

QUICK GUIDE

EVIDENCE UNCORKED: FORENSIC SCIENCE COMES TO TEMECULA



140TH CAC SEMINAR
HOSTED BY THE CALIFORNIA DOJ RIVERSIDE LAB
TEMECULA CREEK INN

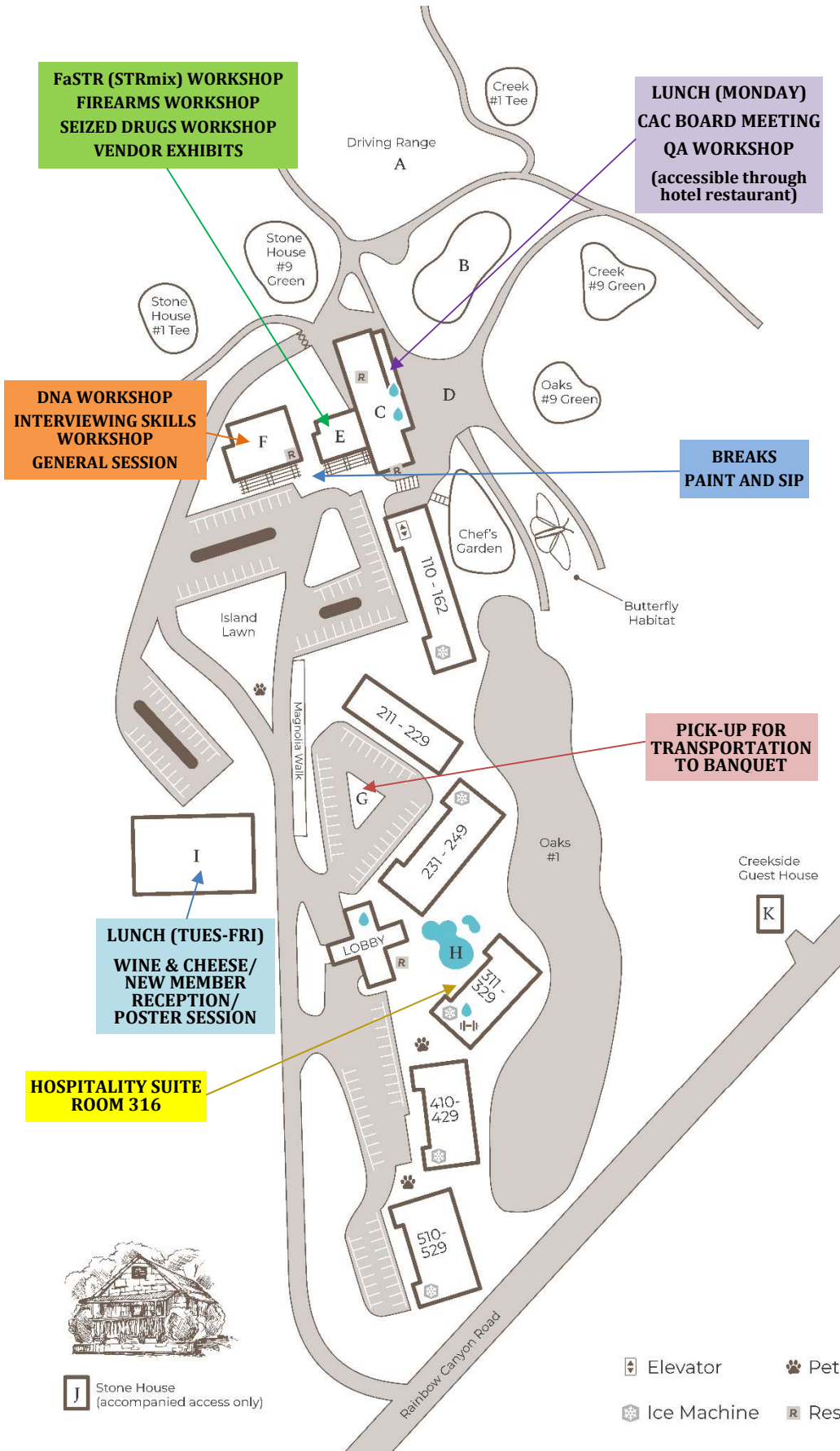
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TEMECULA CREEK INN MAP



TEMECULA CREEK INN
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- A Driving Range
- B Putting Green
- C UPPER LEVEL
Cork | Fire Kitchen
Quarry Room
- C LOWER LEVEL
Pro Shop
Porter's 19
- D The Plaza
- E Sage Ballroom + Patio
- F Olive Ballroom + Patio
- G Stone House Shuttle Pick-up
- H Swimming Pool & Hot Tub
- I The Meadows
- J Stone House
- K Creekside Guest House



SCAN TO TOUR OUR
BUTTERFLY GARDEN



J Stone House
(accompanied access only)

- Elevator
- Pet Station
- Water Station
- Ice Machine
- Restroom
- Fitness Center



REGISTRATION HOURS



To check in for the seminar, purchase extra tickets, or purchase a t-shirt, visit the CAC Registration Desk.

