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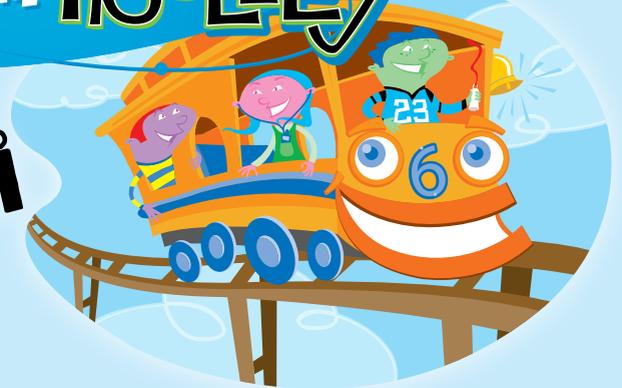
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The Fairytale Town Troupers present: "Alice in Boogie Wonderland," Saturdays and Sundays, April 21, 22, 28 and 29, showtimes at 12:30 and 1:30 p.m.

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What to expect at the Yomen Spring celebration

Families are invited to the 11th annual Yomen Spring Celebration, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 29, to welcome the spring season. Explore and experience and celebrate California Indian culture. This is a free community event.

The Maidu Yomen spring event is one of many traditional acknowledgements and celebrations of the natural cycles of the earth by the local Native Peoples. Each season brought a new opportunity for bounty from the ever changing living landscape, if you knew what to look for.

Before the start of the event, Native Elders are escorted to front row seating and provided beverages. After everyone has settled in, a traditional blessing is made and the dance area is purified.

Throughout the morning and afternoon various California Indian traditionalists provide dancing and singing to celebrate the coming of spring, a welcome time of new growth and the guarantee of fresh foods and warmer weather.

Explore the Historic Site with docent lead guided tours. Petroglyphs, hundreds of bedrock mortars and a large midden area accentuate the story of the Nisenan Maidu People who thrived on this land for thousands of years.

Other activities make it a great event for the whole family. Children's activities include flute and bead making, petroglyph



rubbing, playing the traditional stove game and acorn grinding. Native animal exhibits include rescued wolves and birds of prey. The Museum itself provides a glimpse into the cultural and material life of the Maidu Peoples with dozens of exhibits and interactive displays.

Throughout the museum demonstrators show how traditional skills are still being practiced, creating tools and crafts that would provide all life's needs in a Maidu village. In the shade of an ancient oak, traditional Native artists exhibit their unique items for sale.

When you get hungry, you will have many choices of foods, beverages and treats including Indian tacos.

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Free Weekend Activities

Animal April Fools, April 1, Sunday, 1:30 p.m.

Many animals use little "tricks" to fool predators or find food. Join a naturalist to find out about these clever tricks and take a walk in the nature preserve to see some of them in action.

Get Into Your Local Creek, April 7, Saturday, 10:30 a.m.

Why are water striders, backswimmers and diving beetles so important to the health of a creek, pond or river? Join a naturalist and learn how to get involved in caring for our waterways. For more information about Creek Week activities, visit www.creekweek.net. All ages welcome.

Birds Aren't the Only Ones, April 8, Sunday, 1:30 p.m.

Can you name other animals that lay eggs? Join a naturalist to see different kinds of eggs and nests. All ages welcome.

Saturday Safari, April 14, Saturday, 10:30 a.m.

Grab your binoculars (or borrow some from us) and take a guided walk to see the animals and plants that make up the unique habitat along the American River. All ages welcome.

Wildflower Walk, April 15, Sunday, 1:30 p.m.

From poppies to grass pinks to brodiaea, join a naturalist on a search to see what is blooming. All ages are welcome.

Earth Day Everyday, April 21, Saturday, 10:30 a.m.

Mother Nature's gifts are all around us. Find out about some things we can do everyday to help the Earth and keep it healthy for animals, plants and people. All ages are welcome.

Caring for Wildlife, April 22, Sunday, 1:30 p.m.

Join Doug Forbes from the Wildlife Care Association and learn about how this volunteer organization helps injured and orphaned wildlife. Meet animal ambassadors Ivory, the white crow, and Peanut, the yellow-billed magpie. All ages welcome.

Fly by Butterfly, April 28, Saturday, 10:30 a.m.

