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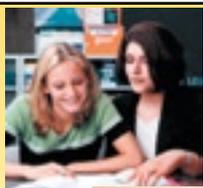
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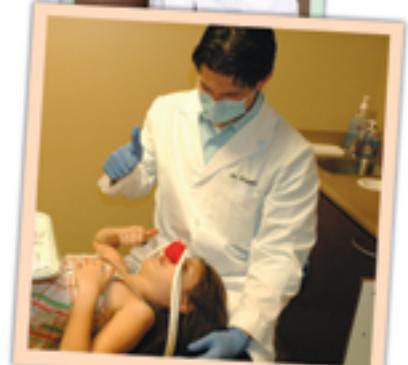
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# Living Green: A Turtle's Quest for a Cleaner Planet

In 2008, Artie Knapp began sharing many of his stories with our California Kids readers. You may remember reading *No More Car Wash Blues*, *The Sweet Smelling Skunk*, *Crocodile in a Pickle Jar*, *The Hummingbird Who Chewed Bubble-gum*, *The Rooster That Wouldn't Crow*, or *The Wasp and the Canary*.

We are excited to announce Artie's new children's book, *Living Green: A Turtle's Quest for a Cleaner Planet* has been released! Tired of seeing the land he loves cluttered with trash, Thurman the turtle decides its time to take action. Inspired by KPMG's Living Green program, the fully illustrated book is published by MightyBook Inc. The book is illustrated by MJ Illustrations.

Artie Knapp is the author of many published works for young readers. His award-winning children's book *Stuttering Stan Takes a Stand* was endorsed by The National Stuttering Association and the American Institute for Stutter-

ing. A frequent contributor to the Detroit Free Press' Yak's Corner, Artie's children's literature has been featured in over 100 publications across the world. He is a member of The Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators, and graduated from Ohio University. Artie lives in Ohio with his wife Priya and daughter Alanna. To learn more about Artie and his work, please visit [www.artieknapp.com](http://www.artieknapp.com).

**Here are some reviews of *Living Green: A Turtle's Quest for a Cleaner Planet!***

*A delightful story that uses whimsical animal characters and engaging art to show younger readers that everyone can make a difference, no matter how small!*

**Sharon Martin**  
Newspapers in Education Manager  
The Detroit Free Press

*A determined turtle named Thurman shows us all that following*

*your heart and doing what you believe in, no matter what others say, can make a difference. This story, like many of Artie Knapp's other tales, is sure to entertain, educate and inspire our youth!*

**Kristin Garrison**  
Newspapers in Education Manager  
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*Kids are great ambassadors for the environment and Living Green makes the issue of human impact on the planet even more real through a brave, animal hero, Thurman, who literally risks his neck for earth.*

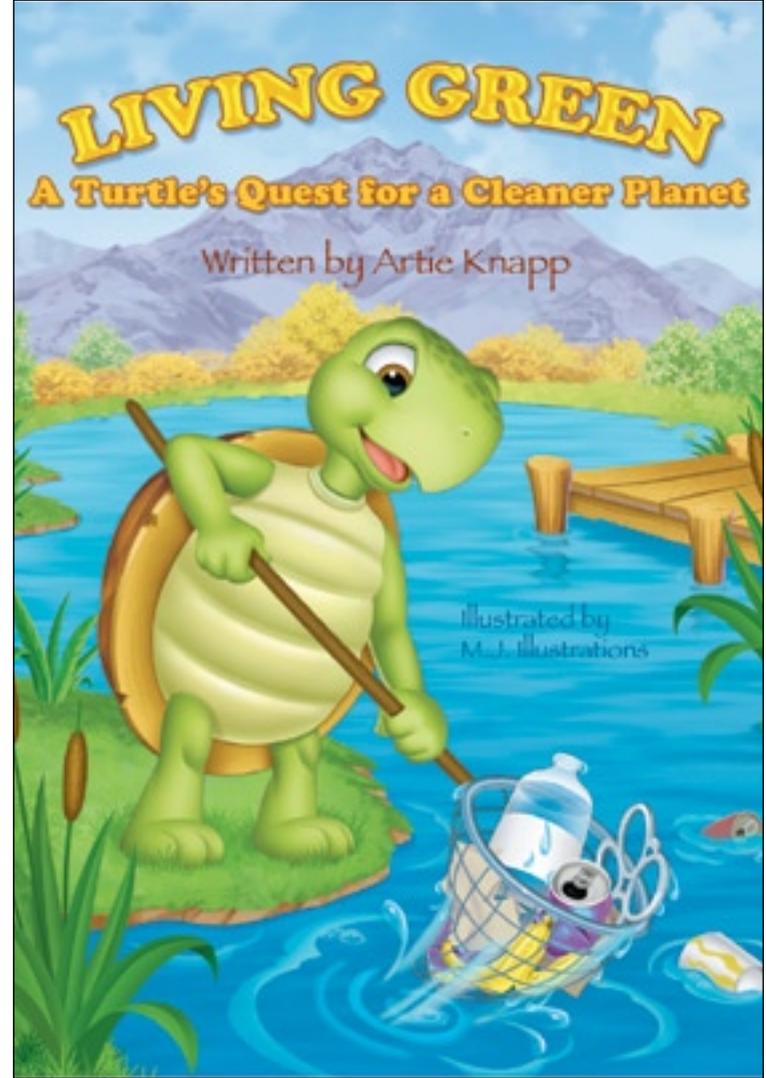
**Brandie Weikle, Editor of the Toronto Star's parenting website, parentcentral.ca**

**The book is available through Amazon**

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# Fairytale Town Calendar

**Jackie Greene in Concert - Saturday, June 4**

Gates open at 6:30 p.m., concert begins at 8

Kick off the summer with an exciting night of music, Jackie Greene performs LIVE on the Mother Goose Stage! Tickets are on sale now. Ticket prices are \$30 in May and \$35 in June. All proceeds benefit nonprofit Fairytale Town. Food and beverages will be available for purchase, adult beverages will be available for purchase with valid ID. For concert rules and restrictions visit [www.fairytaletown.org](http://www.fairytaletown.org).



**Fairytale Town Troupers Present: Snow White and The 7 Pirates! -Saturdays and Sundays, June 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26 -Noon and 1p.m.**

Climb aboard for some swash-buckling fun, but mind the apples! An evil queen, a magic mirror, a mysterious mermaid, a zombie army, and a beautiful princess who must take refuge with seven eccentric ...pirates? Watch The Fairytale Town Troupers perform a reimagined fairytale with a few new twists. Performances will be held on the Mother Goose Stage and are free with paid park admission.

**Family Camp Out -Friday, June 24 -5:30 p.m. to 7 a.m.**

Bring your sleeping bags and tents to Fairytale Town and sleep under the stars! This fun filled sleepover includes a special theater performance, a hands-on activity, a Fairytale themed scavenger hunt, group sing-a-long and bedtime story. Prices range from \$20 - \$30 per person, fees include all activities, an evening snack and a light breakfast the next morning. Reserve your space today at [www.fairytaletown.org](http://www.fairytaletown.org).

**Annual Puppet Festival - Last Week! -June 8- 26 Wednesdays through Sundays. Weekdays at 10:30, 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Weekends at 12:30, 1:30 and 2:30 p.m.**

Catch Jack and The Beanstalk puppet show during the last week of the Annual Puppet Festival. In addition to paid park admission, show tickets are \$1 members and \$2 nonmembers, children 1 and under are free. All shows are performed by Puppet Art Theater Company.

## Giddy Up for Western Adventure!

**G**iddy Up! Fairytale Town is hosting its annual fundraiser, Humpty's Western Round-Up event, June 11, 6 to 10 p.m. The Wild West will once again return to Fairytale Town to set the mood for a High Falutin' Hootenany of family fun.

Get on your cowboy duds and boots and ride into town because event activities include: live music from country artist The Dave Russell Band, children's western activities, western ware vendors, bandit hide-outs, and unlimited access to all Fairytale Town attractions and playsets.

Ticket prices are \$25 for adults, and \$10 for children (ages 2 to 12), free for children ages 1 and under in advance. Tickets will be available the day of the event, and will be \$30 for adults/\$15 for children. Tickets include park admission, all live entertainment and themed activities, dinner and a soft drink, Crystal ice cream, and saloon stations will be serving beer and wine for purchase. Tickets are available at [www.fairytaletown.org](http://www.fairytaletown.org).

*Fairytale Town is located at 3901 Land Park Drive, Sacramento. For more information, call (916) 808-7462 or visit [www.fairytaletown.org](http://www.fairytaletown.org)*

## New Giraffe to Explore Tall Wonders

**By Tonja Swank  
Special to California Kids**

One of the Sacramento Zoo's newest residents, a young Masai giraffe, is becoming acquainted with his new roommates. "Chifu" came to the Sacramento Zoo from San Diego in mid-April and has completed a 30-day quarantine. He is now exploring the exhibit and getting to know the Zoo's three female Reticulated giraffes, Val, Skye and Goodie.

"You may not see him often during his first weeks out; it will depend on how comfortable he is with the exhibit on any particular day," said Harrison Edell, General Curator. "Introductions between animals can sometimes be challenging, but once those introductions are complete, we can look forward to seeing him explore his surroundings with his new herd!"

Born December 1, 2009, Chifu stands approximately 11 feet tall and is expected to reach between 16 and 19 feet. Chifu's name comes from the Swahili word for "Chief." Keepers have found that Chifu loves Pony Pops, a molasses and grain-based treat.

The Tall Wonders giraffe habitat was designed with the capacity to hold up to six adult animals. Working cooperatively with the Association of Zoos and Aquariums' Masai Giraffe Species Sur-



vival Plan®, the Zoo will acquire a female Masai giraffe in the future. The three female Reticulated giraffes will remain at the Sacramento Zoo but will not breed with Chifu.

