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## Fairytale Town's Twilight Concerts

Fairytale Town has expanded its popular Twilight Concert Series as part of its 50th Anniversary Year. This year's line-up features music from around the world, played by musicians from our own backyard. The Concerts are held on the Mother Goose Stage, every other Wednesday evening through August 19. Gates open at 5:30 p.m.; and the concert begins at 6 p.m.

Hometown favorite **Mumbo Gumbo** performs on August 5. Mumbo Gumbo blends many genres, from rock to soul, afropop to lush balladry, zydeco to country, into a celebratory, danceable noise. Over nearly 20 years, on the septet's eight albums and during countless gigs around their native Northern California, Mumbo Gumbo has created something that is less a specific style than a particular feeling: The sound of sheer joy.

Closing out the series on August 19 is the **Freilachmaker's Klezmer String Band**. This 5-piece ensemble from Sacramento has issued two critically acclaimed CDs, *The Flower of Berezin* (1998) and *And I in the Uttermost West* (2005), and is currently working on its third. They have defined what may be called "the Sacramento sound" in klezmer and Sephardic Jewish music, using a particularly infectious blend of strings and reeds, with vocals in Yiddish, Hebrew, Ladino and English.

Tickets to the concerts are \$10; with free admission for children age 12 and under. Fairytale Town and Capital Public Radio members receive two-for-one discounts. For more information about the Twilight Concert Series, please call 916-808-7462 or check out the website: [www.fairytaletown.org](http://www.fairytaletown.org). Fairytale Town is located 3901 Land Park Drive, Sacramento.

## Fabulous 50's Family Funfest

To celebrate its 50th Anniversary, Fairytale Town takes you back in time to opening day-August 29, 1959, 5 to 9 p.m., for a fundraising funfest that's sure to shake, rattle and roll your entire family. **Crystal's Rockin' Royal 50th Anniversary Bash at Fairytale Town** is a special ticketed event to be held on August 29, 2009-fifty years to the day that Fairytale Town first opened its gates. Grab your leather jackets, your blue suede shoes, and your poodle skirts and journey back to the 1950's for one magical evening. Enjoy live music from the Tune-Ups on The Mother Goose Stage, dancing, classic cars on display, hula-hoops, the ultimate backyard barbecue, a Fabulous Fifties costume parade, special mid-century "celebrity" guests, hands-on activities for the kids, and all the ice cream you can eat, courtesy of Crystal Cream & Butter Company.

"This is the biggest event of the year at Fairytale Town", says Kathy Fleming, Executive Director. "Maybe the biggest event of the past fifty years! So wear your retro-costumes and bring the whole family. This is going to be a lot of fun and you won't want to miss it."

The advance ticket price for this extra-special event is only \$19.59 for adults and



\$5 for children ages 3 to 12. (Tickets at the door will be \$25 adults / \$10 children). Ticket price includes park admission, all live entertainment and themed activities, unlimited access to all Fairytale Town attractions and playsets, and all the ice cream you can eat, courtesy of Crystal. Retro Drive-In style snacks and soft drinks will be available for purchase at the Dish & Spoon Café & Malt Shop. Red Oak Bar-B-Que will also be onsite with a special menu of rib-sticking Fifties Fare for sale.

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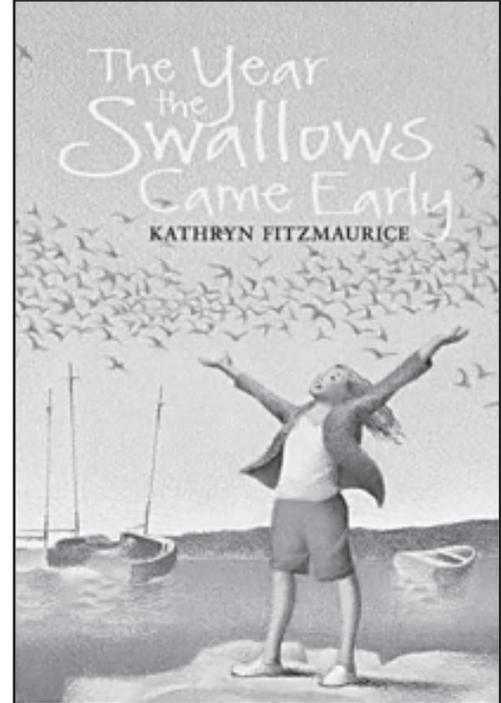
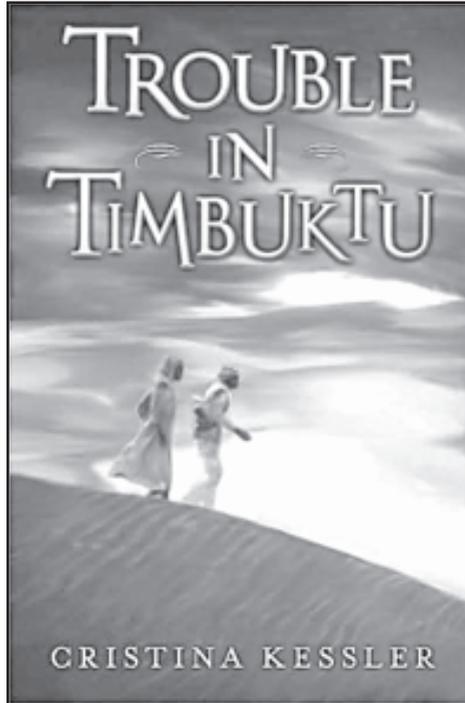
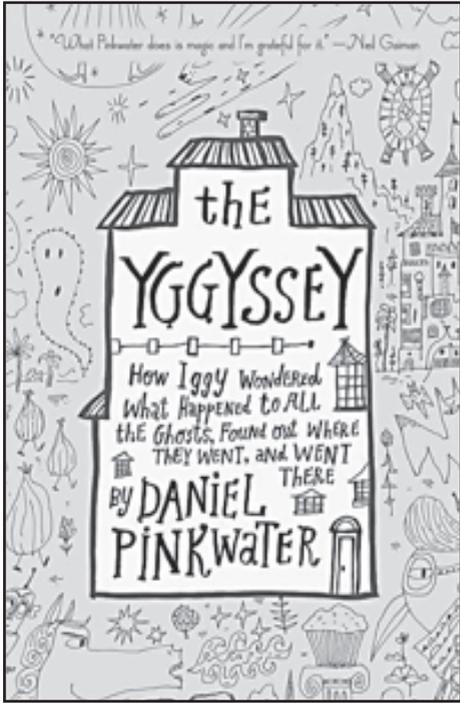
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# The Book Report: Great Summer Reads

By Connie Goldsmith

Kids love a good summer read as much as adults, and there's still plenty of time to get in some quality summer reading. Tuck a book into a backpack for a family trip. Stuff a story into a beach bag and head to the river. Or just spend a warm summer evening reading aloud to your child for a truly satisfying parent/child bonding experience. Kids that talk to animals, adventure, ghosts, and mystery – these books have it all and more.

*“The Yggyssey,”* by Daniel Pinkwater. (Houghton Mifflin). Sequel to the critically acclaimed, *“Neddiad,”* Ned’s friend, Iggy narrates this story. Iggy befriends the many ghosts who haunt the Hermione Hotel where she lives in Los Angeles, circa 1950. In a wonderfully weird and entertaining adventure reminiscent of an old-time Saturday matinee, Iggy and friends set out to discover why the ghosts of LA are disappearing. Her ghost bunny knows, but he’s not telling. The adventurers follow the bunny down a hole into an alternate plane of existence, where they escape an evil witch, rid the land of cruel rulers, and attend a gargantuan ghost party before returning safely home. The book is a