What is a pipevine swallowtail? Find out as you explore the life cycle of the butterfly and create your own coffee filter butterfly. Join a naturalist for a hike through the Nature Preserve to investigate the pipevine swallowtail's world. All ages are welcome.

Bountiful Harvest, April 29, Sunday, 1:30 p.m.

Take a guided tour of the replica Maidu Indian village and learn how the native people used the natural resources of the area for food, clothing, medicine and shelter. All ages are welcome.

Donations gratefully accepted. There is a \$5 per car entrance fee into Ancil Hoffman Park (Free to members). The Nature Center may be closed due to stormy weather. To confirm, call (916) 489-4918 or visit www.sacnaturecenter.net. The Effie Yeaw Nature Center is located at California Avenue and Tarshes Drive, Carmichael.

Sacramento Audubon program

The public is invited to the Thursday, April 19 meeting of the Sacramento Audubon. The program will begin at 7 p.m. and will feature "Mystery of Bird Song." This is a free program, there is free parking, and no park entry fee.

Effie Yeaw Nature Center is located at Ancil Hoffman County Park, 2850 San Lorenzo Way, Carmichael. For directions, visit sacnaturecenter.com.

Who me? What do I want to be?

What do you want to be when you grow up? Do you want to do what your dad or mom does? Do you want to be rich or famous, or would you rather spend your time helping other people? Do you want an exciting job? Are you artistic or have a special talent? Do you like working with machines? Do you enjoy fixing things, or growing things, or solving problems? If you work hard and study and do your best in school, you can be anything you want. But for now, see how many different careers from the list below you can find in this puzzle. They are listed horizontally, vertically, forward, backwards, or diagonally.

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Sago, A Very Special Service Dog, Book Review

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Many times we stumble onto a special place, a special person, or a unique perspective during one of our travels and this opens the door for a "learning moment."

Whether you travel far or near to home, you and your family are sure to come in contact with service dogs and disabled individuals of all ages. This has the potential to be one of those learning moments. Understanding, compassion, and education are key to our children embracing

the differences we all have and the challenges that many people face in all locations of the world.

Recently a lovely book for children has been released that helps children to understand one of the many facets of a disabled person's life, and one that we often discover in our travels and while out in public.

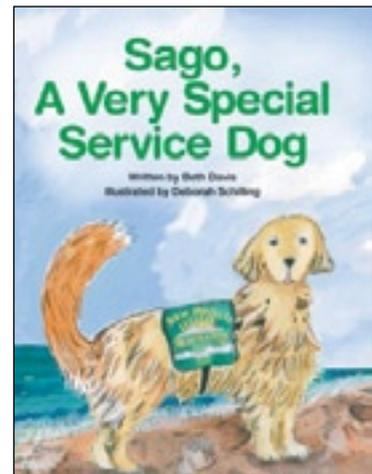
A Very Special Service Dog written by Beth Davis and illustrated by Deborah Schilling, is a breath of fresh air and a pleasure to discover.

This lovely children's book is a much needed and delightfully illustrated story that educates and entertains children and the public

about the special bond between a very special service dog and its handler.

As more and more individuals are turning to the assistance of a service dog, it is becoming increasingly imperative that the public become educated and informed about what a service dog is and what one does for a disabled person. What better way than to begin with children?

In an entertaining, non-threatening, and tender manner, this book shows families how and why a service dog is so vital to the livelihood of someone challenged by a disability. It demonstrates the various types of service dogs as well as offers valuable



insight into proper etiquette around these amazing animals and their human counterparts.

Author Beth Davis is the founder of Pawsitive Tales, Inc. a non-profit exclusively committed to enriching the lives of disabled individuals by providing funds for training and placement of service dogs.

This book is a wonderful resource for any library or home collection and should be shared, discussed, and enjoyed by families and educators alike.

Carmel L. Mooney is the Executive Director of Pawsitive Service Dog Solutions, a Sacramento area non-profit that trains and places Autism Service Dogs. You can read her service dog blog at: www.pawsitivesolutions.org. Or Follow them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/pawsitivesolutions

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Yes You Can Afford Summer Camp

By American Camp Association

In today's economy, some parents might think that summer camp is too expensive.

"People are careful today about where they spend their money," said Sari VanOtegham, president of American Camp Association® (ACA) Northern California. "However, parents understand that camp provides something special. And the camp industry is working hard to assure that all children, regardless of their financial

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Studies have consistently documented the dramatic physical, psychological and emotional benefits of the summer camp experience. And fortunately, there is a camp for virtually every child and every budget.