The Masai giraffe is the largest giraffe subspecies and is found in southern Kenya and Tanzania. Aside from a difference in size, Reticulated and Masai giraffes tend to have slightly different spots. A Masai giraffe's spots are usually darker and irregular in shape.



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# ZooBiz

**Member Evening - Thursday, June 9, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

The Sacramento Zoo is open Thursday, June 9, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. for a Member-only event. This special night will include keeper chats, a wildlife stage show, face painting, and so much more! Bring your own dinner or stop by Kampala Café. For more information, or to become a Sacramento Zoo member, call (916) 808-5888 or visit [saczoo.org](http://saczoo.org).

**Twilight Thursdays, Thursdays, June 16, 23 and 30: Zoo open late until 8 p.m.**

Enjoy warm summer nights at the Sacramento Zoo with extended hours on Twilight Thursdays, June 16 through July 28. The Zoo is open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. for your whole family to enjoy. Dinner specials, live music and activities start at 5 p.m. Regular daily admission rates apply. General admission is \$10.50. Children ages 2 to 11 are \$6.50. Children one and under are free. For more information call (916) 808-5888 or visit [saczoo.org](http://saczoo.org).

**Family Overnight Safaris - Friday and Saturday, June 11 and 17: 5:30 p.m. to 9 a.m.**

During the summer months of June, July and August, the Sacramento Zoo offers Family Overnight Safaris.

These fun-filled educational evenings will guide you through all that the nighttime Zoo has to offer. These camp-outs are designed for small groups and families of 2 or more people. This is a perfect opportunity to see animal behaviors you may not have seen before. Dinner and breakfast are provided! For more information, or to make reservations, visit [saczoo.org](http://saczoo.org).

**King of Feasts - Saturday, June 25, 6 to 9 p.m.**

The Sacramento Zoo hosts King of Feasts. Enjoy this unique gourmet food and wine luau featuring live entertainment, Polynesian dancers, local celebrities and a silent auction. Enjoy foods from dozens of the finest Sacramento area restaurants and bakeries. Sample premium California wines, beers and spirits in the relaxed and lush setting of the Sacramento Zoo. Advance tickets \$50; day of the event \$60 (no discounts). Please note that this is an adults-only event. Parking is free and available throughout William Land Park. For more information, call (916) 808-5888 or visit [saczoo.org](http://saczoo.org). Zoo closes early at 1:30 p.m.

*The Sacramento Zoo is located near the corner of Land Park Drive and Sutterville Road in William Land Park. Open daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., general admission is \$11; children ages 2 to 11 are \$7 and one and under are admitted free. Parking is free throughout the park or ride Regional Transit bus #6. For information, call (916) 808-5888 or visit [saczoo.org](http://saczoo.org).*

# Experience 4-H

**Special to California Kids**

**Scott Homer/Reporter for Country Centre 4-H**

Country Centre 4-H is a program that helps young people develop skills and leadership with projects such as engineering, photography, bike recycling and lots more. I enjoyed making a keyboard that lights up in my engineering project and learning how to take certain types of pictures in my photography project. I also volunteered to help distribute food to people in need during the holidays. 4-H is a rewarding experience. The Country Centre 4-H meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at Sierra Arden Community Church on 890 Morse Avenue, at 7 p.m.

# Youth and Family Programs at the Crocker Art Museum

**Wee Wednesday, Wednesdays, June 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 11 a.m.**

Bring your little one and yourself to this gallery-based art activity for children ages three to five. This is a family program and space is limited. Signup begins at 10 a.m. on the day of the event at the Museum Admission Desk. Free with Museum admission. This program is funded by the First 5 Sacramento Commission.

**Drop, Yak, Splat! A Museum Adventure for Families, Saturday, June 11, and Sunday, June 19 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.**

Different artworks will provide inspiration for a memorable gallery experience for families and children of all ages. Sign up begins one hour before the start time. Free with Museum admission.

**Homeschool Day, Tuesday, June 14, Noon to 2 p.m.**

Homeschool and family groups are invited to visit the Museum regularly for thematic gallery adventures designed to intrigue children ages six and older. Advance registration is suggested. For pricing and registration, visit [crockerartmuseum.org](http://crockerartmuseum.org) or call (916) 808-1182.

**Family Fun Day, Sunday, June 19, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

Enjoy a creative sampling of activities for Crocker tots, kids, and teens at the official launch of the Crocker's new "All About Families" activities. Start your family summer vacation close to home at this Museum-wide celebration of the arts. Gallery adventures, hands-on workshops, films, performances and more. This event is sponsored by a grant from The James Irvine Foundation.

**Baby Loves Art - Fresh Flowers, Tuesday, June 21, 10:30 a.m.**

An entertaining and interactive way for children ages three and under and their caregivers to experience the educational stimulation that the visual arts can provide. Advance registration is required. To register, call (916) 808-5499 or email [education@crockerartmuseum.org](mailto:education@crockerartmuseum.org). Free with Museum admission.

*The Crocker Art Museum is located at 216 O Street in Downtown Sacramento. Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Thursday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday through Sunday. Every Third Sunday of the month is "Pay What You Wish Sunday". For more information, call (916) 808-7000 or visit [crockerartmuseum.org](http://crockerartmuseum.org).*

# Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park

Main entrance located two miles South of Felton on Hwy 9.

Campground entrance located off Graham Hill Rd. (831) 335 7077

**Full Moon Madness Astronomy Night -Saturday, June 18 from 6:30 to 9 p.m.**

Join a moonlit guided tour of the redwoods and moon gaze through telescopes; The Santa

Cruz Astronomy Club will help you take a closer look at the moon, stars and planets and a NASA scientist will reveal current research and news about the moon. The main entrance to Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park is located off of Highway 9 in Felton just 15 minutes from downtown Santa Cruz. This event is appropriate for all ages. More information is available at (831)335-7077.

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# The Discovery Museum Calendar

**Rovers on the Moon - Saturday and Sunday, June 4 and 5, 12:30 to 4 p.m.**

The Lunar Roving Vehicle made its first appearance on the Moon in 1971. It was a battery-powered four-wheeled rover used during the last three missions of the American Apollo program. Each visiting family is challenged to build a "moon buggy" of their own this weekend, using supplies furnished by the Museum. Planetarium shows, highlighting the Moon, are at 1 and 3 p.m. are included with admission (ages 4 and above only); live animal shows at noon and 2 p.m. are for all ages.

**Owl Prowl - Saturday and Sunday, June 11 and 12, 12:30 to 4 p.m.**

Whooo's ready for a fun weekend? The Discovery Museum Science and Space Center is presenting an Owl Prowl. Meet the museum's two owls, Tucker (the Great Horned Owl) and Milo (the Western Screech Owl). They visit with guests at noon and 2 p.m. Remember, all visitors under the age of 12 can enjoy an owl-themed craft project. Get your family involved in the science behind these nocturnal critters. Planetarium shows at 1 and 3 p.m. are included with admission (ages 4 and above only); live animal shows at noon and 2 p.m. are for all ages.

**Sun Storms! - Saturday and Sunday, June 18 and 19, 12:30 to 4 p.m.**

The Discovery Museum Science and Space Center is celebrating 60 years of sensational science milestones that have occurred during the decades. One such momentous occasion was the discovery of coronal mass ejections (CMEs), or a storm upon the surface of the Sun. It is the solar equivalent of a hurricane on Earth. Kick off summer by learning about this amazing phenomenon, in our classroom and planetarium. Glitter sun banners are the craft for the weekend. Planetarium shows at 1 and 3 p.m. are included with admission (ages 4 and above only); live animal shows at noon and 2 p.m. are for all ages.

**Mission to Mars! - Saturday and Sunday, June 25 and 26, 12:30 to 4 p.m.**

The Discovery Museum Science and Space Center is celebrating 60 years of sensational science milestones that have occurred during the decades. In 1976, the Viking Probe sent back the first color photos of another planet- Mars. Learn about the red planet in the Space Quest exhibit, as well as the themed classroom. A vintage Mars movie is playing for your family to view. Kids 12 and under may craft a cut and paste paper Martian to take home. Planetarium shows (with an extra emphasis on Mars) at 1 and 3 p.m. are included with admission (ages 4 and above only); live animal shows at noon and 2 p.m. are for all ages.

*The Discovery Museum Science and Space Center is located at 3615 Auburn Boulevard, Sacramento. Admission is \$6 adults (18+), \$5 seniors (60+), \$5 teens (13-17), \$4 children (4-12), \$0 children (3 and under). The events are ages appropriate for four to 12 years old. For more information, call (916) 808-3942 or visit [www.thediscovery.org](http://www.thediscovery.org)*

# Summer activities at Seacliff State Beach

Located off State Park Drive in Aptos, CA (831) 685-6444

**Family Beach Discovery Walk at Seacliff State Beach - Sunday, June 26 at 1 p.m.**

Join Docent Norm Beeson for a fun filled family beach walk to explore the mysteries and wonders

of Seacliff State Beach and our incredible Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. See what the day has to offer on this easy, 1.5 mile, 1.5 hour walk. Bring beach friendly shoes, water, sunscreen, a snack and an inquisitive spirit. Meet at the Visitor Center.

## Baseball Fever!

Hey Kids! It's hot and time to batter up! So get your glove and bat, throw on your hat, and head for the park and PLAY BALL! Home runs, stealing bases, and sliding into home plate are just some highlights of the games. Another highlight is the SNACK BAR!! Yeah!

It's been a great season with cheers from the stands, cameras going off, proud parents yelling, trophies for all, and fun times for all. Everybody loves baseball. Have fun searching for the hidden words related to baseball. Look carefully; words can appear vertically, horizontally, diagonally, backwards and upside down. Good luck searching!

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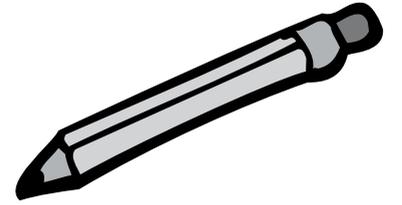
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# MAKE IT YOURSELF!