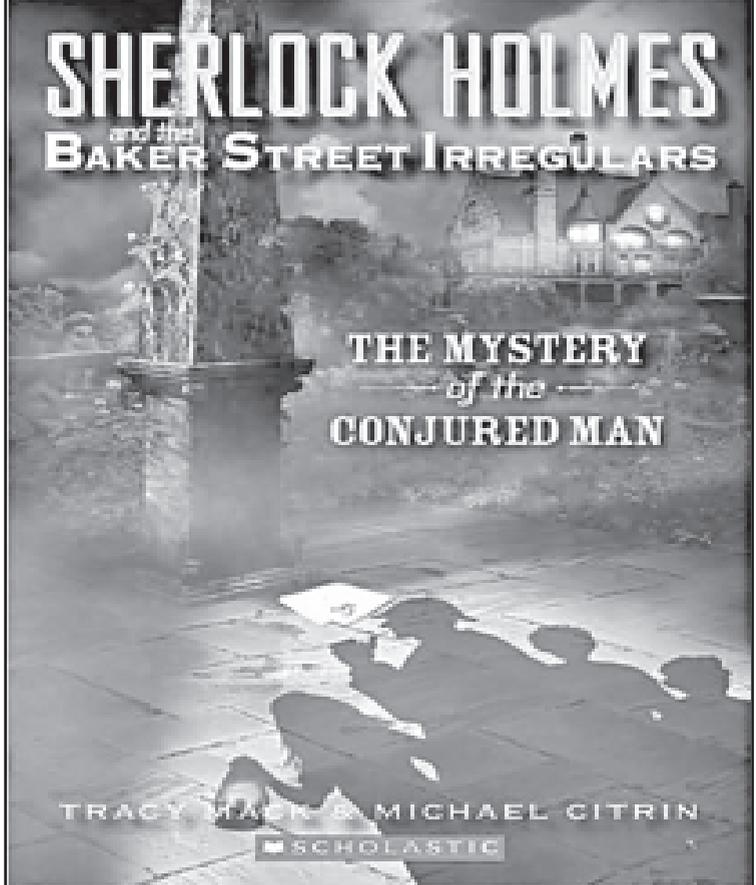
celebration of silliness and humor. Try reading it aloud. Or better yet, steal it from the kids and read it yourself – giggles are guaranteed.

*“The Last Leopard,”* by Lauren St. John. (Dial). Martine lives with her grandmother on a wildlife preserve in South Africa. Martine’s mystical attachment to animals quickly draws in the reader. The author’s first book, *“The White Giraffe,”* is due out in a movie late this year. In this story, Martine must leave behind her beloved giraffe to travel to the Zimbabwe wilderness with her best friend Ben and grandmother Gwyn to help an old friend. Martine and Ben soon uncover a plot linking the fate of a magnificent leopard and the lost treasure of an ancient African king. The children race against time to save the leopard’s life. Together they face poachers, corrupt policemen, and a drunken witch doctor in a series of events that culminate in a pivotal moment where Martine is trapped in a cave with the leopard.

*“Trouble in Timbuktu,”* by Christina Kessler. (Philomel). Timbuktu is as much a character in this book as are 13 year-old twins Ayisha and Ahmed. Once a major religious and academic center, an estimated 700,000

ancient manuscripts are held by museums and families in the region. When Ahmed guides two American tourists around his beloved town, they clearly want to get their hands on some of the manuscripts. The twins hatch a plan to prevent the theft of part of their country’s heritage. Facing Sahara heat and a blinding sandstorm, they make their way across miles of deadly desert to the Tuareg camp to get help from their Auntie B. Readers will enjoy this lively contemporary adventure while learning about an unfamiliar, but rich and fascinating culture.

*Sherlock Holmes and the Baker Street Irregulars: the mystery of the conjured man,”* by Tracy Mack & Michael Citrin. (Orchard). Sherlock Holmes worked with a gaggle of real London street urchins called the Baker Street Irregulars. These inconspicuous ragamuffins could go places where Holmes couldn’t go and learn things that he couldn’t learn. Teamed with gypsy girl Pilar, the Irregulars assist Holmes and Watson in solving a well-crafted mystery. The historical setting is rich in details. Second in a series, this story takes us deep into the realm of the supernatural, as the Irregulars solve the mystery of the sudden death of a girl’s aunt during a séance.



Is the young medium a gifted psychic or a fake? This book will appeal especially to boy readers between 9 and 12.

*“The Year the Swallows Came Early,”* by Kathryn Fitzmaurice. (HarperCollins). Eleanor – called Groovy – lives along the California coast where swallows return each year, and earthquakes happen along every so often. Groovy dreams of becoming a professional chef, but her father loses her cooking school money gambling. She’s furious at him, as is her mother, who has him arrested in front of Groovy and the entire town. Groovy’s best friend Frankie has a mother who left him suddenly a few years ago with no explanation. Groovy’s

passion for cooking gets her through the worst of times. With a cast of complex characters who seem as real as the people down the street, this quiet story leaves the reader with a simple but powerful message – family and friends are everything, and you’ve got to forgive those you love for their mistakes.

Connie Goldsmith lives in Carmichael where she writes for adults and children. Her latest nonfiction juvenile books, *“Cutting Edge Medicine,”* *“Meningitis,”* and *“Superbugs Strike Back: when antibiotics fail,”* can be found in school and public libraries, and at online booksellers.



# Sacramento city library branches initiate new schedule

Due to upcoming City of Sacramento budget reductions, 10 Sacramento city library branches will have their weekly open hours modified. Online library services, at [saclibrary.org](http://saclibrary.org), include downloadable books, audiobooks, classical music, and videos; language courses; live homework assistance for third through twelfth grade students; more than 50 research databases; and more.



## The following city library branch hours will be:

**Colonial Heights Library**, 4799 Stockton Blvd.:  
Mondays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 12 noon to 8 p.m.; Fridays, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, closed.

**Belle Cooleedge Library**, 5600 South Land Park Drive:  
Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 12 noon to 8 p.m.; Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Fridays, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Mondays and Sundays, closed.

**Del Paso Heights Library**, 920 Grand Avenue:  
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**Martin Luther King, Jr. Library**, 7340 24<sup>th</sup> Street Bypass:  
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**McKinley Library**, 601 Alhambra Blvd.:  
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**North Natomas Library**, 2500 New Market Drive:  
Mondays and Tuesdays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesdays and Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Fridays, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, closed.

**North Sacramento-Hagginwood Library**, 2109 Del Paso Blvd.:  
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesdays, 12 noon to 8 p.m.; Fridays, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Mondays and Sundays, closed.

**South Natomas Library**, 2901 Truxel Road:  
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For more information, telephone the Sacramento Public Library at (916) 264-2920.

## Book sale!

Belle Cooleedge Friends of the Library will have a sale on Saturday, August 8, from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The sale will be held at the front entrance of the Belle Cooleedge Library located at 5600 South Land Park Dr, at the corner of South Land Park Dr. and Fruitridge/Seamas Road in Sacramento.

Hardcover books will be 50 cents, soft covers will be 25 cents and large, coffee table size books will be \$2.50 each. VHS tapes, CD's,

DVD's, audio tapes and record albums will also be available.

For those diehard Trekkies out there, the sale will have an extensive paperback collection of the original Star Trek series; an almost complete set of the Star Trek Next Generation; odds and ends from stand alone Star Trek series, William Shatner authored books, Leonard Nimoy authored books and more as well as other science fiction/fantasy paperbacks.

Also children's books, teen series books, some Asian language books, general fiction and non-fiction books and some textbooks.

## Get ready for school!

Hey kids! It's school time again! Where did summer vacation go? Time to get ready for your first day at school, new teachers, new friends, and YIKES! HOMEWORK! See if you can find words that relate to school. Look carefully; words can appear vertically, horizontally, diagonally, backwards and upside-down. Have fun hunting!

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# Who Wrote That?

The Creators of Your Child's Favorite Books

Featuring **Jeri Chase Ferris** By **Patricia M. Newman**

Jeri Chase Ferris remembers being twelve years old and riding her black Arabian mare through the golden wheat fields of Nebraska under steel gray thunderheads. "That combination...is seared in my memory," she says. Perhaps it was the dramatic contrast of colors. Perhaps it was Ferris's first attempt as a future writer to record an event of visceral importance. In hindsight, she reflects that her own age during her most vivid memory is the same age as most of her readers today. Ferris says, "I didn't want to be a writer. I read all the time, but I never thought that someone had to write those books."

Teaching inner-city students inspired Ferris to write for children. "I taught in Los Angeles for 30 years," she says. "I wanted books for my students with good role models. I couldn't find many books about people of color who made a difference so I decided to write them myself." Ferris enrolled in a children's writing class at UCLA in the late 1980s taught by Caroline Arnold, a prolific nonfiction author with more than 140 books to her credit. Ferris's *Go Free or Die* began as a project for this class. "I was teaching third grade at the time," she says, "and [Harriet Tubman] popped into my mind as a dramatic character to write about, running away escaping the slave catchers." After two rejections, Ferris submitted her manuscript to Lerner Publishing and found herself in the right place at the right time. "Lerner was becoming aware that there should be biographies of people of color," Ferris says, "and I suggested several." Ferris not only sold *Go Free or Die*, but signed a contract for three additional books.