Here are some tips on how parents can find that camp:

Research your options

There are more than 12,000 sleep-away and day camps in the country, so there's one to suit almost any budget. One way to find a quality summer camp in Northern California is by visiting <http://www.ACAnorcal.org/findcamp.php>.

Another way is to attend a camp fair. A list is available at <http://www.ACAcamps.org/campfair>. And to learn about camps in general, <http://www.CampParents.org>.

Register early - Many camps offer discounts to people who commit early. However, if you do register early, ask about the refund policy.

Consider a day camp- Day camps tend to cost less than resident camps, and fees vary widely.

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of the benefits of camp regardless of the length of the program.

Ask for help

Ask the camp director what type of aid is available. Each year, camps in the American Camp Association community give away more than \$39 million in scholarships, and 90 percent of ACA camps offer some form of financial aid.

Not-for-profit camps such as the Y, Boy or Girl Scouts might reduce or waive fees for families that can't afford to pay. Some churches, synagogues and social service groups also offer low-cost or free options. Some camps allow people to pay on the installment plan, rather than requiring full payment at enrollment. Some also give discounts for siblings or for referring friends who sign up.

Become creative

Consider asking relatives to pay part of the camp fee as a birthday gift, or asking churches or civic clubs to help.



- Find out if the camp has parent volunteers. Some do, and may give volunteers a discount.
- If the camp offers a meal program, pack your child's lunch.

Consider the financial investment

Summer camp can have tax benefits. According to the IRS Web site www.irs.gov, the cost of day camp may count as an expense toward the child and dependent care credit.

And your employer might offer a flexible spending account for dependent care, which typically lets employees set aside up to \$5,000 to cover costs such as child care (including day camp, but not resident camps.)

About the American Camp Association - For nearly 100

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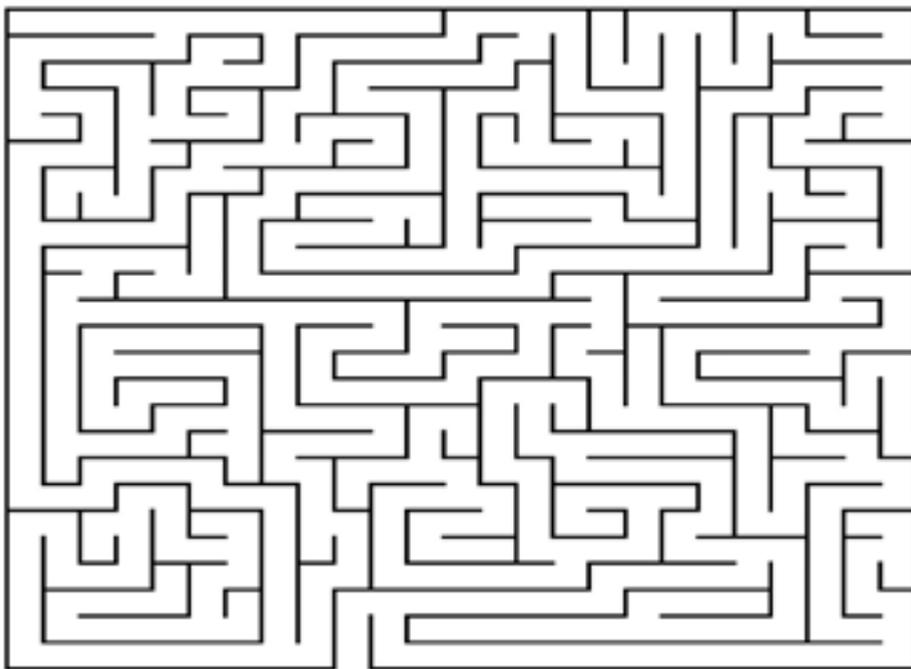
Flightless Pelicans find their way to the Zoo

Courtesy of the Sacramento Zoo

A pelican, discovered alone along the mudflats at the Nevada Creek Reservoir, has found a new home at the Sacramento Zoo. After being found stranded and without its right wing, undergoing health exams and making a complicated journey, the pelican has landed in Sacramento along with a second pelican that was also injured in the wild.

While out on a Montana lake Jim Sparks, a wildlife biologist noticed a pelican on October 4 and immediately knew that something was wrong. The pelican was found alone, having missed the migration south. It was soon discovered that this was due to a missing wing. After being rescued, the pelican underwent an exam and has been taught to feed from a person's hand so that it can be cared for by the Sacramento Zoo.