## Father's Day tie painting

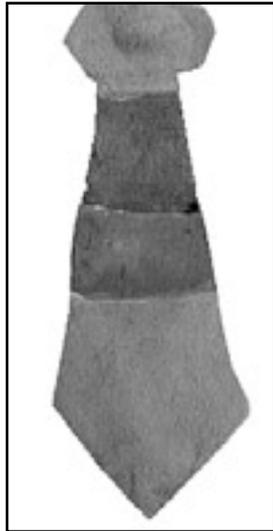
This Father's Day Tie Painting is an old idea but a good one! What Dad wouldn't appreciate receiving this tie on Father's Day?

### You will need:

A large sheet of construction paper for the backing. A Large sheet of white paper for the tie. paints and paintbrush.

### You will need to:

Cut out a tie shape. Paint the tie in Dad's favorite colors! Try stripes, spots, zigzags, or something more intricate. Use glue or sticky dots to mount to the backing paper.



## Make Dad King for the Day!

This "King Dad Crown" is a fun way for the kids to spoil their Dad on Father's Day and they'll enjoy making it, too!

### You will need:

Strip of Gold card big enough to go around Dad's head. Embellishments, including sticky letters. Glue and a stapler or sticky tape.

### You will need to:

Cut your strip of card into a crown shape. Use stickers to add the words 'King Dad'. Decorate the crown. Staple or tape the ends together to secure.



## Golf Trolley Pen Pot

This golf trolley pen pot is a cute gift kids can make for keen golfer dads on Father's Day.

### You will need:

A toilet roll tube, paint, felt or foam, glue, black buttons, chenille stem, and letter stickers

### You will need to:

Paint your tube and leave it to dry. Cut the chenille stem in half bend in to a handle shape. Glue to the inside of the tube. Glue two buttons to the bottom of the tube as the wheels. Cut some rectangles from felt or foam and, gluing along 3 sides, stick these to the tube as pockets. Finally decorate with letter stickers if you wish.



## Make a Mug Warmer

Here is another useful gift which kids can make! Personalize it for a special teacher, parent or grandparent, or perhaps make holiday versions to brighten up everyone's morning!

### You will need:

Felt, fabric paint, self adhesive hook and eye fasteners optional, fabric glue and any embellishments that you like.

### You will need to:

Measure your felt around your favorite mug (a straight sided one is best). Cut out a rectangle about 1/2 inch shorter than the mug and long enough to fit around the mug with an inch overlap. Shape the ends of the rectangle so it will fit through the handle. Decorate the felt with fabric paint and any other embellishments (the simpler you make it the easier to wash if you need to). When the glue and paint is dry, wrap around the mug and ask a friend to secure in place with the hook and eye fastener.



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# Twilight: Return to the Fort

Come one, come all to an evening celebration 35 years in the making at Sutter's Fort State Historic Park! On Saturday, June 4, Sutter's Fort will present "Twilight: Return to the Fort" in honor of the amazingly popular Environmental Living Program that has been going strong and educating California fourth graders for 35 years...and counting! The community is invited to join the fun that includes a grand cannon fire welcome, a scrumptious pioneer dinner, Gold Rush-era live entertainment by the Amazing Harmonatras, pioneer dancing, hands-on craft activities, storytelling by docents who will recite adventures of California's early pioneers and much more! A benefit for the Friends of Sutter's Fort, tickets cost \$35 for adults and \$20 for children (under 17 years of age), and are available now at HYPERLINK "http://www.suttersfort.org" www.suttersfort.org. "Twilight: Return to the Fort" tickets include dinner, live entertainment and take-home keepsake items hand-crafted at the event. Don't miss the community celebration in pure early California style!

Sutter's Fort State Historic Park is located at 2701 L Street, Midtown, Sacramento.

The gates open at 6 p.m., with a cannon fire welcome at 6:15, then at 6:30 the Pioneer dinner will take place and at 7:30 there be music, dancing, crafts and storytelling.

For more information, call (916) 445-4422 or [www.suttersfort.org](http://www.suttersfort.org).

## Hands on History

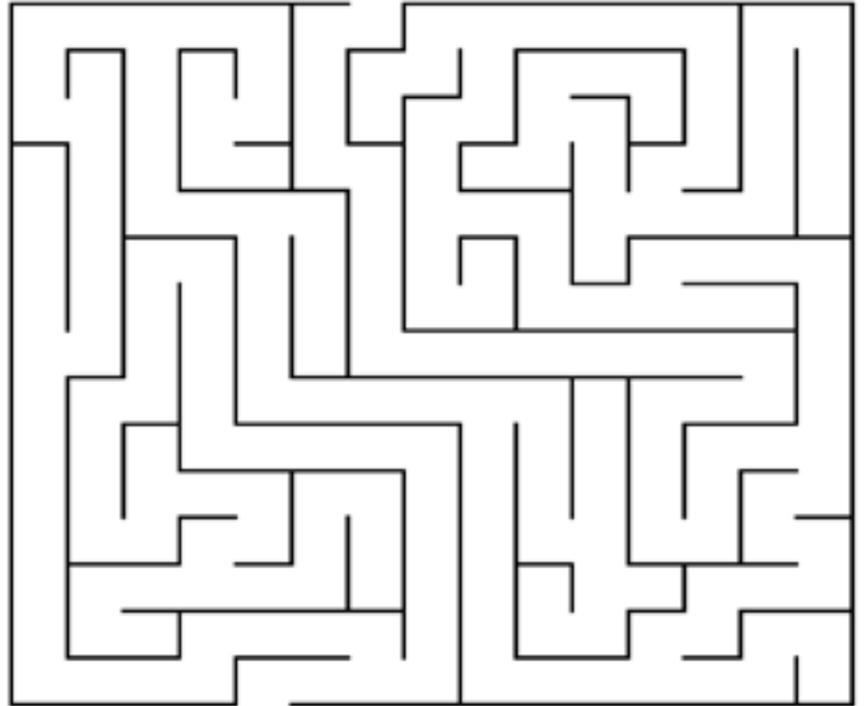
# Three flags, one fort

Sutter's Fort State Historic Park will use three distinctive flags to visually demonstrate the heated struggle for power before statehood in 1850 at the "Hands on History" event, Saturday, June 18, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The special "Hands on History: Three Flags, One Fort" event will explore the politics, similarities and differences between the Mexican, American and Independent rule during this unsettled period of change and uncertainty in California's history. With cannon firing demonstrations at 11:30 a.m., 1:30 and 3:30 p.m., and musket demonstrations to set the mood, Fort visitors will have the chance to listen to or engage in lively mock public debates, examine period weaponry and even have their pictures taken with 19th century arms. In addition, children will re-create colorful period flags of their own that they can take home as keepsakes provided by the Friends of Sutter's Fort.

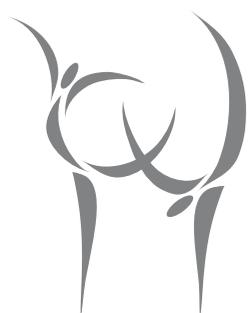
Sutter's Fort State Historic Park is located at 2701 L Street, Sacramento. Admission is \$6

per adult (18 and older), \$4 per youth (ages 6 to 17), free for children 5 years and under For more information about this educational "Hands on History" event, or other events and activities at Sutter's Fort, call (916) 445-4422 or visit [www.parks.ca.gov/suttersfort](http://www.parks.ca.gov/suttersfort)

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# Activities at Rancho Del oso Nature and History Center

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**Wildflower Hikes! - Sunday, June 12 at 11 a.m.**

Meet at the Rancho del Oso Nature and History Center to take a hike among wildflowers in Rancho del Oso's Waddell Valley! Docent Scott Peden will lead a less than 3 mile hike to view a variety of wildflowers in a rainbow of colors. With Rancho del Oso's 7 different Ecosystems there are easily over 90 species of flowers you can view in a day. The hike starts at the nature center at 11. Photographers are easily accommodated. For more information or to sign up, call the nature and history center at (831) 427-2288, or just show up with lunch and energy to hike! The park is located 17 miles north of Santa Cruz on Highway

One. From Santa Cruz, turn right just before the Waddell Creek Bridge at the sign for Rancho Del Oso Nature and History Center. From Half Moon Bay take Highway One south 30 miles. The entrance to Rancho del Oso is located along Highway 1 just south of Año Nuevo State Reserve.

**Search for the Fountain of Health at Rancho del Oso - Sunday, June 5 at 10 a.m., Sunday, June 26 at 10 a.m.**

Meet hike leader Barry Grimm at the green gate across from Waddell Beach at the entrance to Rancho del Oso at 10 a.m. Search for the Fountain of Health that Gaspar de Portola's expedition found here in 1769, then focus on ways the diverse environments of Rancho del Oso could be used for survival. Meet at the Highway 1 gate to the Skyline to the Sea Trail at 10:00

am. Bring hiking shoes water and lunch or a snack.

In 1769 Spain sent Gaspar de Portola's expedition overland from San Diego to find a legendary inland sea. As they passed north of Monterey Bay, Portola's men were dying of scurvy. After camping along Waddell Creek their health returned. They named it Canyon de la Salud "Canyon of Health", and went on to discover San Francisco Bay.

On this 4-mile amble in Waddell Creek canyon, we'll try to find what Portola's foragers found. The western entrance to the skyline to the sea trail is located 6 miles north of Davenport adjacent to Waddell Beach. For more information or to sign up, call the nature and history center at (831) 427-2288, or just show up with lunch and energy to hike!

**All-Day Hike from the Sea to the Waterfalls! - Sunday, June 26**

**Meet at the Ranger Station in the park at 10 a.m.**

Hiking from the Ranger Station to the three gorgeous waterfalls is an all day affair so bring lunch, water and energy. The hike is 14 miles round trip over moderately easy trail except for the uphill around the falls. Bill Rhodes, a very experienced state park docent with a wealth knowledge about this park, leads this hike. Join him at 10 a.m. at the ranger station (located within the park about .5 mile inside the green gate entrance). Call the nature and history center at (831) 427-2288 to reserve, or just show up with lunch, water, warm jacket for changeable weather, sturdy shoes and energy to hike!