Ferris is a three-time winner of the Carter G. Woodson Award for the most distinguished books for young readers depicting ethnic diversity in the United States. Her biographies delve into the lives of eleven multi-cultural figures, including Sojourner Truth, Biddy Mason, Mary Ann Shadd

Cary, Marian Anderson and Matthew Henson. Sometimes a line in a newspaper or magazine article will lead Ferris on a quest for information about an unfamiliar person. The acid test of a viable biography for Ferris is her subject's courage. The courage of her characters inspires Ferris, which in turn inspires her readers. One letter from a young fan says, "You made me see I can be anything I want to be." According to Ferris, the idea stage is the most difficult. "Lots and lots of times, it's a dead-end or the person has been done to death so there's no point in [writing about] him again, but then I find just the right person and our souls meet somewhere and I'm drawn to that person's life and the hardships that person had to overcome."

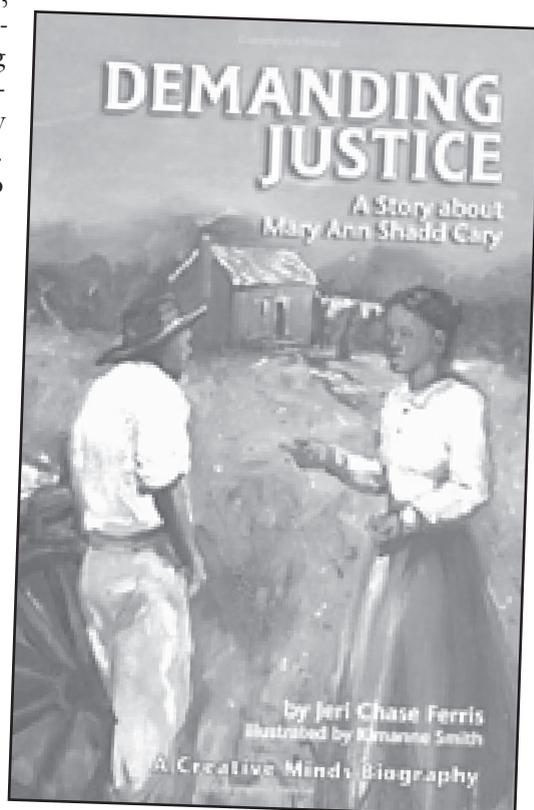
The next phase of a book project is the research—Ferris's favorite part. During school visits, she tells students that when she was young she wanted to be a jockey, a librarian or an archaeologist. In the midst of reading letters and diaries, combing historical society and newspaper archives, devouring every book about her subject that she can find, and traveling to speak to surviving family members, Ferris is like an archaeologist digging through facts to reconstruct the story of her subject's life. "I love sinking into the period and surrounding myself," she says, "and closing my eyes like a film is running and I'm participating."

Recently, Ferris reworked a previously published biography for older children on Noah Webster into a picture book biography. Four publishers haggled over *Noah Webster and His Words*, with Houghton Mifflin Harcourt



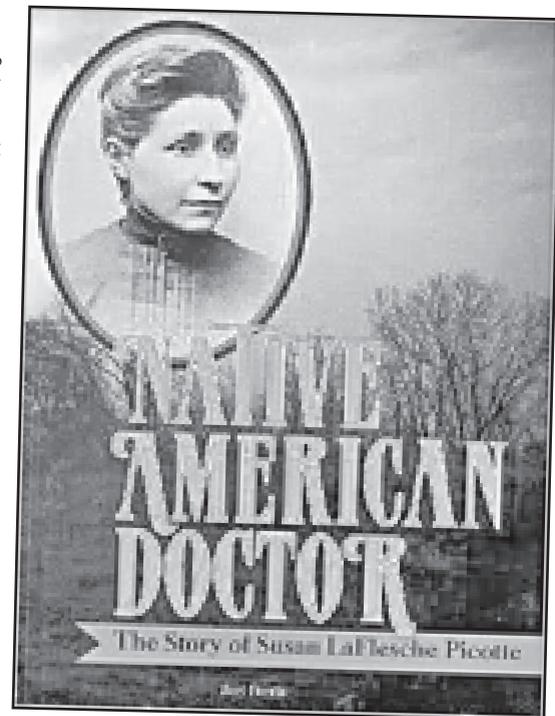
emerging as the winner. Ferris's first nonfiction picture book will debut in 2011.

In the meantime, Ferris plans to jump into fiction with a middle grade novel about the siege of Leningrad. Although she does not yet have a contract, the topic is close to her heart. Ferris's husband, Tom, used to teach Russian studies at Beverly Hills High School. In 1970, they took a class on a field trip to the Soviet Union and the Ferrises developed a passion for the Russian people who endured the Soviet era. "The history, culture, people, architec-



ture, art, music, language, tragedy and turmoil was like a magnet that sucked us into the heart of Russia," she says. Together they traveled to what used to be the USSR over 30 times and amassed a collection of over 8,000 Soviet artifacts currently housed at the University of Southern California and described as "exceptional and unconventional" and a "precious and unprecedented research tool."

After Tom's death, Ferris says, "I couldn't stay in Los Angeles where we lived for 40 years. I wanted to be back on the prairie and have a horse again." Ferris moved to Lincoln, California and adopted a half-draft/ half-Thoroughbred rescue horse that she named *Pamyat*, Russian for "to remember." Although Ferris retired from teaching children, she remains active teaching writing to adults; learning to speak Russian; volunteering at her church; and staying fit by clogging, an energetic, rhythmic dance that reminds her of



her percussion days in her high school band.

"I do my best to write in the late afternoon and evening," she says, using that "aloneness" to enter her character's world and become that person for a few hours at a time. "I have to be that person or it's just not working."

Next month: Meet Pamela S. Turner

Patricia Newman is the author of *Jingle the Brass* (Farrar, Straus & Giroux). Her newest book, *Nugget on the Flight Deck* (Walker), will be released in October 2009. Visit her website at [www.patriciamnewman.com](http://www.patriciamnewman.com).

## MORE ABOUT JERI CHASE FERRIS

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oxnard, california

# Much more than Islands, Wineries, and Strawberries

By Carmel L. Mooney

For families looking for a special place to relax, recreate, and commune with nature Oxnard offers much more than meets the eye at first appraisal.

At first glance a beautiful coastal community lush with rolling hills of strawberries, farm fresh produce stands, excellent restaurants and quaint homes might intrigue but if you look a bit closer Oxnard is a true paradise for families for so many more reasons.

Rarely in Southern California does one find a community with such a sense of personal ownership where the residents actively take care and feel a true passion and sense of commitment for their town.

Oxnard City Councilman and Mayor Pro Tem Andres Herrera puts it beautifully, "God help us the day we have more government. In this city the residents hold the key to the city." Councilman Herrera exhibits a true pride in his city that is rare these days and it exudes and spills over into the local residents who are amazingly active in keeping Oxnard a beautifully safe and impeccably clean community.

One walk around Oxnard's historic town square or Centennial Plaza will show the proof in the pudding where families stroll and enjoy local jewels like the farmer's markets, and concerts in nearby Heritage Square where beautiful turn of the century historic farm homes have been renovated and placed in the square for all to enjoy and appreciate such as restaurants and even local micro theaters like the Petit Playhouse. Dinner at La Dolce Vita with its generations old recipes in a historic Victorian will please Italian foodies and the new Rancho Ventavo Cellars in the 1902 Scarlett House is worth a peek and a tour.

A beautiful city steeped in rich culture and history, resident or visiting families can appreciate its numerous museums, music venues, excellent eateries, and theater. The Carnegie Art Museum, Ventura County Maritime Museum, Gull Wings Children's Museum, Woolworth Museum, and Murphy Auto Museum, are just the tip of the iceberg to whet the appetite for rich yet affordable fun. Local enteries such as Fresh and Fabulous make downtown come alive for locals and visitors alike.

Herzog Wine Cellars, the only Kosher winery on the west coast is a true gem in and of itself and the food is nothing short of superb, prepared under the direction of nationally acclaimed Chef Todd Aarons at Tierra Sur Restaurant. Any family visiting Oxnard would miss the pinnacle of Oxnard's culinary delights if not for a chance to savor the amazing creations and local flavors of this extraordinary cuisine. It is quite simply the best food at any California winery!