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Sacramento Zoo's 13th Annual Earth Fest

Inviting all Pirates and Princesses to a Party for the Planet. Bring the family to the **Sacramento Zoo's 13th annual Earth Fest**, Saturday, April 7, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. It's a party for the planet. Explore

and enjoy the many hands-on crafts and games that will teach the basics of recycle, reduce and reuse. Activities will promote parrot and amphibian conservation and include the Zoo's annual Recycle

Rummage Sale. Children between the ages of 2 and 11 who come dressed as a pirate or princess will receive 1/2 off their admission.

This year's Earth Fest will promote amphibian and parrot conservation. The event will include many opportunities to learn more about amphibians and parrots, as well as how to color your world green.

While princesses and pirates are roaming Zoo grounds, they can enjoy a pirate ship photo-op, learn about animals from all around the world during the Zoo's stage show and keeper chats, and explore the many hands-on activities that will be offered. In addition, visitors can

discover more about native plants at the Zoo's Backyard, which includes a children's play area, nature trail and interactive garden.

The Zoo's annual **Recycle Rummage Sale** is also back on Saturday, April 7, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The sale includes books, CDs and videos, t-shirts, toys, stuffed animals, collectibles, animal artwork, jewelry, housewares and other unique items. Admission to the rummage sale is included with Zoo admission and proceeds benefit the Zoo's Conservation Committee and Green Team. The Sacramento Zoo Conservation Committee raises funds to support

wildlife education and conservation both locally and worldwide. The Green Team has a focus to reduce waste, conserve energy and create positive changes at the Zoo and within the community.

As a part of the Zoo's 85th birthday celebration, guests are also encouraged to share their memories at the video recording booth. The recording booth will only be available at select times throughout the year. Guests who also have pictures or written memories are encouraged to share those through the Sacramento Zoo's website at saczoo.org.

Open since 1927, the Sacramento Zoo is home to more than 450 native, rare and endangered animals and is one of over 200 accredited institutions of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. The Sacramento Zoo is located at 3930 West Land Park Drive, in William Land Park. Open daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., general admission is \$11.25; children ages 2 to 11 are \$7.25 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.



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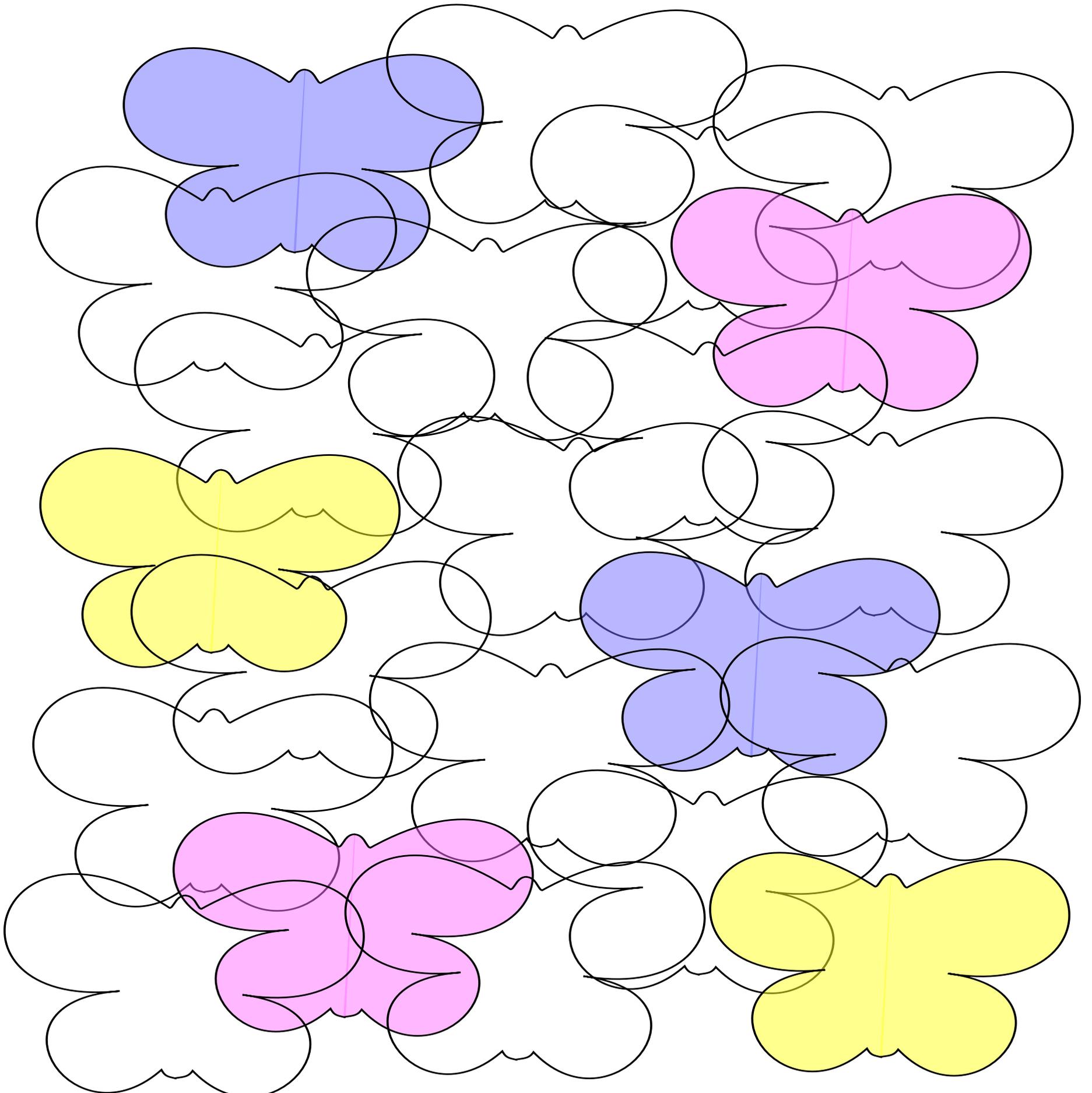