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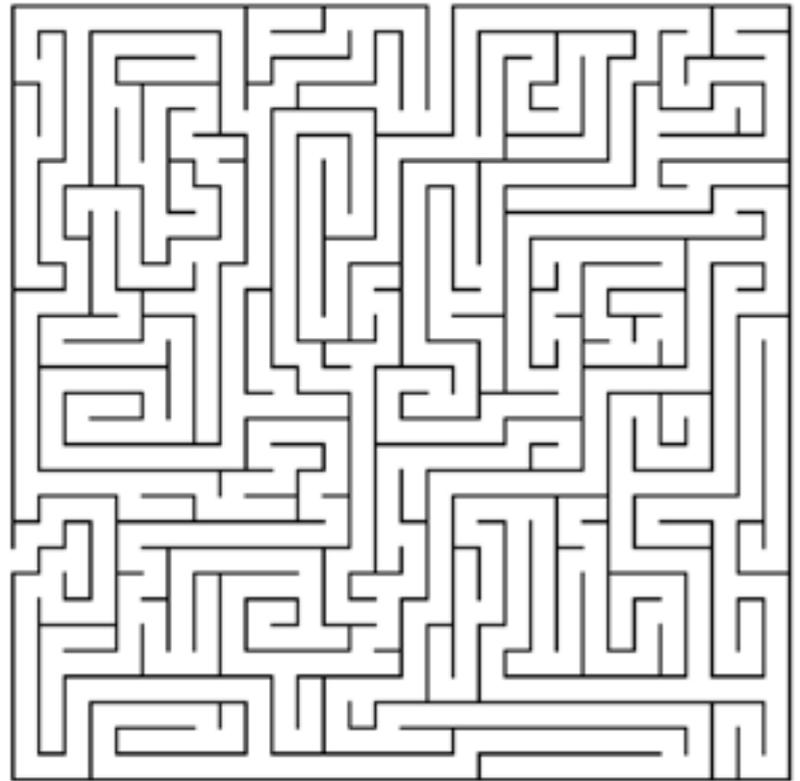
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Featuring **Natalie Kinsey-Warnock**

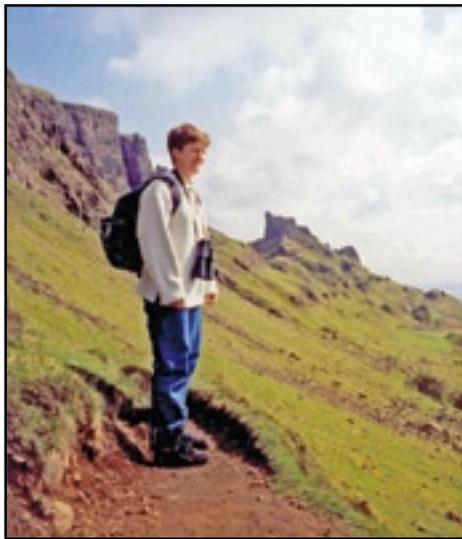
By **Patricia M. Newman**

**N**atalie Kinsey-Warnock descends from a long line of Scottish dairy farmers who settled in the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont over 200 years ago. "The Northeast Kingdom is a place apart. We were the last dairy farm in the state to get electricity," says the 54-year old author. In 1966, the bottom floor of her family farmhouse was finally wired for electricity and telephone, but she still remembers carrying a candle upstairs after dark.

"Holidays were 100 people packed in my grandmother's house. We were all about family stories," Kinsey-Warnock says. She mines seven generations of family history in her 20-plus picture books and novels. A Laura Ingalls Wilder fan, Kinsey-Warnock feels a kinship with the renowned author because Wilder once said that her family stories were too good to be forgotten. "We're kindred spirits," Kinsey-Warnock says, whose books focus on events that occurred in her life or in the lives of her ancestors. Yet, she admits that even in her close-knit clan some stories are lost or forgotten. During school visits, she encourages young readers to unearth amazing stories in their own families by reading old family journals and letters, and studying old photographs.

"I have such an easy time going back to my childhood in my mind," Kinsey-Warnock says. Haying, sugaring, reveling in a spring bike ride through mud so thick she could hardly pedal. These are some of the memories that inform Kinsey-Warnock's historical fiction for children. "I want to get kids hooked on history," she says.

After graduating from college with a double major in art and sports medicine, Kinsey-Warnock coached a variety of sports



and played on a national field hockey team. She began writing after her grandmother suffered a stroke. "I adored my grandmother. She was such an influence in my life. I wanted to write a story about a young girl who has a strong connection with her grandmother." At the time, Kinsey-Warnock did not consciously decide to write a children's story; she simply began. *The Canada Geese Quilt* honors her grandmother who made 250 quilts by hand from the age of 65 to the time of her death at 89.

Iris, the main character from *As Long As There Are Mountains*, is Kinsey-Warnock's favorite character. "She is based so much on me," she says. "How I feel about the land and the farm. I poured all of that into her as I was writing." In 2006, the Vermont Humanities Council selected *As Long As There Are Mountains* for Vermont Reads, their statewide reading venture. According to Kinsey-Warnock, "Every community in the state reads it and does projects on the book." As she traveled the state, she saw young readers connect with older readers and begin to have meaningful conversations with one another. "I was a Vermonter writing about this state, and that felt right," she says.

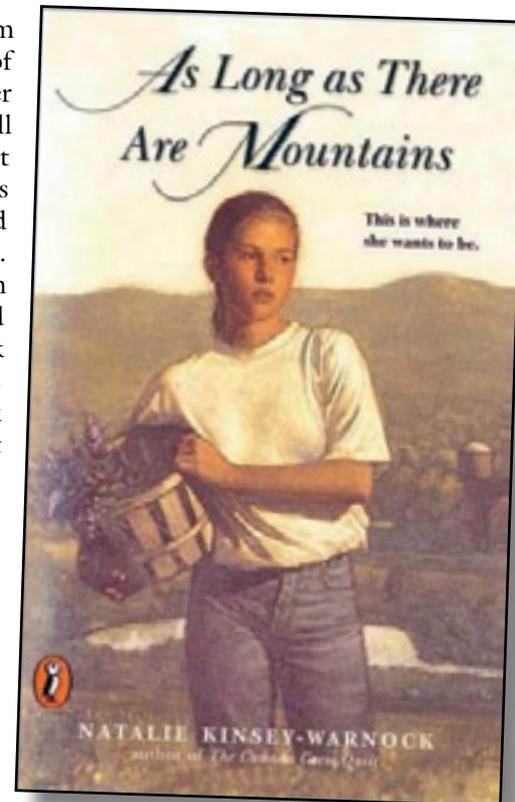
A few of Kinsey-Warnock's books did not come from family stories, and she affectionately refers to them as "oddballs." *The Fiddler of the Northern Lights* is her version of a Canadian legend she found in an old book on her shelves. In the original legend, the fiddler was the devil and Kinsey-Warnock remembers saying, "No, no, no. That's not how he would be at all. I have to rewrite this story and make it how I want it to be."

Winner of the New England Book Award for her body of work, Kinsey-Warnock writes using rich

historical details that come from a lifetime of asking questions of her parents, her grandmother, her neighbors. "I ask them stuff all the time," she says. "I am so not a computer person." During this telephone interview she confessed to talking on a black rotary phone. She combs records in the town clerk's office, visits cemeteries, and scours the offerings at used book sales. Research is one of her life's passions. In fact, Kinsey-Warnock has so many stories and details at her disposal, that she has counted 52 projects currently in the works. Depending on looming deadlines and her appearance schedule, she rises early (a habit ingrained from a lifetime of dairy farming) and generally writes an average of eight hours a day, four to five days a week. But Kinsey-Warnock is an outdoorswoman, and takes frequent breaks to enjoy her animals or one of her many sports.

According to Kinsey-Warnock, a Tulane University study showed that children who know their family stories (warts and all), have higher self-esteem, suffer less from depression, and handle peer pressure better. "You have a better sense of yourself if you know where you've been," she says. For Kinsey-Warnock, her beloved family from the Northeast Kingdom is the taproot from which future children's books will grow.

**Next month:** Caroline Arnold



Patricia Newman is the author of *Jingle the Brass* (Farrar, Straus & Giroux), recommended by the Smithsonian National American History Museum. Her newest book, *Nugget on the Flight Deck* (Walker), received the California Reading Association's Eureka! Silver Honor Award for excellence in children's nonfiction. Visit her website at [www.patriciamnewman.com](http://www.patriciamnewman.com) to watch the trailer.

