

## Disney movie set filmed in Saugus

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Set for release on July 2, family-friendly Disney film “Earth to Echo” was filmed almost entirely in a Santa Clarita neighborhood and at local businesses.

Trailers depict what appears to be a modern day version of Steven Spielberg’s “ET.”

And now the movie distributed by Relativity Media is ready for the big screen.

One of Santa Clarita’s key industries, filming broke all records for the number of film days and film permits in 2013.

That was the third consecutive year the city had seen filming growth, according to the city’s film office.

And those numbers don’t even reflect all the filming activity that took place at the local studios and movie ranches, as the permits are issued only for location filming at public locations and on city streets.

The Earth to Echo feature movie was filmed in Saugus over a period of 25 film days in 2012, said a spokesperson with the city of Santa Clarita’s film office. Two additional days were shot in 2013.

In a neighborhood surrounding Saugus High School, the movie was filmed in a local Saugus home and on the streets of Artine Drive, Grovepark Drive and Saffron Lane. Filming also took place on several other streets around the city.

Residents in the film area received notices of the project, which was originally titled “Untitled Wolf Adventure.”

Filming also took place at local businesses - Doc’s Inn and Alta Dena Express dairy on Lyons Avenue in Newhall. And filming took place at the Burrito Factory on Soledad Canyon and Bouquet Canyon roads in Saugus as well, said the spokesperson.

One scene involving a transformer truck occurred in the Valencia Industrial Center, she said.

Also involved in the filming, and listed on the movie credits, was Allan Padelford Camera Cars of Valencia, which specializes in filming chase and car crashes for high-speed action in film and television.

Santa Clarita is home to more than 6,000 film industry people, providing a local talent pool that makes filming attractive to filmmakers, according to Jason Crawford, economic development manager for the city.

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