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"Pick Me! Fruit Crate Art & the California Dream" Exhibit

Back by popular demand, a second phase of the exhibit titled "Pick Me! Fruit Crate Art and the California Dream" is open to the public, April 10, 2012 through October 31, 2013, at the California State Railroad Museum, Old Sacramento State Historic Park.

You will delight in a whole new crop of whimsically designed fruit crate labels from the 1880s through the early 1950s that inspired many to "Go West" in search of the California Dream. Through this continuing vibrant exhibit, guests will gain

an appreciation for an early art form that featured beautifully bold imagery, learn how California's fresh produce was kept cool during transport before refrigerated cars and discover why the railroad was the key to the early success of the California agriculture industry. Additionally, you will also have the hands-on opportunity to create your own labels using magnetic cut-outs of typical design elements, so bring a camera to capture your creations. Museum guests of all ages and interests are sure to enjoy the exhibit.

Admission is \$9 adults; \$4 youths ages 6 to 17; free for children ages 5 and under. For more information, call (916) 445-6645 or visit www.californiastaterailroadmuseum.org

About the California State Railroad Museum

Operated by California State Parks with financial assistance from the non-profit California State Railroad Museum Foundation, the California State Railroad Museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to

5 p.m. except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. Widely regarded as North America's finest and most popular railroad museum, the complex of facilities includes the 100,000-square foot Railroad History Museum plus the reconstructed Central Pacific Railroad Passenger Station and Freight Depot, 1849 Eagle Theatre, and Big Four and Dingley Spice Mill commercial buildings in Old Sacramento. For 24-hour information, visit www.californiastaterailroadmuseum.org or call (916) 445-6645.

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Calendar of Events

Arts & Crafts

April 11, Make a Book, 6:30 p.m., 6132 66th Avenue, Sacramento. Create Your Own Picture Book at the Southgate Library. Children ages 5 to 12 will enjoy this book making workshop with ArtWorks. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

April 18, Make a Scrapbook, 6:30 p.m., 6132 66th Avenue, Sacramento. Join the fun with *All in the Family Scrapbook* with ArtWorks for families at the Southgate Library. Create a simple scrapbook and learn about decorative techniques to individualize the book using collage stenciling, embellishments and more to tell a family story. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

April 21, Bottle Cap Folk Art, 2 p.m., 6132 66th Avenue, Sacramento. Teens are invited to the Southgate Library to learn a folk art adapted from Mexico and create bottle cap jewelry. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