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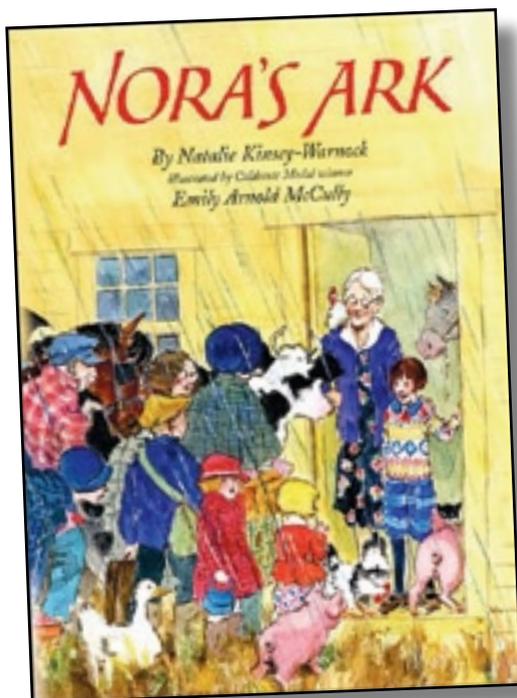
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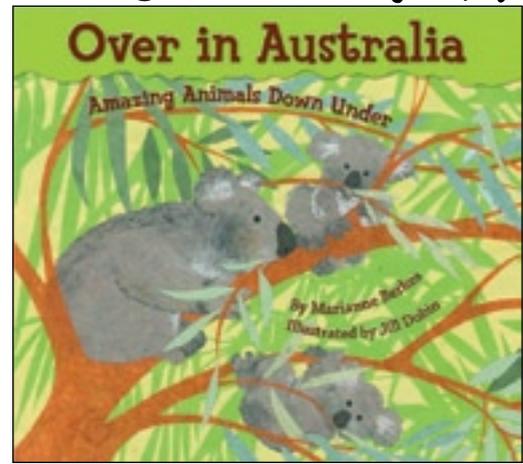
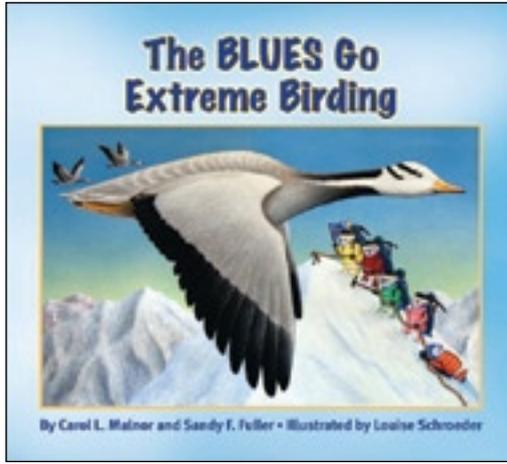
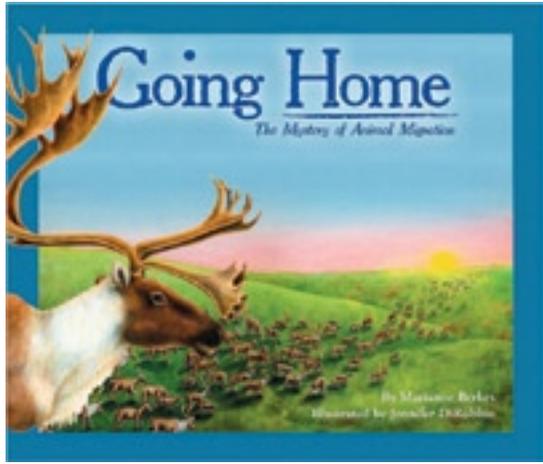
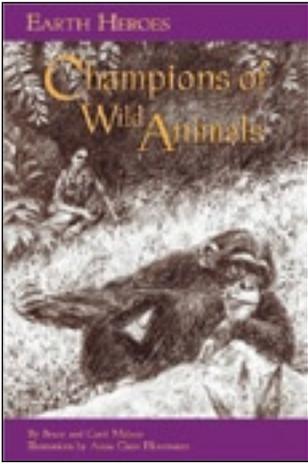
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### The Book Report

# Cherish the Environment Ecology Books

By Connie Goldsmith

Dawn Publications, one of the nation's premier publishers of children's ecology books, is located in nearby Nevada City. Dawn's mission is to inspire in children a deeper understanding and appreciation for all life on Earth. Since 1979 they've succeeded by publishing books of unusual beauty that help children and their parents understand nature, and how to honor and protect it. If these are values you'd like to share with your children, take a look at some of Dawn's new books.

"Over in Australia: Amazing Animals Down Under," by Marianne Berkes, illustrated by Jill Dubin. "Over in Australia in a eucalyptus tree lived a cuddly gray koala and her little joeys three." This clever book is both a rhyming counting book and a 'find the hidden animal book.' Many of Australia's animals are unique to the country. Kids may know about koalas and wombats, but how about emus, sugar gliders, and platypus? The end material is packed with activities and information, making the book perfect for home or school. The very youngest listeners will enjoy hopping, munching, and dancing their way through the story, just as the animals do. The artist explains how she illustrates the book by making collages from a variety of materials. Think about letting your children try out a little collage art of their own.

"Around One Log: Chipmunks, Spiders, and Creepy Insiders," by Anthony D. Fredericks, illustrated by Jennifer DiRubbio. Lightning fells a great oak in the forest. The tree decays as years go by, while numerous

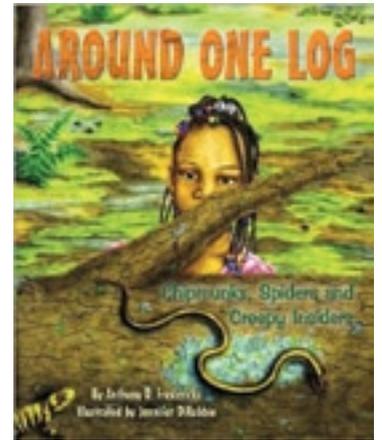
creatures move in: a salamander, garter snake, chipmunk, spiders, termites, and roly-polies. One day a group of children on a field trip discover the tree. "Is this log alive? Or is it now dead?" asks a little girl. While the tree may be officially dead, it has become a mini-habitat for a teeming community of life. The cumulative rhyme is fun to read aloud and the detailed drawings are captivating. End material includes, "Field Notes," with 'fantastic facts' about each of the tree's residents, and two pages of activities and projects that you can do with your children.

"Going Home: The Mystery of Animal Migration," by Marianne Berkes, illustrated by Jennifer DiRubbio. Follow the amazing migration of ten creatures as they make their way around the world looking for food, warmth, a mate, or a familiar beach. "Going home, going home, dancing in the sky. Waking from our winter sleep, it's time for us to fly." See the magnificent monarch butterflies covering a tree and then taking off into the sun when they awake. There's the manatee, Canada geese, caribou, and whales. Each double-page spread features an eight-line verse and information on the animal. The end material offers further reading, websites, and more. Perhaps most interesting is the world map that traces the land and sea migration of the animals. This book, like many of Dawn's books, is perfect for reading at home or school.

"The Blues Go Extreme Birding," by Carol Malnor and Sandy Fuller, illustrated by Louise Schroeder. Meet the Blues, a band of bluebirds with

their own book series. In this story, the Blues visit "extreme birds." First, they climb New York City skyscrapers to meet a peregrine falcon, the fastest creature on Earth. They next float in a hot-air balloon as an Arctic tern – the champion of long-distance flyers – hovers next to them. Then it's on to Antarctica to meet the world's deepest diving bird – the emperor penguin, and a climb up the Himalayas to see the highest-flying bird, the bar-headed goose. There's a hidden geography lesson on every page and a world map at the end showing where each bird lives. Visit the nifty interactive 'clubhouse' at [www.thebirdsgobirding.com](http://www.thebirdsgobirding.com) where kids can learn more about birds and have fun at the same time.

"Champions of Wild Animals," by Carol and Bruce Malnor, illustrated by Anisa Claire Hovemann. This book features the youth and careers of eight of the world's greatest environmentalists who advocated for the protection of wildlife. Many of us know about Jane Goodall and Rachel Carson. But do you know about R.D. Lawrence, friend of the wolves? He helped change people's opinion about wolves. They are not the vicious animals of fairytales and werewolf myths, but intelligent social creatures who can teach humans a lot. And if you ever used a birding field guide, it probably was first written by Roger Tory Peterson. These interesting profiles read like fiction, but are entirely factual. Filled with drawings and photos, this is a perfect book to



read aloud with your own young ecologist.

Connie Goldsmith [www.connie-goldsmith.com](http://www.connie-goldsmith.com) lives in Carmichael where she writes for adults and children. Her newest nonfiction juvenile books, "Battling Malaria: on the Front Lines Against a Global Killer," and "Skin Cancer," one of the new USA Today Health Reports series, came out this fall. Her books can be found in school and public libraries, and at online booksellers.



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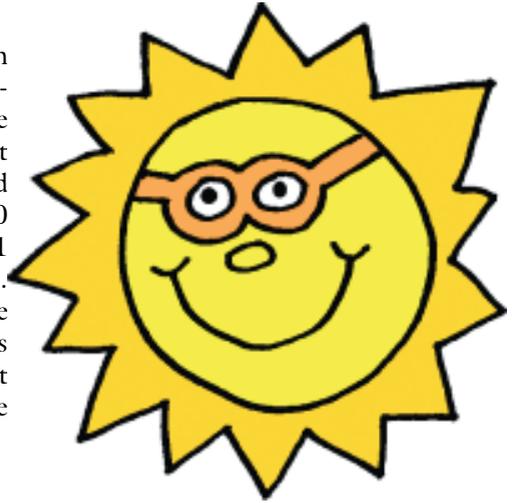
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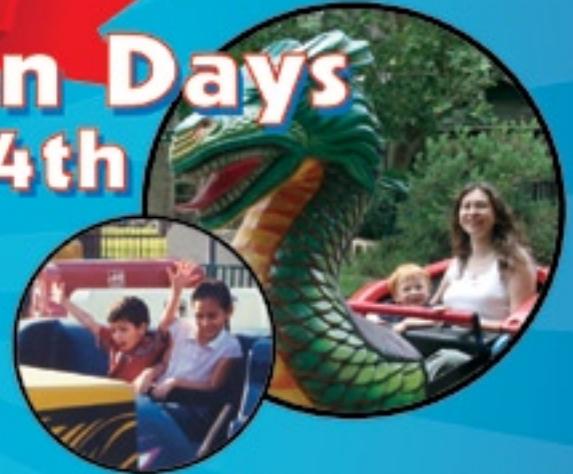
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Programs are offered at the following Santa Cruz District, California State Parks

### Summer Saturday Campfire Programs - Every Saturday through Labor Day

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California State Parks wants you to know you are invited to join with friends and family for a night time campfire program under the stars. Join the parks' campfire centers for an evening of interactive and educational entertainment for the whole family. Topics range from marine mammals, creepy crawling creatures, the magic of migration, and much more. Learn about nature and history through song, story, and celebration. Campfires are wheelchair and stroller accessible. Contact specific park for

more information, dates and times, or check the park's website at [www.parks.ca.gov](http://www.parks.ca.gov).