Photo courtesy Oxnard Convention & Visitors Bureau

Parents will appreciate the quality of the wines which not only pair beautifully with the food created by Chef Aarons but do prepare to take some home because the painstaking quality of the winemaking is evident in every sip of each and every variety. One can only appreciate Herzog's commitment to sustainable and green viticulture. Plan to spend some time tasting and then dining in an unrushed manner because it truly cannot get any better than this with fresh locally incorporated flavors in tantalizing combinations that will undoubtedly far exceed your expectations with each and every course.

As if that was not enough the most exciting undiscovered outdoor gems are the nearby Channel Islands with Oxnard's action being centered around the Channel Islands Harbor, the cleanest harbor in the state. The Channel Islands Harbor Water Taxi is an excellent option for enjoying the harbor and dining at various wharf-side restaurants. Kids or parents will enjoy seeing the harbor where Gilligan's Islands Castaways began their ominous "3 hour tour." In the harbor itself are some wonderful restaurants including family owned and authentically operated Brazilian restaurant Moqueca where clay bowls of seafood are served in a delicious and unique Brazilian style along with authentic sauces and even cocktails for mom and dad. The service is impeccable and the views are superb.

If more casual seafood is your style then several eateries are on the wharf for ap-

petizers and such. Consider a progressive dining tour by water taxi.

For lodging around Oxnard, the choices are many and varied but if a more casual home away from home style is needed then The Residence Inn Marriott is ideal with kitchens and dining areas in the suites along with a golf course and surprisingly tasty and family friendly happy hour treats. If elegant ocean views are calling to you then the Embassy Suites Mandalay Beach Hotel & Resort sits directly on the beach with its outstanding Capistrano's restaurant, a favorite even with the locals. Many families love it so much that they come back yearly for family get-togethers and reunions.

The best kept secret in Oxnard's backyard is the Channel Islands National Park where Island Packers offers unforgettable chartered service to Anacapa Island from the Channel Islands Harbor all year round. Sealife is abundant on the Channel Islands and the virtually undeveloped and uninhabited islands offer countless opportunities to study and commune with nature in ways that are simply impossible on the mainland. From migratory birds and whales and native plants to rich Native American history, tidepools, porpoises, and wonderfully peaceful solitude, nature hikes afford families dramatic unparalleled views of both the flora and the fauna of the islands.

Oxnard is home to the famous California Strawberry Festival held each May, with the city producing more than 20% of the state's crop.

Every July residents and visitors alike enjoy the Oxnard Salsa Festival, and fun

events like Taco Thursdays, Muy Caliente Thursdays, Historic tours, art exhibits, foreign films, and summer concert series only add to the excitement for families.

As a destination all its own or as a stop over when visiting Southern California's more prominent attractions, Oxnard offers much more than meets the eye and once you visit you will certainly return again and again to catch a glimpse of the magic and hidden treasures of Oxnard.

Oxnard is located 60 miles from Los Angeles and the Oxnard airport offers daily service from LAX. There are 42 miles of beautiful beaches in Ventura County with 7 miles in Oxnard.

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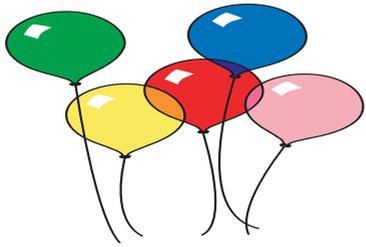
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# Soap bubble confest

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Sometimes a bubble-blowing session can be just the thing - especially on a rainy day! Make up some bubble mixture and find a variety of implements that can be used to blow bubbles - perhaps a traditional bubble wand, a drinking straw, or even a coat hanger bent into shape! Have a contest! Some suggestions are: Who can blow the biggest bubble? Who can blow the most bubbles in a space of time? Who can have the most bubbles in the air at one time? Whose bubble stays in the air for the longest? Whose bubble pops first? Whose bubble pops last?

Of course, one child on their own can still have fun with bubbles. Try timing your bubbles to see which lasts longest, or catching your bubbles in a plastic cup, or on your hand. Blow bubbles in the garden and see how far they travel, and experiment to see how many you can keep going at once.

## Team game for parties:

Provide each child with a bubble blowing wand (perhaps they could make their own?) and prepare two basins of bubble mixture for the game. Divide the company into two sides, an even number in each. Stretch a cord or rope at a medium height across the middle of the room. Two children, one from each side, play at a time. Each stands on his side, blows a bubble, and then gently encourages it by blowing toward the opposite side, and over the rope if he can. If it goes over the rope without breaking, a point is scored for that team.

Make sure that someone keeps score, and declare a winner after a certain amount of time, or when each child has had one or two goes.

## Bubble Recipe

1/2 cup of dish detergent (washing up liquid)



5 cups water (soft water is best - if your water is very hard consider using distilled or bottled water)  
2 tablespoons glycerine (available at the pharmacy or supermarket). You can substitute light corn syrup (not golden syrup!)

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# Hunt the thimble

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Age: 5+ (younger if supervised carefully)

## You will need:

A thimble (or other small object, such as a button, coin or toy)

## How to play:

Now choose one child (usually the party child) to be first to hide the thimble. All the other kids leave the room. When the thimble is hidden, the children are called back in and race to be the first to find it. Whoever does so is next to hide the thimble, and the game continues.

## Hints:

Before you start, gather all the children together and make sure that they understand the rules: the thimble must be hidden in such a way that it can

be seen without moving furniture, opening drawers and cupboards, and otherwise disturbing your room! Give them an example of a good hiding place, and point out that by cleverly hiding the thimble against something of a similar color or shape, it can be very hard to find.

## Variations:

**Partnering up**—This is a good game for sorting children into pairs for the next game. Hide two thimbles at once, and the children who find them become partners.

**Mixed ages**—If you are playing with children and adults or mixed ages of kids, try hiding two different objects of different sizes: a tiny button for the adults, and a thimble for the children, perhaps.

**Playing in the garden**—Adapt the game by using an object more suited to hiding in the garden, like a small green toy car or ball. Make sure you define an area, and keep an eye on younger children, who are likely to get easily distracted!



Great job!

Greysha P., age 7, Orangevale

# Greetings, oh great one!

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Age: 6+

## You will need:

A blindfold

## How to play:

Choose one child to play first and blindfold him. The other children form a circle around him.

Turn the blindfolded player around 3 times. Then silently point to one of the children in the ring. They must go up to the blindfolded player,

shake his hand, and say "Greetings, O Great One" in a disguised voice. If the blindfolded player guesses their identity, they take his place. If not, turn the blindfolded player around 3 times again and point to another child to have a go at shaking hands and disguising their voice.

### Hints:

Try "Greetings O Princess" or "Greetings O Prince" if more appropriate for the age of your children and the theme of the party.

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### Make those sandwiches fun:

If you decide to pack a traditional sandwich, try cutting the bread with fun shapes using a cookie cutter. You'll be amazed at how a boring cheese sandwich

will get gobbled up when shaped into a flower or dinosaur!

### Go For Fingers Foods:

Try preparing cut up cubes of cheese, grapes, baby tomatoes, carrot sticks, pretzels, mini crackers, and ham cubes. Finger foods are really very appealing for all ages!

### Pinwheels Anyone?

Instead of sandwiches try pinwheels. Cut the crust from two slices of bread, and flatten using a rolling



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## Critter Events

**August 1, Twilight Highlight, 10:30 a.m., 2850 San Lorenzo Way, Carmichael.** Meet the Effie Yeaw Nature Center's resident western screech owl, Twilight. She was permanently injured when a cat caught her, so she now lives at the Nature Center. Explore the wonders of these nighttime hunters. For more information, call (916) 489-4918.

**August 2, Beaks, Claws and Jaws, 10:30 a.m., 2850 San Lorenzo Way, Carmichael.** Who eats whom and how? Join a naturalist from the Effie Yeaw Nature Center and find out how animals have adapted for survival. For more information, call (916) 489-4918.

**August 5 and 21, Beaver Walk, Call for times, 2850 San Lorenzo Way, Carmichael.** Join Jack at the Effie Yeaw Nature Center in search of the sometimes-elusive beaver. Limited to eight people and best suited for adults and children over 7 years old. Call Jack at (916) 967-0777 for time and reservation.

**August 8, Reptile Rapture, 10:30 a.m., 2850 San Lorenzo Way, Carmichael.** Can a turtle climb out of its shell? Do snakes blink? Can you really tell the age of a rattlesnake by the number of buttons on its rattle? Discover all this and more at this Effie Yeaw Nature Center program. All ages are welcome. For more information, call (916) 489-4918.