April 21, Book Project, 1 p.m., 4660 Via Ingoglia, Sacramento. Using Todd Parr's book, "It's Okay to Be Different," as inspiration, kids, ages 5 to 12, will create books celebrating their own uniqueness. With mirror paper, bright backgrounds and a buffet of art materials, kids can detail the wonderful ways they express who they are to the world. This will be held at the North Natomas Library. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

April 25, Jewelry Project, 4 p.m., 7340 24th Street Bypass, Sacramento. Bring the kids, ages 5 to 12, to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Library for "Beads, Leather and Things," with ArtWorks. Every culture creates beautiful adornments to wear. Explore jewelry making from various continents. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

April 25, Food Art, 6:30 p.m., 6132 66th Avenue, Sacramento. Kids ages 5 to 12 are invited to the Southgate Library for "Kids Cook

and Draw" with ArtWorks. Use decorated food to create a colorful drawing or collage. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

April 26, Art Project, 4 p.m., 10055 Franklin High Road, Elk Grove. Using the book by Christina Gonzales as inspiration, children will create small paintings featuring their favorite colors with watercolor and oil pastel. The paintings will be bound into their own book with a clever stick and elastic binding. ArtBeast offers this family program, *My Colors, My World/Mi Colors, Mi Mundo*, at the Franklin Library. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

April 28, Make a Scrapbook, 2 p.m., 5605 Marconi Avenue, Carmichael. Join the fun with *All in the Family Scrapbook* with ArtWorks for families at the Carmichael Library. Create a simple scrapbook and learn about decorative techniques to individualize the book using collage stenciling, embellishments and more to tell a family story. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

April 28, Art Project, 11:30 a.m., 2443 Marconi Avenue, Sacramento. Using the book by Christina Gonzales as inspiration, children will create small paintings featuring their favorite colors with watercolor and oil pastel. The paintings will be bound into their own book with a clever stick and elastic binding. ArtBeast offers this family program, *My Colors, My World/Mi Colors, Mi Mundo* at the Arcade Library. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

April 28, Create Your Own Theater Book, 1 p.m., 601 Alhambra Boulevard, Sacramento. Families are invited to the McKinley Library to create a concertina theater book based on a favorite folktale or create an original story. For inspiration, folktales from Mexico, China, Africa and other parts of the world will be shared by ArtWorks. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

April 28, Art Project, 2 p.m., 7400 Imagination Parkway, Sacramento. Using the book by Christina Gonzales as inspiration, children will create small paintings featuring their favorite colors with watercolor and oil pastel. The paintings will be

bound into their own book with a clever stick and elastic binding. ArtBeast offers this family program, *My Colors, My World/Mi Colors, Mi Mundo* at the Valley Hi-North Laguna Library. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

Critter Events

April 1, Animal April Fools, 1:30 p.m., 2850 San Lorenzo Way, Carmichael. Bring the kids to the Effie Yeaw Nature Center for this fun program. Many animals use little "tricks" to fool predators or find food. Join a naturalist to find out about these clever tricks and take a walk in the nature preserve to see some of them in action. For more information, call (916) 489-4918.

April 8, Birds Aren't the Only Ones, 1:30 p.m., 2850 San Lorenzo Way, Carmichael. Can you name other animals that lay eggs? Join a naturalist at the Effie Yeaw Nature Center to see different kinds of eggs and nests. All ages are welcome. For more information, call (916) 489-4918.

April 28, Fly by Butterfly, 10:30 a.m., 2850 San Lorenzo Way, Carmichael. What is a pipevine swallowtail? Find out as you explore the life cycle of the butterfly and create your own coffee filter butterfly. Join a naturalist at the Effie Yeaw Nature Center for a hike through the Nature Preserve to investigate the pipevine swallowtail's world. All ages are welcome. For more information, call (916) 489-4918.

Nature Events

April 7, Get Into Your Local Creek, 10:30 a.m., 2850 San Lorenzo Way, Carmichael. Why are water striders, backswimmers and diving beetles so important to the health of a creek, pond or river? Join a naturalist and learn how to get involved in caring for our waterways. For more information, call the Effie Yeaw Nature Center at (916) 489-4918 or visit www.sacnaturecenter.net.

April 14, Saturday Safari, 10:30 a.m., 2850 San Lorenzo Way, Carmichael. Grab your binoculars (or borrow some from the Effie Yeaw Nature Center) and take a guided walk to see the animals and plants that make up the unique habitat along the American River. All ages are welcome to attend. For more information, call (916) 489-4918.