Location: Poolside

Sunday: 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Location: Olive Patio

Monday: 7:00 AM – 8:00 AM

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Tuesday: 7:00 AM – 8:00 AM

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Wednesday: 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Thursday: 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Friday: 7:00 AM – 8:00 AM



HOSPITALITY SUITE

ROOM 316



Join us at the Hospitality Suite to relax and mingle.
Complimentary snacks and alcoholic/non-alcoholic beverages are available.

Sunday: 6 PM – 9 PM

Monday: 6 PM – 10 PM

Tuesday: 6 PM – 10 PM

Wednesday: 7:30 PM – 10 PM

Thursday: 9:30 PM – 11 PM

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Paint & SIP

TUESDAY

APRIL 28th 6-8 PM

OLIVE PATIO @ TEMECULA CREEK INN



\$40
PER PERSON

**INSTRUCTOR-LED AND
INCLUDES PAINT,
SUPPLIES, AND CANVAS**

**DRINKS AVAILABLE FOR
PURCHASE AT HOTEL BAR**

**REGISTER AT CACNEWS.ORG
BY APRIL 22, 2026**



WINE AND CHEESE RECEPTION



MEADOWS

Wednesday April 29th
6-8 pm

Join us for a relaxed and enjoyable evening featuring a selection of wine and beer paired with delicious light refreshments

Includes Poster Session and New Member Reception
Must have a ticket to attend

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2026 CAC SEMINAR BANQUET



THURSDAY, APRIL 30
6-10 PM

Set against the relaxed beauty of Temecula wine country, this banquet invites guests to unwind and connect beneath soft lights and vineyard-inspired décor. It's an evening to enjoy good company, great conversation, and the spirit of Temecula, an elegant close to a week of forensics uncorked.

**The venue is onsite, although transportation to and from the venue is required*

Transportation is provided

No self-transportation allowed

Meet in the parking lot north of the lobby

Dress is cocktail attire

Venue is on the grass

Must have a ticket to attend



WEEK AT A GLANCE

2026 CAC SEMINAR



Monday, April 27	8:00 AM – 4:30 PM	Crime Scene Investigation & Shooting Incident Reconstruction Workshop	Off-site
	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	FaSTR™ DNA Workshop	Sage Ballroom
	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Hospitality Suite	Room 316
Tuesday, April 28	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	DNA Workshop	Olive Ballroom
	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Firearms Workshop	Sage Ballroom
	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Seized Drugs Workshop	Sage Ballroom
	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Quality Assurance Workshop	Quarry Room
	1:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Interviewing Skills Workshop	Olive Ballroom
	5:30 PM – 7:30 PM	Board of Directors Meeting	Quarry Room
	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Paint & Sip	Olive Patio
	6:00 PM – 10:00 PM	Hospitality Suite	Room 316
Wednesday, April 29	8:00 AM – 4:00 PM	General Session	Olive Ballroom
	4:00 PM – 5:00 PM	CAC Business Meeting	Olive Ballroom
	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Wine and Cheese/New Member Reception/ Poster Session	The Meadows
	7:30 PM – 10:00 PM	Hospitality Suite	Room 316
Thursday, April 30	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	General Session	Olive Ballroom
	6:00 PM – 10:00 PM	Banquet	Stone House
	9:30 PM – 11:00 PM	Hospitality Suite	Room 316
Friday, May 1	8:00 AM – 12:30 PM	General Session	Olive Ballroom