**August 15, Things that Slither, 10:30 a.m., 2850 San Lorenzo Way, Carmichael.** Some have scaly skin, some have slimy skin, some have legs, and some don't. Can you guess what they are? Join us and find out. For more information, call (916) 489-4918.

**August 22, Wet and Wild Pond Animals, 10:30 a.m., 2850 San Lorenzo Way, Carmichael.** Splashing, skimming, swishing, swimming, what are all those critters in the water? Meet an aquatic garter snake and learn about other aquatic critters found near ponds and rivers. For more information, call the Effie Yeaw Nature Center at (916) 489-4918.

**August 23, Skye's the Limit, 10:30 a.m., 2850 San Lorenzo Way, Carmichael.** Come to the Effie Yeaw Nature Center to meet their resident red-shoulder hawk, Skye. Take a peek into the amazing world of birds of prey that live in and around the Nature Center. For more information, call (916) 489-4918.

## Especially for Parents

**August 1, Home Gardener Program, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., 11549 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Fair Oaks.** Want to grow healthy fruits and vegetables and reduce water waste? Visit Harvest Day at the Horticulture Center. Visit over 30 booths dedicated to educating the home gardener. Blueberries, water meters, and

plants that attract beneficials are among the numerous presentations. A plant clinic is scheduled. Bring samples from problem plants or insects that need to be identified. This is a free event. For more information, call (916) 875-6913.

**August 8, Food Preservation Demonstration, 10 a.m. to Noon, 4145 Branch Center Road, Sacramento.** The Sacramento County UC Cooperative Extension Master Food Preservers will hold a demonstration: Step by Step! Basic introduction to Waterbath canning. This is a free event. No registration is required. For more information, call (916) 875-6913.

**August 19, Food Preservation Demonstration, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., 4145 Branch Center Road, Sacramento.** The Sacramento County UC Cooperative Extension Master Food Preservers will hold a demonstration: "Figs and Pickles." There is a \$3 fee. No registration is required. For more information, call (916) 875-6913.

**August 29, Bowl-a-thon, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., 4800 Madison Avenue, Sacramento.** The Bobbie Wortell Memorial Education Fund is sponsoring a Bowl-a-thon to benefit the Sac-

ramento SPCA's Camp Kindness and other humane education programs. The event will take place at the Mardi Gras Lanes. Bowling times are 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. and include two games of bowling and shoe rental. The cost is \$25 per adult, \$12.50 for those under 18. All proceeds benefit education programs at the SPCA. For more information, call (916) 813-7272 or visit [www.bobbiewortell.com](http://www.bobbiewortell.com).

## Nature Events

**August 9, Shady Trails, 10:30 a.m., 2850 San Lorenzo Way, Carmichael.** Stroll the shady trails of the Effie Yeaw Nature Area with a naturalist and discover the wonders of this oak woodland. For more information, call (916) 489-4918.

**August 16, Sunday Safari, 10:30 a.m., 2850 San Lorenzo Way, Carmichael.** Grab your binoculars to catch a glimpse of the animals and plants that make up the unique habitat along the American River. For more information, call the Effie Yeaw Nature Center at (916) 489-4918.

**August 29, Family Friendly Nature Hike, 10:30 a.m., 2850 San Lorenzo Way, Carmichael.** Discover the many plants and animals that live along the American River while enjoying the sights and sounds of the Effie Yeaw Nature Center. For more information, call (916) 489-4918.

**August 30, Beat the Heat, 10:30 a.m., 2850 San Lorenzo Way, Carmichael.** Take a leisurely stroll along the shady trails of the Effie Yeaw Nature Center with a naturalist. For more information, call (916) 489-4918.

## Special Events

**August 1, Book Signing, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., 1020 O Street, Sacramento.** Author Janis Herbert will sign copies of her book *Abraham Lincoln for Kids* at California Museum for History, Women & the Arts. This is a free event and open to the public. For more information, call (916) 654-5688.



## Old Sacramento Street Scenes

Old Sacramento presents free and low cost family-friendly and historically educational entertainment every Saturday and Sunday June through August.

**Attractions: Saturday, August 1**  
California Consolidated Drum, Waterfront Park, 12:00-3:00  
Children's Games, Wharf, 10:00-4:30  
1850's Bowling, B.F.Hastings Building, 11:00-4:00

**Attractions: Sunday, August 2**  
Storytelling, Waterfront Park, 11:00-2:00  
Children's Games, Wharf, 10:00-4:30  
Shootout, Blue Canyon Gang, Waterfront park, 4:00-6:00  
1850's Bowling, B.F.Hastings Building, 11:00-4:00

**Attractions: Saturday, August 8**  
Jugglers, Dave and Caleb Sohigian, Pony Express Plaza, 11:00-2:00  
Children's Games, Wharf, 10:00-4:30  
1850's Bowling, B.F.Hastings Building, 11:00-4:00

**Attractions: Sunday, August 9**  
Storytelling, Waterfront Park, 11:00-2:00  
Children's Games, Wharf, 10:00-4:30  
Shootout, Blue Canyon Gang, Waterfront park, 4:00-6:00  
1850's Bowling, B.F.Hastings Building, 11:00-4:00

**Attractions: Saturday, August 15**  
Variety Show, Eagle Theatre, 1:00-3:00  
Children's Games, Wharf, 10:00-4:30  
1850's Bowling, B.F.Hastings Building, 11:00-4:00

**Attractions: Sunday, August 16**  
Storytelling, Waterfront Park, 11:00-2:00  
Children's Games, Wharf, 10:00-4:30  
Shootout, Blue Canyon Gang, Waterfront park, 4:00-6:00  
1850's Bowling, B.F.Hastings Building, 11:00-4:00

**Attractions: Saturday, August 22**  
Jugglers, Dan Holzman, Atlantis Park, 11:00-2:00  
Children's Games, Wharf, 10:00-4:30  
19th Century Dancing, Eagle Theatre, 12:00-3:00  
1850's Bowling, B.F.Hastings Building, 11:00-4:00

**Attractions: Sunday, August 23**  
Storytelling, Waterfront Park, 11:00-2:00  
Children's Games, Wharf, 10:00-4:30  
Shootout, Blue Canyon Gang, Waterfront park, 4:00-6:00  
1850's Bowling, B.F.Hastings Building, 11:00-4:00

For a complete summer schedule and more information visit:  
[www.sachistorymuseum.org](http://www.sachistorymuseum.org) or call 916-442-7644



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**August 8, Book Sale, 11 a.m. to 4:40 p.m., 5600 South Land Park Drive, Sacramento.** Belle Coolege Friends of the Library will hold a sale at the front entrance of the Belle Coolege Library. Hardcover books, soft covers, VHS, CD's, DVD's, audio tapes and record albums will be available. The sale will have an extensive paperback collection of the original Star Trek series; an almost complete set of the Star Trek Next Generation; odds and ends from stand alone Star Trek series, William Shatner and Leonard Nimoy authored books, as well as other science fiction/fantasy paperbacks. Also, children's books, teen series books, some Asian language books, general fiction and non-fiction books and some textbooks.