### Summer Junior Ranger Programs—1 hour programs for 7 to 12 years old

Every Saturday through Labor Day- Call the park for times and details

Explore and play games as you learn about plants, animals, geology and more. Junior Rangers earn rewards for their

participation in this one-hour program. Programs are offered at Big Basin Redwoods, Henry Cowell Redwoods, Butano, Portola Redwoods, Sunset, Manresa, and Half Moon Bay State Parks. Some parks also offer separate "Little Rangers" programs for younger children, ages 3 to 6 with parents present. Contact specific park for more information, dates and times, or check the park's website at [www.parks.ca.gov](http://www.parks.ca.gov).

### Activities at Santa Cruz Mission State Historic Park

Located off Mission Plaza on School Street overlooking downtown Santa Cruz (831)425-5849

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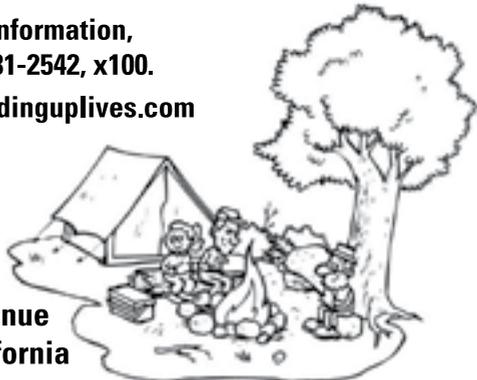
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high-flying disc contest, or the ever-popular pug races! Watch canine demonstrations, visit with pet-friendly businesses, or learn about Sacramento-area animal rescue organizations. Walk registration begins at 7:30 a.m. Bark at the Park Festival is from 8 a.m. until approximately 1 p.m. The walk begins at 9 a.m.

in William Land Park, Village Green Area in Sacramento. Register as a solo participant, start a team or join an existing team. Registration fees start at \$25 per person. For information or to register, visit [www.sspca.org](http://www.sspca.org). For questions about Doggy Dash, call (916) 504-2802 or write to [specialevents@sspca.org](mailto:specialevents@sspca.org).

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## Police, Fire and Legal Lore

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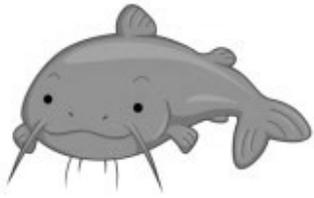
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## Annual Catfish Derby Set

San Joaquin County Parks and Recreation and the Delta Fly Fishers will present the 27th Annual Catfish Derby on Saturday, June 4, beginning at 6:15 a.m. at Oak Grove Regional Park in Stockton.

Nearly 3,000 lbs. of catfish will be planted prior to the derby, which is open to everyone. Prizes will be awarded in youth and adult categories.

Kids age 15 years and younger fish for catfish FREE at Oak Grove's 10-acre lake during the event. There is no registration fee, however, a \$5 fishing permit fee and valid CA. fishing license are required for those sixteen years of age or over. A \$5 vehicle-parking fee will also apply. All State Fish and Game laws apply. Participants must supply their own fishing equipment.

Oak Grove Regional Park is located on Eight Mile Road and Interstate 5 in Stockton. Park gates will be open at 6:15 a.m., derby registration closes at 10 a.m. and the last weigh-in is at 12:30 p.m. Prizes will be awarded shortly thereafter. For more information, call (209) 331-2050 or log onto [www.mgzoo.com](http://www.mgzoo.com).



## Free Ice Cream! YUM!

Bring the whole family to Belle Cooleedge Library's 13th annual Barbara Jeanne Hansen Ice Cream Social from six to eight p.m. on Friday, June 10, at the park adjacent to the library. Come celebrate the beginning of summer vacation with free ice cream and toppings provided through the generosity of Foster Farms Dairy featuring Crystal Dairy products.

Friends and neighbors are invited to this evening of family fun. In addition to free ice cream, there will be face painting and balloon twisting by Mike and Carolyn of Balloon Creations, magic tricks from Bosco the Magician, DJ Gray Schubert will provide music, and depending upon fire calls that evening, a big red fire engine and friendly firemen and women from Sacramento Fire Department Station 13. The ever popular Sacramento Modular Railroaders will have their fantastic small-scale railroad display in the library's community room.

This event traditionally kicks off the children's Summer Reading Program. Be sure to stop by the Summer Reading Program desk to learn more about the fun, contests and prizes planned



for your children's summer enjoyment.

*The Barbara Jeanne Hansen Ice Cream Social is a way of saying thank you to all the loyal supporters of the Belle Cooleedge Library who help to make it such an outstanding community resource. The event is named after Barbara Jeanne Hansen who, for seven years, was Belle Cooleedge's "Story Lady". She was also a major financial contributor to the Sacramento Public Library. In 1999 she, in conjunction with her family's Crystal Creamery, sponsored the first Ice Cream Social.*



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The festival runs July 16 to 17 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Santa Cruz Avenue from El Camino Real to Johnson Street in Menlo Park. Admission and parking are free. For festival information, call (650) 325-2818 or visit [www.miramarevents.com](http://www.miramarevents.com)

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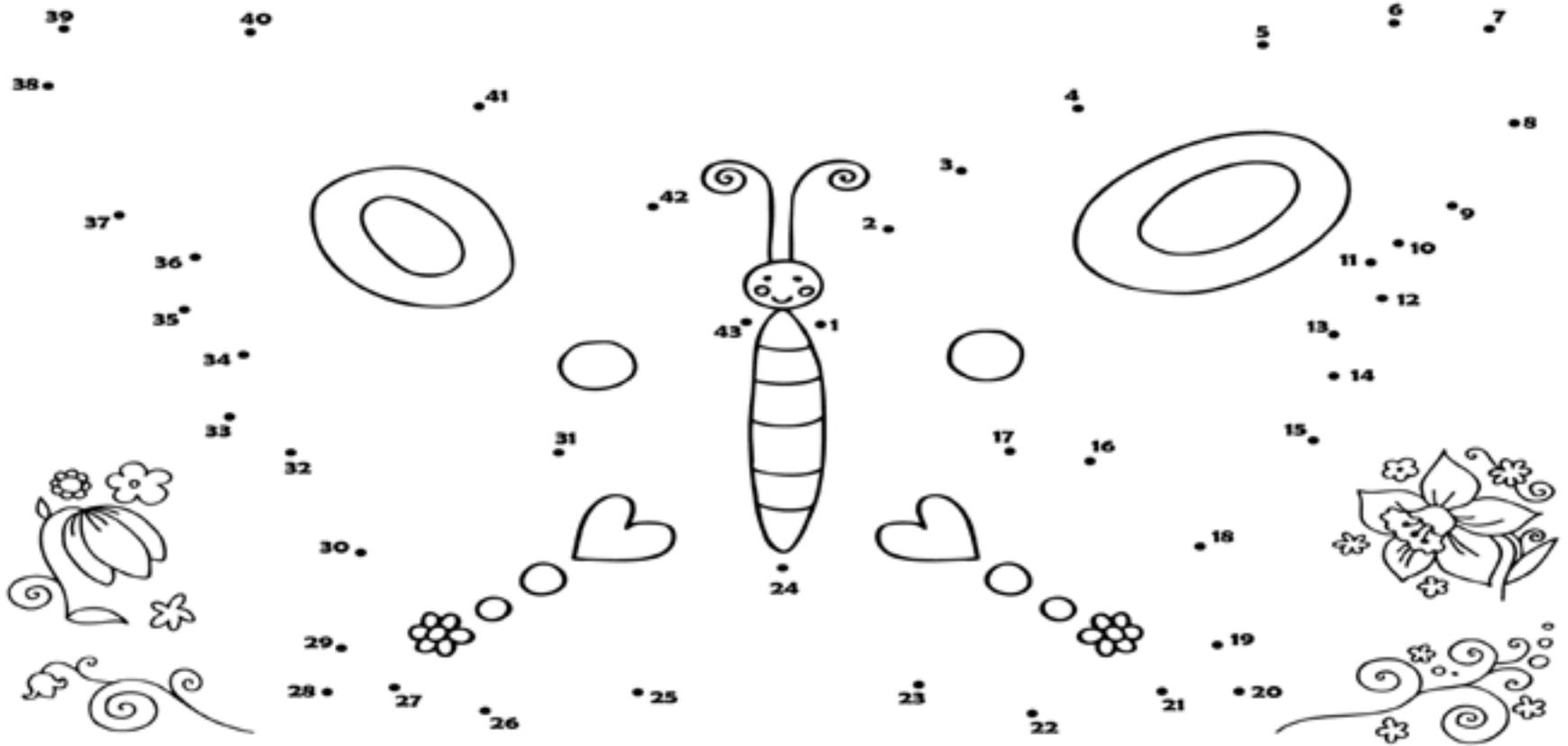




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## Popular Library Programs

### Toddler and preschool storytimes

The Sacramento Public Library provides a fun place for children and their caregivers with free story time activities. South Natomas Library, located at 2901 Truxel Road, in Sacramento, is hosting the following programs:



- **Toddler Storytime:** Thursdays, 10 a.m.: Library staff will present stories, songs, fingerplays, rhymes, and more for children, ages 1 to 3 years.