GENERAL SESSION SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2026



Location: OLIVE BALLROOM
Moderators: Jennifer Dernoncourt and Alice Hilker

8:00 AM – 8:10 AM	Seminar Commencement <i>Bureau Chief Barry Miller, California Department of Justice, Bureau of Forensic Services</i>
8:10 AM – 9:10 AM	A Perfect Storm: DNA Transfer in the University of Idaho Student Murders Case <i>Ruth Ballard, PhD, California State University Sacramento</i>
9:10 AM – 9:40 AM	Connected Evidence: Strengthening Collaboration Across Law Enforcement, Labs, and Attorneys <i>Mandi Van Buren, DNA Labs International</i>
9:40 AM – 10:10 AM	Quirks and Fictions of the Criminal Justice System, For Expert Witnesses <i>Michael Chamberlain, California Department of Justice</i>
10:10 AM – 10:30 AM	BREAK (OLIVE PATIO)
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Cody Virgin Arson Murder <i>Edward Nordskog, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department - Retired</i>
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Comparison of the Ultraviolet/Visible and Near Infrared Regions of Reflectance Spectra for Estimating Bloodstain Time-Since-Deposition (TSD) Using Multivariate Analytical Methods <i>Jessica Hovingh, Department of Forensic and Investigative Science, West Virginia University</i>
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	LUNCH (THE MEADOWS)
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Missing and Murdered Indigenous People: A Forensic Professional's Role in Justice <i>Samantha Thornsberry and Anu Watts, Cahuilla Consortium</i>
2:00 PM – 2:20 PM	Activity-Level Evaluations of Realistic Crime Scene Scenarios <i>Dr. Ashley Hall, University of California Davis</i>
2:20 PM – 2:40 PM	Ethics & You: How to Handle Yourself in Various Situations <i>Catherine Currier, Sacramento County District Attorney's Office, Laboratory of Forensic Services</i>
2:40 PM – 3:00 PM	BREAK (OLIVE PATIO)
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Protecting Children in a Digital World: A Shared Responsibility <i>Joel Pabelico & Jason Polanco, Riverside District Attorney's Office - Bureau of Investigation</i>
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM	CAC Business Meeting
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Wine and Cheese Reception, Poster Session, and New Member Reception (The Meadows)
7:30 PM – 10:00 PM	Hospitality Suite (Room 316)



GENERAL SESSION SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2026



Location: OLIVE BALLROOM
Moderators: Casey Hughes and Mey Tann

8:00 AM – 8:45 AM	The South Hill Serial Rapist <i>Raymond Davis, CourtSkills</i>
8:45 AM – 9:20 AM	Retail Investigation Teams <i>Todd Fernandez, Loss Prevention and Safety</i>
9:20 AM – 10:05 AM	Ignitable Liquids Detection Canine <i>Shawn Reiss, San Bernardino County Fire Protection District</i> <i>Brian Headley, San Bernardino County Fire Protection District</i>
10:05 AM – 10:25 AM	BREAK (OLIVE PATIO)
10:25 AM – 11:55 AM	From Contamination to CODIS: The Forensic Unraveling of People v. Horace Roberts <i>Michael Semanchik, The Innocence Center</i> <i>Chad Eyerly, California Department of Justice, Riverside Laboratory</i> <i>Emily Hanks, Riverside County District Attorney's Office</i> <i>William Robinson, Riverside County District Attorney's Office</i>
11:55 AM – 12:00 PM	2027 CAC Seminar Announcement
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	LUNCH (THE MEADOWS)
1:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Dental Spa Arson <i>Xente Baker, City of Corona Fire Department</i>
1:30 PM – 2:00 PM	Missing Person DNA Program <i>Michelle Halsing, California Department of Justice, Jan Bashinski Laboratory</i>
2:00 PM – 2:30 PM	K9 Bloodhounds <i>Deputy Tyler Topping, Riverside County Sheriff's Office</i>
2:30 PM – 2:50 PM	BREAK (OLIVE PATIO)
2:50 PM – 3:20 PM	3D Printed Firearms and Firearm Components and their Related Evidence <i>Kirk Garrison, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department</i>
3:20 PM – 3:50 PM	DNA and Firearms: From the Crime Scene to the Courtroom <i>Amanda Murray, DNA Labs International</i>
3:50 PM – 4:05 PM	DEA - Drug Trends <i>Andrea Larick, Drug Enforcement Agency</i>
4:05 PM – 5:05 PM	Practical Lessons from Fentanyl-Induced Homicides <i>District Attorney Michael Hestrin, Riverside County District Attorney's Office</i> <i>Deputy District Attorney Jerry Pfohl, Riverside County District Attorney's Office</i>
6:00 PM – 10:00 PM	Banquet <i>Must use provided transportation. Meet in parking lot north of hotel lobby.</i>
9:30 PM – 11:00 PM	Hospitality Suite (Room 316)



GENERAL SESSION SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2026



Location: OLIVE BALLROOM
Moderator: Destiny Rivera

- 8:00 AM – 9:30 AM Prosecution of David and Louise Turpin
Kevin Beecham, Riverside County District Attorney's Office
- 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM The Courtroom Presentation of Forensic Evidence in a Dynamic Murder Prosecution
Michelle Weiske, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office
Phil Sterling, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office
- 10:30 AM – 10:45 AM BREAK (OLIVE PATIO)
- 10:45 AM – 11:20 AM The Misuse of Post Conviction DNA Testing
Daniel J. Gregonis, Retired Senior Criminalist
Susan E. Coleman, JD, Partner at Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP; CA AG's Office
- 11:20 AM – 12:20 PM It Could Happen to You: A Criminalist in the Crosshairs - Epilogue
Daniel J. Gregonis, Retired Senior Criminalist
Gregory Laskowski, Criminalistics Services International, LLC
- 12:20 PM Closing Remarks
Caroline Kim, California Department of Justice, Riverside Laboratory