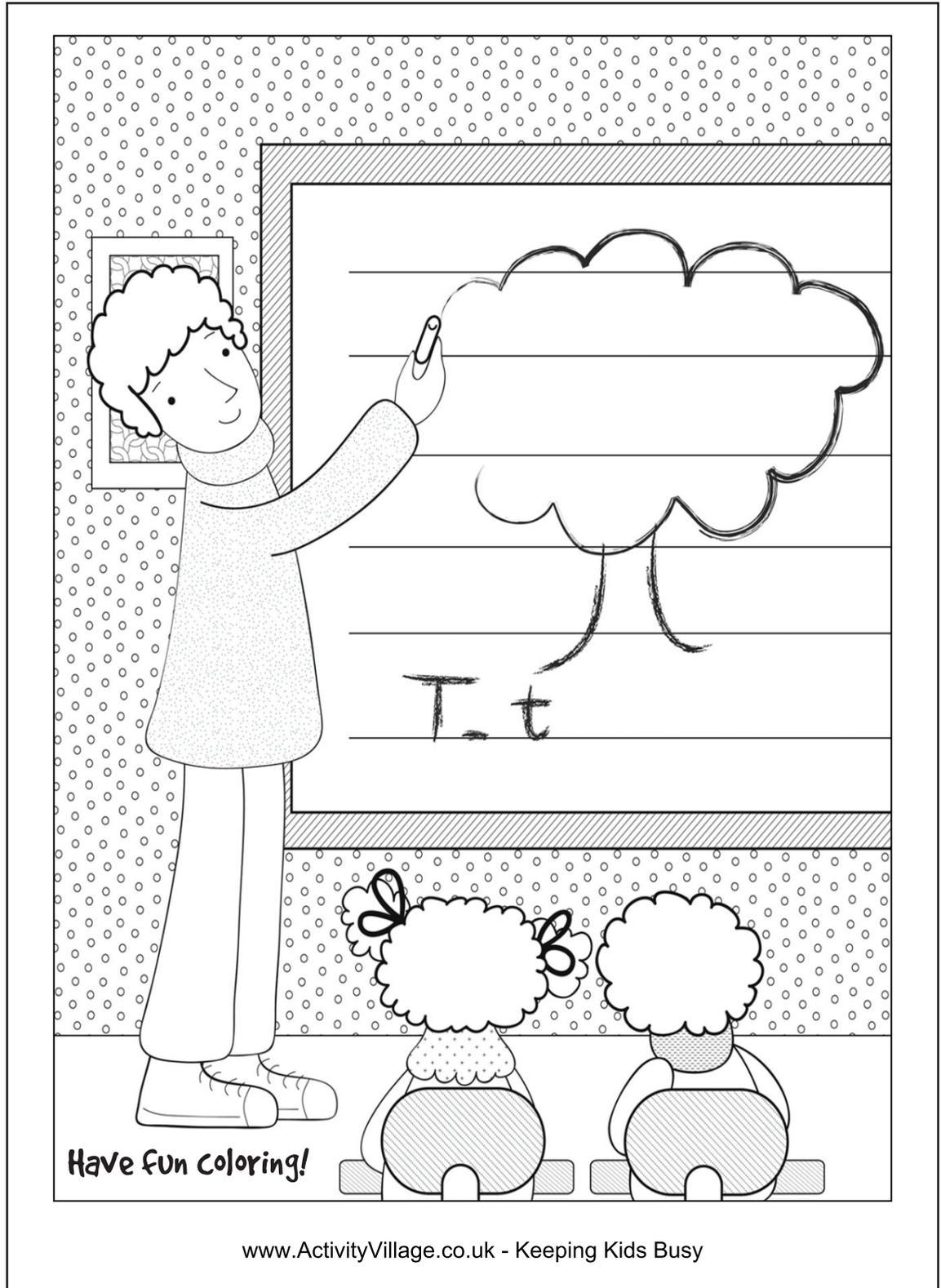
**August 13, Outdoor Concert, 6 to 9 p.m., 45<sup>th</sup> and X Street, Sacramento.** UC Davis Health System and their Community Advisory Board will host the Sacramento Metropolitan Youth Choir and the dance band, The Cheeseballs, at the health system's third annual outdoor concert. Held on the lawn behind the Education Building on the UC Davis Sacramento campus, the concert is free and open to the public. Bring a blanket, lawn chair and picnic basket or purchase delicious refreshments and food available on site from local restaurants and vendors. For more information and directions and shuttle schedule from the 39<sup>th</sup> Street Light Rail station, visit the UC Davis Health System website at [www.ucdmc.ucdavis.edu](http://www.ucdmc.ucdavis.edu).

**Through October 31, Reading to Dogs, 1 p.m., 828 I Street, Sacramento.** Kids, ages 5 to 12, can borrow a book or bring one from home to read aloud to a furry canine pal, the last Saturday of the month in Kids' Place, Central Library. By reading to trained and gentle dogs, from the Sacramento Goldrush Guides, this fun program helps boost children's reading skills and self-esteem. Sign-up on day of program is on a first-come, first-serve basis. For more information, call (916) 264-2920 or visit [www.saclibrary.org](http://www.saclibrary.org).

**Second Monday of each month, Infant Programs, 10 a.m., 2443 Marconi Avenue, Sacramento** "Baby Toddler Play Groups" will be the special program offered at the Arcade Library. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

## Storytellers & Puppetry

**First Mondays of each month, Dog Program, 6:30 p.m., 9845 Folsom**



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**Boulevard, Sacramento.** Join the fun the first Monday of each month at the Rancho Cordova Library for "Reading with Dogs," with Lend a Heart Pet Therapy. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

**Wednesdays, Toddler Storytime, 10 a.m., 8962 Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove.** This program is being offered at the Elk Grove Library. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

Library will have free programs for children ages 3-5, ranging from 30-60 minutes. Events will feature storytelling, nursery rhymes, and sing-alongs. Registration may be required; check with library branch staff. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

**Wednesdays, Toddler Storytime, 10:15 a.m., 2500 New Market Drive, Sacramento.** This program is being offered at the North Natomas Library. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

**Thursdays, Preschool Storytime, 11 a.m., 10055 Franklin High Road, Elk Grove.** Children are invited to the Franklin Community Library for "Preschool Storytime." For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

**Wednesdays, Library Programs, 11 a.m., 6132 66th Avenue, Sacramento.** The Southgate



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Thursdays, **Preschool Storytime**, 10 a.m., 1601 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Fair Oaks. Children are invited to the Fair Oaks Library for "Preschool Storytime." For more information, call (916) 264-2920

Thursdays, **Toddler Storytime**, 10 a.m., 2901 Truxel Road, Sacramento. Children are invited to the South Natomas Library for "Toddler Storytime." For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

Fridays, **Infant Program**, 10 a.m., 828 I Street, Sacramento. The Central Library has a continuing program, "Baby Lapsit Storytime" from birth through 18 months. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

Thursdays, **Preschool Storytime**, 11 a.m., 1000 Caroline Avenue, Galt. Children are invited to the Galt-Marion O. Lawrence Library for "Preschool Storytime." For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

Thursdays, **Preschool Storytime**, 11 a.m., 1000 Caroline Avenue, Galt. Children are invited to the Galt-Marion O. Lawrence Library for "Preschool Storytime." For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

Saturdays, **Storytime**, 10 a.m., 1000 Caroline Avenue, Galt. The Galt-Marion O. Lawrence Library will hold a continuing program: "Baby/Toddler Storytime" from birth through 24 months. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

Thursdays, **Pre-school Program**, 10:15 a.m., 5605 Marconi Avenue, Sacramento. Children are invited to the Carmichael Library for a pre-school program. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

Thursdays, **Storytime**, 9:30 a.m., 5600 South Land Park Drive, Sacramento. Belle Cooleedge Library offers "Baby Lapsit Storytime," every Thursday. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

Saturdays, **Library Program**, 10 a.m., 1000 Caroline Avenue, Galt. Children ages 5 to 12 are invited to the Galt-Marion O. Lawrence Library for "Paws to Read: A Learning Program for Children." For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

## Discovery Museum Science and Space Center

Event name: **LEGO Robotics**

Date: **August 1 and 2** Time: **12:30 to 3 p.m.** Cost: \$6 adults (18+), \$5 seniors (60+), \$5 teens (13-17), \$4 children (4-12), \$0 children (3 and under) Visit the Discovery Museum this weekend to meet the Folsom Gatorobytes. This is an award winning group of students have competed worldwide with their LEGO inspired robotic projects. Their enthusiasm sparks kids to not only work hard with math, science and technology, but to go home and have fun building LEGOS with their families.

Event name: **I'm Wild about Animals! Poster**

Date: **August 8 and 9** Time: **12:30 to 3 p.m.** Cost: \$6 adults (18+), \$5 seniors (60+), \$5 teens (13-17), \$4 children (4-12), \$0 children (3 and under) The Discovery Museum recycles whatever they can, whenever they can. While guests visit, the museum tries to incorporate recycling into the experience. Whether it is putting recycle bins out where accessible or using recycled paper for rubbings, the 3R's come into use. Join us in conservation by making a recycled craft this weekend. Fun animal pictures from magazines and calendars make a great photo collage.

Event name: **Summer Banner**

Date: **August 15 and 16** Time: **12:30 to 3 p.m.** Cost: \$6 adults (18+), \$5 seniors (60+), \$5 teens (13-17), \$4 children (4-12), \$0 children (3 and under) Enjoy the final weekend of the Bone Zone exhibit. This is your last chance to play in the Healthy Bones Diner, the Doctor's Office and Funny Bones Theater. Remember to bring your camera! Poster paints to use on fruit and vegetable stamps are available to make a bright summer banner.