April 15, Wildflower Walk, 1:30 p.m., 2850 San Lorenzo Way, Carmichael. From poppies to grass pinks to brodiaea, join a naturalist on a search to see what is blooming. All ages are welcome to attend this walk at the Effie Yeaw Nature Center. For more information, call (916) 489-4918.

April 21, Earth Day, 10:30 a.m., 2850 San Lorenzo Way, Carmichael. Mother Nature's gifts are all around us. Find out about some things we can do everyday to help the Earth and keep it healthy for animals, plants and people. All ages are welcome at this Effie Yeaw Nature Area event. For more information, call (916) 489-4918.

Special Events

April 7, Composting Workshop, 1 to 2:30 p.m., 5605 Marconi Avenue, Carmichael. The Sacramento County UC Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners invite the public to attend this free workshop on composting tips at the Carmichael Library. The workshop covers basics of composting, troubleshooting compost pile problems, and additional information for those who have composting experience. For more information, call (916) 875-6913.

April 7 and 8, Spring Eggstravaganza, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., 3901 Land Park Drive, Sacramento. Join the fun at Fairytale town for a weekend of egg hunts, prizes, activities and pictures with Peter Cottontail. Egg hunts will be held at noon, 1 and 2 p.m. Puppet Art Theater will be performing "Bunny Boot Camp" in the Children's Theater. Tickets are available at an additional cost and show times are 12:30, 1:30 and 2:30. For more information, call (916) 808-7462 or visit fairytaletown.org.

April 14, Musical Program, 3 p.m., 6132 66th Avenue, Sacramento. Families are invited to the Southgate Library for a performance by guitarist Felipe Ferraz who will perform a selection of songs in English and Spanish that entertains and delights. The audience is encouraged to participate and sing along. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

April 18, 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 offer a demonstration: Preserving Foraged Foods. The workshop will be held at the Sacramento Cooperative Extension Office. There is a \$3 fee and no advanced registration is required. For more information, call (916) 875-6913.

April 18, Open Garden Tour, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., 11549 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Fair Oaks. Casual, great fun and highly educational, the public is invited to the Open Garden Day at the Horticulture Center in Fair Oaks Park. Visit the new vegetable garden raised beds. Watch Master Gardeners thin grapes, who will also be available to answer questions. This is a free event. For more information, call (916) 875-6913.