- **Preschool Storytime:** Thursdays, 11 a.m. Children, ages 3 to 5 years, will

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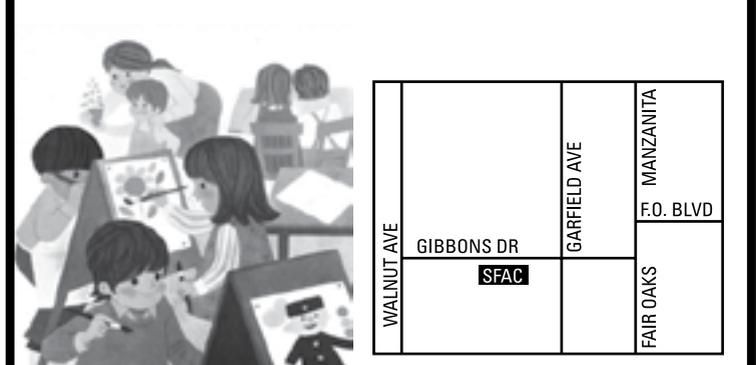
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## Theater Workshop

Registration is now open for Davis Musical Theatre Company's Young Performers' Theatre summer workshop, "Introduction to Musical Theatre." Instruction by Jan Isaacson and Helen Spangler will include the basics of acting, singing, dance steps, vocal projection and other basic performance skills through theater games, improvisation and beginning scene study. The workshop begins on July 5 and culminates in a recital of songs and scenes performed Thursday July 28, at 7 p.m.

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**June 4 and 11, Book Sale, 8250 Belvedere Avenue, Suite E, Sacramento.** The Friends of the Sacramento Public Library are sponsoring a big Warehouse Sale. Public sale hours will be noon to 4 p.m. on June 4 and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on June 11. Friends' members only can shop from 9 a.m. to noon on June 4, and prospective members may join at the door for \$15. The sale will be held at the rear of their Book Den store, between Power Inn Road and Florin-Perkins Road just south of 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue. More than 70,000 paperback and hard-bound

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**June 11, Giddy Up, 6 to 10 p.m., 3901 Land Park Drive, Sacramento.** The Wild West will once again return to Fairytale Town for Humpty's Western Round-up event. Get on your cowboy boots and ride into Fairytale Town for this fun event. Enjoy western ware vendors, bandit hide-outs, and unlimited access to all Fairytale Town attractions and playsets. Advanced price is \$25 for adults, \$10 for children ages 2 to 12, free for children 1 and under. Tickets the day of the event will be \$30 for adults and \$15 for children. There will be live entertainment and themed activities, dinner and a soft drink. Chrystal ice cream and saloon stations will be serving beer and wine

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**June 13 through August 12, Summer Fun Days, 9 a.m. to Noon, 2850 San Lorenzo Way, Carmichael.** Turn off the TV and say goodbye to summer boredom with these adventures one-week and two-week day camp programs. Crafts, games, nature walks and team-building activities amuse and educate youngsters K-5. Advanced registration is required. Call (916) 489-4918. Prices and class descriptions are available online at [www.sacnaturecenter.net](http://www.sacnaturecenter.net)

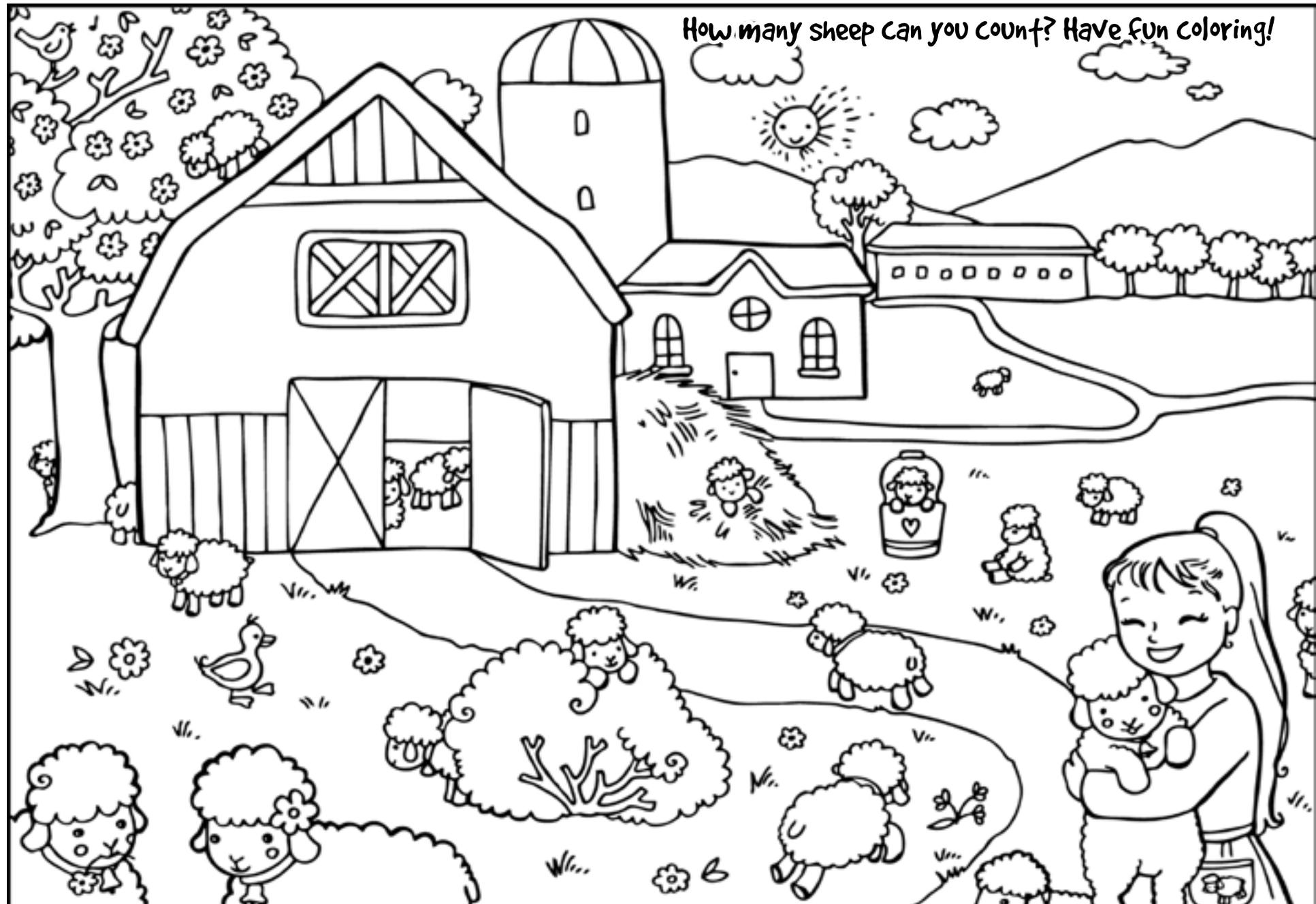
**June 24, Family Camp Out, 5:30 p.m. to 7 a.m., 3901 Land Park Drive, Sacramento.** Bring your sleeping bags and tents to

Fairytale Town and sleep under the stars. This fun sleepover includes a special theater performance, a hands-on activity, a Fairytale Town scavenger hunt, group sing-a-long and bedtime story. Prices range from \$20 to \$30 per person, fees include all activities, an evening snack and a light breakfast the next morning. Reserve your space at [www.fairytaletown.org](http://www.fairytaletown.org).

**July 5, Summer Youth Theater Workshop, 607 Pena Drive, Davis.** Registration is now open for Davis Musical Theatre Company's Young Performers' Theatre Summer Workshop: "Introduction to Musical Theatre." Instruction by Jan Isaacson and Helen Spangler will include the basics of acting, singing, dance steps, vocal projection and other basic performance skills

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**July 16 and 17, Menlo Park Festival, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Santa Cruz Avenue, Menlo Park.** Enjoy a weekend of top artists, food, activities for kids, garden exhibits, health and wellness displays, a climbing wall, puppets and much more. The festival will be held on Santa Cruz Avenue, from El Camino Real to Johnson Street in Menlo Park. Admission and parking are free. For more information, call (650) 325-2818 or <http://www.miramarevents.com>



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## A Father's Day Event! - The Men of Big Basin, Sunday, June 19, 1 p.m.

Celebrate Father's Day by honoring some of the remarkable men who lived in, worked in and fought for Big Basin. Living history re-enactments bring you back in time where you'll meet pioneer settlers, Big Basin founders and early park rangers. Stroll through the magnificent redwoods on this half-mile, 1.5-hour guided walk. Wheelchair and stroller accessible. Meet at Park Headquarters.

## Redwood Loop Walk - Every Saturday and Sunday at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. and Friday, June 24 at noon

How do these grand redwoods grow to be so old? So tall? How are they important to humans? Join us for this fun and informative guided half-mile stroll through a magnificent old-growth redwood forest. Meet the famous Mother Tree, the Father of the Forest and the incredible Chimney Tree on this one-hour walk. Stroller and wheelchair accessible. Meet at Park Headquarters.

## Junior Rangers - June 1 to 22, Saturday at 3 p.m. and Sunday at 11 a.m., June 23 to 30, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 3 p.m. and Sunday at 11 a.m.

Discover the fascinating secrets of the forest! Explore, practice outdoor skills and play games as you learn about plants, animals, geology, and more. This one-hour program is designed for kids ages 7 to 12. Sorry parents, this program is for kids only! Please register your child at the Nature Lodge 15 minutes before the program begins.

## Big Basin Nature Club - June 1 to 22, Saturday at 4:30 p.m. and Sunday at 10 a.m. June 23 to 30, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 4:30 p.m. and Sunday at 10 a.m.

This fun program is designed for children ages 3 to 6 and their families. Pretend, play, sing and explore! This half-hour program will introduce youngsters to the wonders of the redwood forest. Meet at the Nature Lodge.

## Campfire Programs - June 1 to 22, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m., June 23 to 30, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 7 p.m.

Join us in our historic campfire center for an evening of song and story. Serenade the glittering stars and learn about redwood ecology, creatures of the forest or stories of the park while relaxing in the shadows of the towering trees. Fire lighting and marshmallows (the camp provides the sticks and marshmallows!) at 7 p.m.; program begins at 7:30 p.m. Wheelchair, stroller accessible. Good dogs welcome!