Event name: **Got Trees? Opening Date: August 29 and 30** Time: **12:30 to 3 p.m.**

Cost: \$6 adults (18+), \$5 seniors (60+), \$5 teens (13-17), \$4 children (4-12), \$0 children (3 and under) Bring your family and friends for the opening celebration of Got Trees? The Discovery Museum is a virtual forest with exhibits ranging from birds to tropical butterflies to how pencils are made. Kids never want to leave the log cabin play space. Crafting a tree cookie necklace adds to the fun of the day. Along with "Got Trees?" the museum has "Fly Me to the Moon." There is a play space rocket ship and astronaut costumes for our younger visitors, as well as historical artifacts to celebrate the Apollo accomplishments for all to enjoy. From nature lovers to space enthusiasts, there is something for everyone at the Discovery Museum!

Discover Museum Science and Space Center is located at 3615 Auburn Boulevard Sacramento. For more information, call (916) 575-3942 or visit website: [www.thediscovery.org](http://www.thediscovery.org)

## Maidu Indian Museum events

### DROP IN FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Children 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

#### Native American Stories

Saturday, August 8, from 11:30 a.m. to noon and 2:30 to 3 p.m. All ages.

Enjoy Native American stories told by Nisenan Maidu Rick Adams. Free with paid admission to museum.

#### Fabulous Campfires

Friday, August 14, 8 to 9 p.m. Fee: \$5/person or \$14/family of four.

Enjoy an evening with family and friends around a campfire. Listen to Native stories under the stars and roast marshmallows for a sweet ending to the perfect family gathering. No reservations required.

#### Movie Days

Tuesdays and Wednesdays in August from 1 to 4 p.m. Free admission.

Beat the heat and enjoy afternoon movies and popcorn. Choose your movie at the front desk!

#### Heritage Trail

Saturday, August 8 and Sunday, August 9. Admission is free.

Join the Maidu Interpretive Center and other local museums in the celebration of Placer County's history. The museum will be open 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days of the event. Guided tours of the museum will be offered at 10:30 a.m., 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. Guided tours

of the ethnobotany garden will be offered at 10 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m. Native storytelling will be held at 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

### CONTINUING EXHIBITS

*Discovery, Devastation, Survival: California Indians and the Gold Rush.* The exhibit examines the impact of the gold rush and highlights several native families whose ancestors survived this devastating period. The exhibit also offers examples of the continuing richness of Native California culture through its baskets, jewelry, art and literature.

#### Rocks of Ages: The Spectacular Diversity of Rock Art in California.

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## August 3 to 31: "50 CENT MONDAYS"

In honor of Fairytale Town's 50th Anniversary (August 29, 1959), the first 50 guests every Monday in August will be admitted for only 50 cents each! Applicable dates: August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31.

## August 5: TWILIGHT CONCERT with MUMBO GUMBO

Special Ticketed Event for All Ages (Adults without children okay). Gates open at 5:30 p.m./concert at 6. Tickets are \$10 general admission/children 12 and under are free. Fairytale Town Members and Capitol Public Radio Members receive two-for-one discount. (Please Note: The Twilight Concert Series is one of the few events when adults may be admitted to Fairytale Town without children)

## August 7 to 30: The FAIRYTALETOWN TROUPERS in "ONCE UPON A TIME~1959!"

Another original play from the Fairytale Town Troupers that unites playpark icons Robin Hood, King Arthur, Cinderella, Jack and Jill, Alice in Wonderland, and many more in a 50th Anniversary adventure. Matinee performances Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through August 30th (No performance on August 28th)

Performance dates: August 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 29, 30.

Two showtimes per date: 12 and 1p.m. Included with paid park admission.

## August 8 and 9: FAIRYTALE TOWN FAMILY CAMP OUT

Special Ticketed Event. Spend the night under the stars at Fairytale Town. Special activities include Puppet Show performance, bedtime story, sing-a-long, scavenger hunt, continental breakfast, and more. Prices range from \$25 to \$35.

## August 19: TWILIGHT CONCERT: FREILACH-MAKERS KLEZMER STRING BAND

Special Ticketed Event for All Ages (Adults without children

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## August 29: HUMPTY DUMPTY'S 50th BIRTHDAY PARTY!

11a.m. to 1p.m. Join Humpty Dumpty himself for a celebration of the big 5-0 including birthday cake and party games. Included with paid park admission. (Please Note: Fairytale Town will close at 2 p.m. on August

29th to prepare for the evening event)

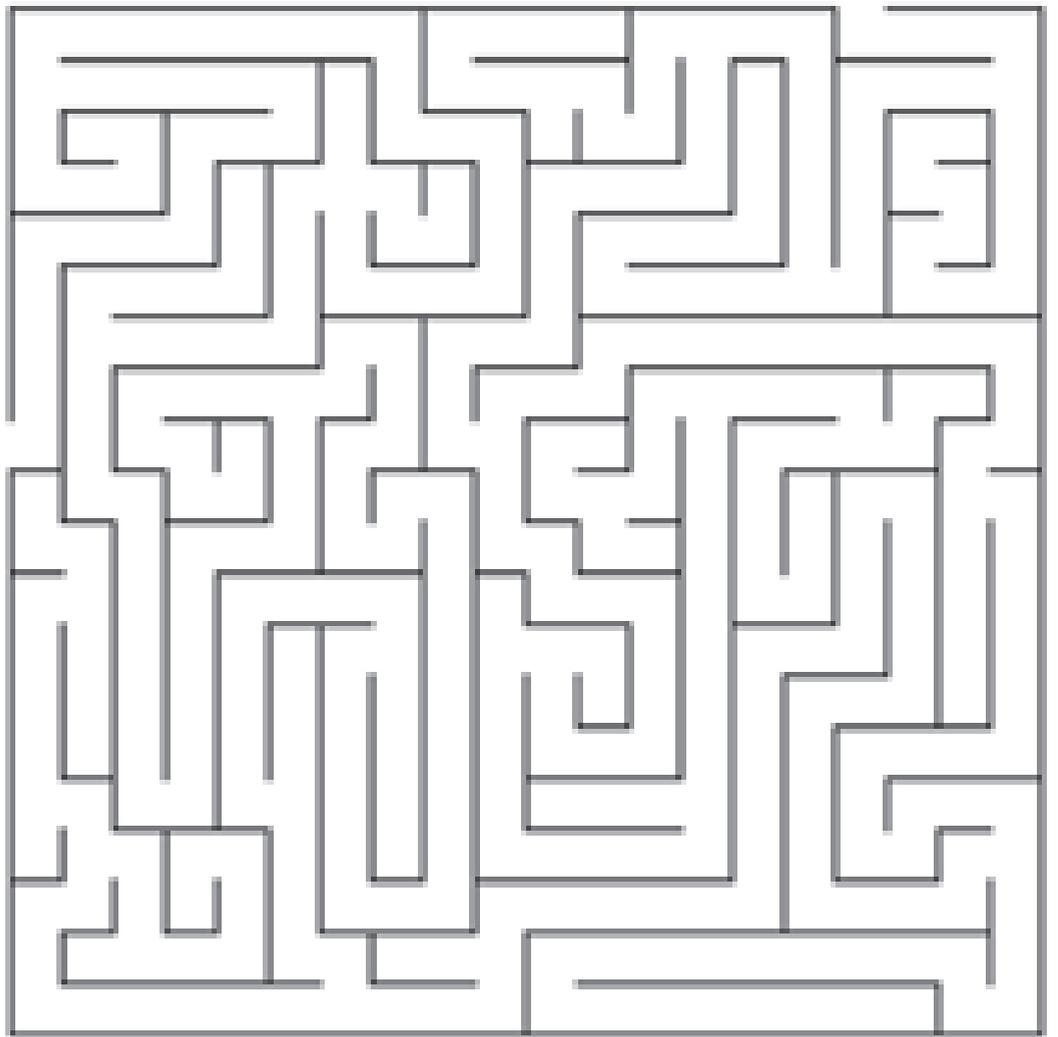
## August 29: CRYSTAL'S ROCKIN' ROYAL 50TH ANNIVERSARY BASH!

Special Ticketed Event. 5 to 9 p.m. A retro-1950's fundraising celebration that features live music from the Tune-Ups, dancing, hula hoops, classic

cars on display, a special appearance by celebrity impersonator Johnny Reno as by the King of Rock & Roll himself, period costume parade, bar-b-que, and all the delicious Crystal ice cream you can eat! Tickets on sale now at [www.fairytaletown.org](http://www.fairytaletown.org).

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# You don't always have to do the cooking!