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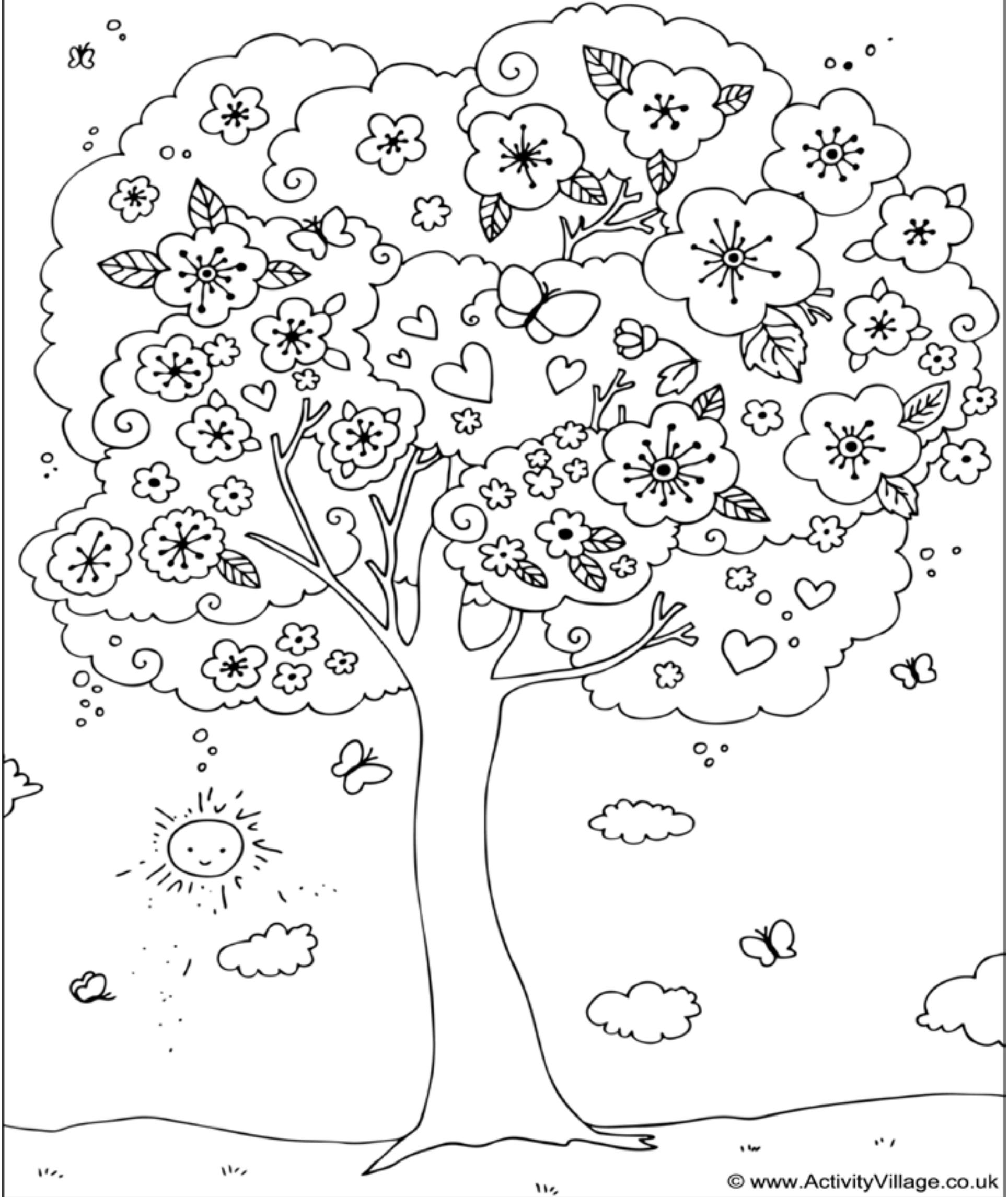
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Frog Party Games

Leap Frog Relays - Set up several relay games but instead of running have the children leap over one another or, if playing individually, hop. Divide children into two teams. At the far end of the playing area set up an orange cone or some object that they must run around before they can come back to the line. First team that has all their players complete the course wins.

Here are some fun frog relays:

Hop along - Have kids place a blown up balloon between their knees. Then one by one they must hop around the cone and back without dropping the balloon. If they drop it they must 1. pick it up and start from where they dropped it or 2. go back to the starting line and begin again.

Lily pad balance - Have the kids balance a green Frisbee (lily pad) on their heads.

Spoon and the Frog - Dye an egg green or simply use a green permanent marker to color the egg green and have the kids balance the egg on the spoon.

Leap Frog - Set up a leap frog line (kids on each team on the ground with their hands, feet and head tucked under them) and have the last person leap frog over the team. Then the next person at the back of the line goes and so on. First team around the cone and back to the start wins.

One legged Frog - Have the guests hop on one foot around the cone and back to their team.

Lily Pad Shuffle - Teams race from the starting point, around a cone (or any kind of marker such as a chair) and back using only one more lily pad than the total of kids on their team. This game takes a lot of teamwork! Cut out lily pads before the party begins. Place kids into teams and give them one more lily pad than the number of kids on their team. The team must place the lily pads in a straight line in front of them and then one by one "hop" onto them - one child

per lily pad. Then the extra lily pad is placed at the front of the line and the team advances one lily pad. The lily pad at the back is then handed up to the front and it begins again until they are around the cone and back to the start.

Frog Toss - Float several green Frisbees upside down in a kiddie pool filled with water. Give each child several frogs and ask them to try and throw the frogs onto the lily pads. For older children (older than 3) you could use pennies instead of plastic frogs.

Frog Party Food Ideas

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More Childcare Choices at the Los Rios Community Colleges

Our Child Development Centers provide quality early care and education programs for your children while you attend classes or work.

Program hours vary at each location. You may be eligible for Subsidized/low-cost care, part day state preschool or one of our community fee based programs.

Contact one of our Child Development Centers for more information or an application, Monday-Friday, 8:00am - 5:00pm.

LOS RIOS
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT



- American River College 916.484.8651
- Cosumnes River College 916.691.7380
- Sacramento City College 916.558.2542

A parent is a child's first teacher...



Talk, read, sing and play
with your child every day!

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for more parent tips and local resources