## Family Discovery Walk - Saturday, June 4 at 1 p.m.

Join docent Norm Beeson for a fun-filled family walk and investigate the mysteries and wonders of Big Basin's redwood forest! Discover what surprises the day offers on this easy, one-mile roundtrip walk that lasts about 1.5 hours. Bring water, a snack or lunch and an adventurous spirit! Meet at Park Headquarters.

## The Road Less Traveled: A Dog-Friendly Walk, Sunday, June 5 at 10 a.m.

On this dog-friendly walk, travel on North Escape Road, a paved road closed to traffic. Tour stunning old-growth redwood groves along beautiful Opal Creek. Discuss redwood ecology and park history while exploring the deep shade of the redwood forest. This is a fun, easy, three-mile roundtrip walk with docent Micki Downs and her dog Spock. Bring water and meet at Headquarters.

## Ocean View Summit Hike - Saturday, June 11 at 10 a.m.

Join docent Scott Peden on this diverse hike—by mountain streams, oak woodlands, chaparral and redwoods. You'll discuss forests, flowers and fires on a six-mile, four-hour hike. This somewhat strenuous ascent is rewarded with ocean views on a clear day. Bring water, lunch and good hiking shoes. Meet at Park Headquarters.

## Footsteps of the Founders - Saturday, June 11 at noon

This moderate five-mile, four-hour loop walk will take you back in time to the origins of our oldest state park. Discover the redwoods and other treasures that inspired the movement to save the trees. Docent Doreen Devorah will share stories of the park's first human inhabitants, pioneering homesteaders and early redwood conservationists. Pass historical places of interest and enjoy views of Slippery Rock and Sempervirens Falls. Meet at Park Headquarters.

## Berry Creek Falls Hike - Sunday, June 12 at 9:30 a.m.

Travel deep into the heart of Big Basin as you experience a wide range of habitats on this moderate to strenuous 11-mile-loop hike. Wind through shady redwood canyons and climb dry ridges as you hike to the jewel of Big Basin—65-foot Berry Creek Falls. Bring lots of water, lunch and wear layers. Docent Bill Rhoades will be your guide on this seven-hour hike. Meet at Park Headquarters.

## Creeping Forest Ramble - Sunday, June 12 at noon

Explore the natural history of this less-visited trail with docent Doreen Devorah on a three-hour, 2.5-mile hike up and down the "creeping" terrain, along creeks, through fire-scarred redwoods and

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## Safe Summer Fun for Kids

# Childproofing outdoor areas to protect children

A message brought to you by First 5 Sacramento

Summer activities are a favorite among young children, from playing on swings to swimming in cool water. But spending more time outside near garages, pools, lakes, and playground equipment can increase a child's risk of injury.

According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, approximately 2.5 million children are injured around their homes every year. To help parents and caregivers protect kids from potential dangers and reduce accidents this summer, First 5 Sacramento offers the following tips on childproofing outdoor areas.

## By the Water

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report that drowning is the second leading cause of death for children. Be water wise around pools, lakes, ponds, and the ocean!

Don't rely on flotation devices like life vests or floating baby seats to keep kids safe, as these can shift position, lose air, or slip out from under a child.

Install a fence or wall that's at least four feet high around pools with a self-latching gate that kids can't reach. Keep the pool gate closed at all times.

## on the Playground

Before letting your child climb on play equipment in your backyard or a public playground, scan the area for potential safety hazards.

Check the equipment for rusted parts and loose splinters that can pinch a child's skin.

Look under swings, slides, and play structures. Ideally, there should be wood chips, sand or rubber mats to help break a child's fall.

Touch the equipment to make sure it's not too hot to play on.

## Around the Garage

Garages are often used to store lawn chemicals, gardening tools, and other items that are dangerous for young children.

Keep pesticides, fertilizer, lighter fluid, and sharp objects like nails and screws in locked cabinets or high above the reach of curious little hands.

When mowing the lawn, keep kids inside the house or at a safe distance so that they don't get hurt by flying objects such as sticks or rocks. Never let children push a lawn mower with you.

Remember to always supervise children when they are playing outdoors. Summer provides great opportunities for kids to explore and stay active, but keep safety in mind first! For more information about your child's healthy development, contact First 5 Sacramento at [www.first5sacramento.net](http://www.first5sacramento.net) or at 916-876-5865.

### About First 5 Sacramento

Research shows that a child's brain develops most dramatically in the first five years and what parents and caregivers do during these years to support their child's growth will have a meaningful impact throughout life. Based on this research, California voters passed Proposition 10 in 1998, adding a 50 cents-per-pack tax on tobacco products to support programs for expectant parents and children ages zero to five. In the last year, First 5 Sacramento distributed approximately \$14 million a year in Prop 10 revenues to programs and services that meet local needs. Each county has a First 5 Children and Families Commission providing unique local services for that county. Surrounding First 5's include: First 5 Yolo: 530-669-2475; First 5 Placer: 530-745-1304; and First 5 El Dorado: 530-672-8298.



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over log bridges. Bring water and good hiking shoes. Meet at Park Headquarters.

## Wildflower Walk! - Sunday, June 19 at 10 a.m.

Join docent Scott Peden to learn to identify the plants and communities of the redwood forest. You'll also visit several historical spots within the park. This is a five-mile, five-hour walk that includes a chimney tree. Bring water and lunch. Meet at Park Headquarters.

## The Road Less Traveled: A Dog-Friendly Walk, Sunday, June 19 at 10:30 a.m.

On this dog-friendly walk, we travel on North Escape Road, a paved road closed to traffic. We tour stunning old-growth redwood groves along beautiful Opal Creek. Discuss redwood ecology and park history while exploring the deep shade of the redwood forest. This is a fun, easy, three-mile roundtrip walk with docent Micki Downs and her dog Spock. Bring water and meet at Headquarters.

## Felling the Giants - Saturday, June 25 at Noon

Logging was the major industry in the Santa Cruz Mountains for over 50 years. How did lumbermen cut these tall, tall trees? What was life like in a logging camp? What tools did they use? Join docent Dan Friend as he tells stories of the logging days and demonstrates how loggers were able to fell these giants—without chainsaws! Meet at Park Headquarters.

## Boating, Dancing, Dining and More!—Big Basin in its Heyday, Saturday, June 25 at 3 p.m.

Big Basin was a very popular tourist resort in the 1900s. The park had a hotel, store, post office, barbershop, dance hall, tennis courts, a lake and more! Take a fascinating tour with Dan Friend, a ranger here in the 1970s, and “see” Big Basin as it was in those vibrant early days. This is a one-mile, two-hour walk. Meet at Park Headquarters.

## Outlook from Mt. McAbee - Sunday, June 26 at 10 a.m.

Join docent Doreen Devorah on a hike to McAbee Outlook. Stop at the top and enjoy the lovely ocean views, returning through a beautiful old-growth redwood forest. Difficulty level is moderate. The hike is six miles and about three and a half hours. Bring plenty of water, snacks and good hiking shoes. Meet at Park Headquarters.

## Could You Survive in the Wild? - Sunday, June 26 at Noon

During this fun, interactive demonstration, you'll learn what it takes to survive overnight in the wilderness. Dan Friend, a wilderness survival teacher, will lead this family friendly, hour-long program on how to be prepared in the wilderness—what to bring in your pack and what knowledge to have in your head. Bring your daypack, and Dan will review the contents!

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# Camping theme birthday party ideas!

From [birthdaypartyideas4kids.com](http://birthdaypartyideas4kids.com)

## Camping Party Invitation

Place star stickers or draw stars on dark blue note cards for starry sky invitations.

Print out party information on large labels and stick to one side of big chocolate bars. On the other side print out a label that says “\_\_\_\_\_’s (child’s name) camping party will be Smore fun with you there!”

Print invitations on small cards and attach to plastic binoculars, tin cups, canteens or compasses.

## Camping Party Decoration

Decorate the party in greens and browns. Place helium balloons

on the mailbox so guests will know where the party is located. Print out different types of animal tracks, cut them out and tape them to the driveway or walkway to the party. If the party will be inside or under a covered area hang strings of lights around the ceiling. Decorate the party table with browns and greens. Tree balloons can be made by taping brown tissue paper in the shape of tree trunks on the walls and then attach 3 different colors of green balloons above it for leaves. Hang glow in the dark stars from the ceiling.

Set out tin cups with each camper’s name written on the side in permanent marker at each place setting along with a compass, flashlight and/or binoculars. For a fake campfire pile logs on top of a battery powered lantern or paint the underside of pieces of wood

orange and then stack on top of red and orange strings of small Christmas lights. Set up tents outside (or inside!) for the kids to sleep and play around. If you don’t have tents you can make your own by stringing rope between two trees or posts and hanging a waterproof tarp over the rope. Spread out the sides of the tarp and secure to the ground.

## Camping Party Activities

**Campfire** - Create a campfire outside and roast marshmallows, hotdogs and make Smore’s. Set up lawn chairs in a circle around the fire and star gaze, tell stories and sing campfire songs.

## Decorate t-shirts

Decorate camouflage or plain t-shirts. Let the kids decorate with fabric paint and fabric paint pens. Or have shirts already printed with their names and let them embellish with rhinestones or paint pens.



## Camping Party Games

**Flashlight Tag Play** this game at night when it is dark. Choose a person to be “it” and give them a flashlight. They close their eyes and count to 100 while everyone else hides. The child with the flashlight then searches for the hidden players. When the person who is it finds a hidden player they must shine the flashlight on them and call out their name. After this point there are several variations in how to play.

1. The child with the flashlight gives the found child the flashlight and they before the new “it”.
2. The child who was found has to go to a designated spot and stay there until the game is over or he/she is tagged out by another child who is hiding.
3. The children who are tagged stay with “it” and help find the rest of the players. You can give out extra flashlights or just use one.

The person who is tagged first becomes the new “it” for the next round.

## Nature Scavenger Hunt

While it is still light outside send the party guests on a Nature Scavenger Hunt

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