While some campgrounds and RV parks are now serving coffee, tea and pancake breakfasts, others have developed full service restaurants with everything from pizza to smoked and barbecued salmon.

Most people know they can keep their vacation costs to a minimum by staying in campgrounds and cooking their own food. But travelers are also discovering that some campgrounds and RV parks in California have on-site restaurants whose food is so good it's worth the drive just to eat there.

"Bring your appetite," said Debbie Sipe, executive director of the California Association of RV Parks and Campgrounds in Auburn. "The food at some of these parks is so good that a handful of campground and RV parks are now drawing customers from the cities and towns where these parks are located."

One case in point is **Kamp Klamath RV Park and Campground in Klamath**. The 33-acre park already has plenty going for

it as a vacation destination, being bordered on three sides by the Redwood National Park plus having one-quarter mile of frontage along the Klamath River.

But Kamp Klamath is also gaining notoriety for the quality of its smoked salmon, which has won seven regional cooking competitions in the past five years, including smoked salmon tasting contests in the annual Yurok Tribe Salmon Festival in Klamath as well as smoked salmon tasting competitions held at the Humboldt County Fair in Ferndale.

In addition to providing high quality food service for its guests, **Campland by the Bay in San Diego** provides catering services for local residents through its restaurant, the Hungry Wolf Café, which specializes in "awesome Southern barbecue," according to Kimberley McAnally, a park spokeswoman.

Here's a sampling of other special restaurant and food service offerings by campgrounds and RV parks across California:

**Coyote Valley RV Resort:** This Morgan Hill park has a restaurant that serves breakfast Friday through Sunday as well as lunch on Saturday. All of the food is fresh and healthy.

**Hope Valley Resort and Campground:** This park, located along the banks of the West Fork of the Carson River, near Lake Tahoe, offers breakfast and lunch, including vegetarian dishes, as well as beer on tap, espresso coffee drinks and homemade scones and desserts. Hope Valley Resort and Campground is affiliated with **Sorensen's Resort**, also in Hope Valley, whose café specializes in classic beef burgundy stew, grilled salmon, New York steak, barbecued chicken and ribs and garden fresh salads.

**Lake Siskiyou Camp Resort:** This Mt. Shasta City park, located on Lake Siskiyou, features its own on-site restaurant, the Lake Sis Grille and Brew, which

specializes in pizza and ribs. The park also has a beach snack shack, which serves hamburgers, corn dogs and pizza.

**Santa Cruz KOA:** This La Selva Beach park has an onsite pizza parlor, which delivers pizza to campsites. The park also features a Saturday barbecue lunch and Sunday pancake breakfast. A hot dog cart also makes regular rounds through the park.

*For more information visit the association's consumer website, [www.camp-california.com](http://www.camp-california.com), which features listings of private campgrounds and RV parks throughout California, many of which offer online reservations. Contact information for the parks referenced in this release is as follows:*

**Campland on the Bay, Kimberley McAnally, (858) 581-4200 or [kmcanally@campland.com](mailto:kmcanally@campland.com) or [www.campland.com](http://www.campland.com)**

**Coyote Valley RV Resort, Bonnie Noble, (408) 463-8400 or [info@coyotevalleyresort.com](mailto:info@coyotevalleyresort.com) or [www.coyotevalleyresort.com](http://www.coyotevalleyresort.com)**

**Hope Valley Resort and Campground and Sorensen's Resort, Patty Brissenden, (530) 694-2203 or [info@hopevalleyresort.com](mailto:info@hopevalleyresort.com) or [www.hopevalleyresort.com](http://www.hopevalleyresort.com).**

**Kamp Klamath RV Park and Campground, Aaron Funk, (707) 482-0227 or [kampklamath@msn.com](mailto:kampklamath@msn.com) or [www.kampklamath.com](http://www.kampklamath.com)**

**Lake Siskiyou Resort and Camp, Michele Reynolds, (530) 926-2618 or [michele@reynoldsresorts.com](mailto:michele@reynoldsresorts.com) or [www.reynoldsresorts.com](http://www.reynoldsresorts.com)**

**Santa Cruz KOA, Sally Phillips, (831) 722-0551 or [sphillips@koa.net](mailto:sphillips@koa.net) or [www.santacruzkoa.com](http://www.santacruzkoa.com)**

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## Campgrounds and RV resorts find it pays to be dog friendly

Let's face it, dogs are tolerated but aren't necessarily embraced in many public places.

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at its private beach, which fronts Clear Lake, California's largest natural body of water. [www.edgewaterresort.net](http://www.edgewaterresort.net).

While over 90% of the RV parks and campgrounds listed on [Camp-California.com](http://Camp-California.com) accept dogs, most have relatively limited amenities for pets, aside from a designated dog run. However, a handful of parks are investing in unique pet amenities and activities. They include:

**Benbow Valley RV Resort in Garberville:** This park, which is part of the Benbow Valley Hotel and Resort, has its own "Salon de Soggy Doggy," an outdoor dog washing area that includes a raised platform and wash basin for easy access with a hose and shower nozzle with warm water. [www.benbowinn.com](http://www.benbowinn.com).

**Clio's Rivers Edge RV Park in Clio:** This 220-site park recently added a 20- by 40-foot dog run, which it plans to equip with exercise and dog play features this summer. The park also allows owners to let their dogs

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## old Sacramento Street Scenes calendar of Events

### 2-Aug

**Storytelling**  
Waterfront Park ..... 11:00-2:00  
**Children's Games**  
Wharf ..... 10:00-4:30  
**Shootout, Blue Canyon Gang**  
Waterfront park ..... 4:00-6:00

### 8-Aug

**Jugglers, Dave and Caleb Sohigian**  
Pony Express Plaza ..... 11:00-2:00  
**Children's Games**  
Wharf ..... 10:00-4:30

### 9-Aug

**Storytelling**  
Waterfront Park ..... 11:00-2:00  
**Children's Games**  
Wharf ..... 10:00-4:30  
**Shootout, Blue Canyon Gang**  
Waterfront park ..... 4:00-6:00

### 15-Aug

**Lyceum**  
Eagle Theatre ..... 1:00-3:00  
**Children's Games**  
Wharf ..... 10:00-4:30

### 16-Aug

**Storytelling**  
Waterfront Park ..... 11:00-2:00  
**Shootout, Blue Canyon Gang**  
Waterfront Park ..... 4:00-6:00  
**Children's Games**  
Wharf ..... 10:00-4:30  
**Shootout, Blue Canyon Gang**  
waterfront park ..... 4:00-6:00

### 22-Aug

**Jugglers-Dan Holzman**  
Atlantis Park ..... 11:00-2:00  
**Children's Games**  
Wharf ..... 10:00-4:30  
**19th Century Dancing**  
Eagle Theatre ..... 12:00-3:00

### 23-Aug

**Storytelling**  
Waterfront Park ..... 11:00-2:00  
**Children's Games**  
Wharf ..... 10:00-4:30  
**Shootout, Blue Canyon Gang**  
Waterfront park ..... 4:00-6:00

### 29-Aug

**California Consolidated Drum**  
Waterfront Park ..... 12:00-3:00  
**Children's Games**  
Wharf ..... 10:00-4:30

### 30-Aug

**Storytelling**  
Waterfront Park ..... 11:00-2:00  
**Children's Games**  
Wharf ..... 10:00-4:30  
**Juggling, Dan Holzman**  
Atlantis Park ..... 11:00-2:00  
**Shootout, Blue Canyon Gang**  
Waterfront park ..... 4:00-6:00

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July-August (Summer Hours)  
2pm Daily

**Themed Weekends & Science Crafts** (ages 12 and under)  
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**June 7th - Crazy Caterpillars**  
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**June 13th & 14th - Slitherin' Snakes**  
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**June 20th & 21st - Endangered Species**  
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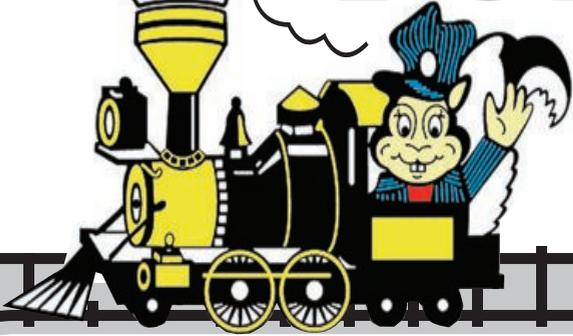
**June 19th - Challenger Community Mission**  
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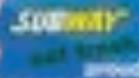
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