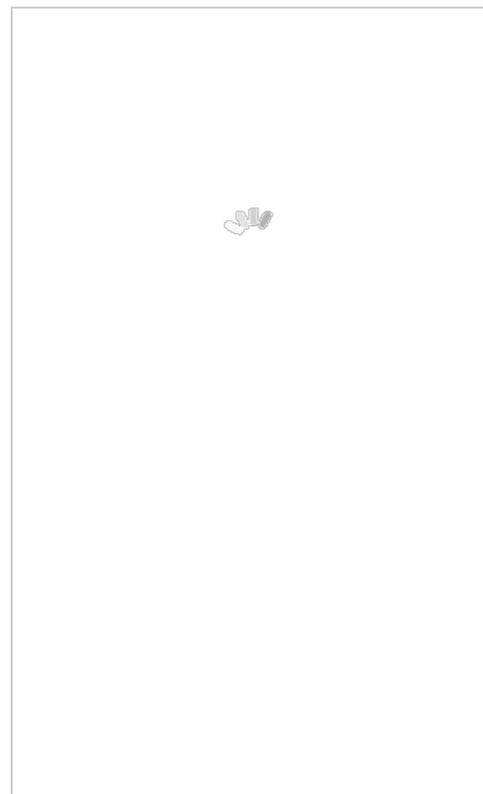
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**Richard Stillman** at 6:37 PM June 29, 2013

Slow down a minute.... I need to write this down so I don't forget.

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Ok, so you're saying it's going to be hot this summer? Wait a minute... still writing... hot...this...summer

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And it's going to do what in the desert? Did you say 'really hot'? Right... wait... gotta write this down... I would write it in cursive, but I can't read cursive. So I have to print... really... hot... desert

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OK. I think I've got it. Is this right? It's going to be hot in the summer? Damn, never saw that one coming.

And my notes say it will be even hotter in the desert during the summer. Right?  
Thanks. I think I'll start wearing light clothes (some call it a 'summer wardrobe') now that it's summer, because it's hot in the summer. And if I want to go to the desert, I'll try to avoid it in the summer, when it's REALLY hot.

I'm a little ticked that people have been keeping this earth-shattering news quiet for so long. Thank God algore invented global warming so we can learn about these climate changes.

**smoke ranch** at 5:47 PM June 29, 2013

Lived six years in Lake Havasu, over forty in Las Vegas and I love global warming. It happens every year in the spring. And to let you know we have global cooling in the fall too! Hottest I have ever experienced was 126 in Needles California in the late 60's. In Havasu it got over 120 a few times every year I lived there. But was 107 to 114 most all of the time and I have lived to talk about it. This heat wave is nothing to get into a tizzy about. In fact go to the lake or the river. Now is the best time of the year for that.

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