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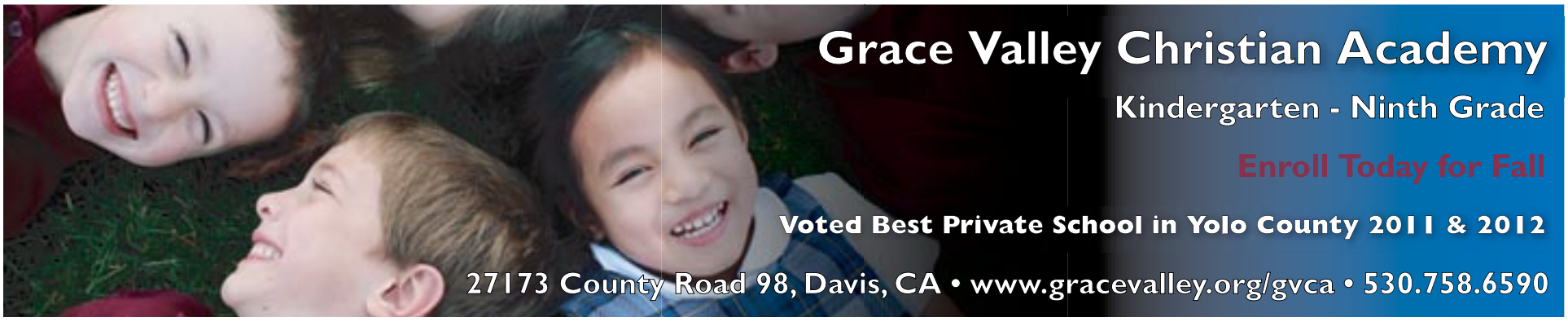

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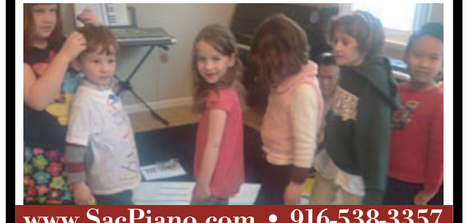

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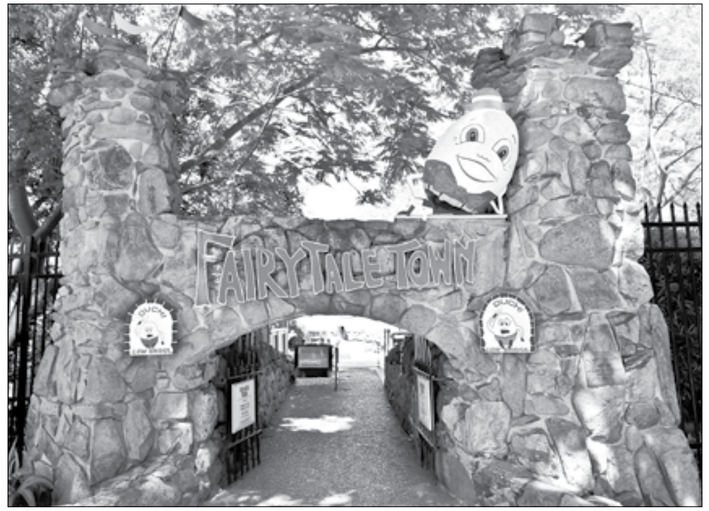

Sacramento Zoo Events

June 7, Thursday, Member-only Evening, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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.

Twilight Thursdays
Thursdays, June 14, 21 and 28: Zoo open until 8 p.m.
Thursdays, July 5, 12, 19 and 26: Zoo open late until 8 p.m.

Enjoy warm summer nights at the Sacramento Zoo with extended hours on Twilight Thursdays. 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.

Family Overnight Safaris
Friday and Saturday, June 15 and 29: 5:30 p.m. to 9 a.m.
Fridays and Saturdays, July 7, 13, 21 and 27: 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.

King of Feasts
Saturday, June 23, 6 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, June 23, 6 to 9 p.m.

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. Please note that this is an adults-only event. Zoo closes early at 1:30 p.m. Parking is free and available throughout the park. For more information, call (916) 808-5888 or visit saczoo.org.

Sacramento Zoo – Wildly Inspiring!
Open since 1927, the Sacramento Zoo is home to over 140 native, rare and endangered species and is one of over 200 accredited institutions of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. Located near the corner of Land Park Drive and Sutterville Road in William Land Park, the Zoo is wholly managed by the non-profit Sacramento Zoological Society. This Sacramento treasure inspires conservation awareness through education and recreation. 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.

Twilight Thursdays at the Zoo

During the month of June, the Sacramento Zoo will stay open late for extended summertime entertainment on Thursdays. As the heat of the day wears off and dusk begins to settle, come enjoy evenings filled with hot cars, live music, good food and cool drinks. General zoo admission gets you in for these evenings of fun! If you're a Sacramento Zoo member, free admission is one of your membership benefits! Not a member yet? Get your membership today at saczoo.org. Music starts at 5:30 p.m. with the last admission ticket sold at 7:30 and guests may stay on grounds until 8 p.m. Bring your own picnic basket or your family can enjoy the evening's $9.95 Dinner Special. Kampala Café's classic choices will also be available. Please note that alcoholic beverages may not be brought into the zoo but can be purchased once inside.

Twilight Thursday Schedule
June 14 - VW Groove
Live music by: The Nibblers
Featuring: Volkswagens
Dinner Special: Ceviche Tacos. $9.95

June 21 - Swing, Swing, Swing!
Live music by: Stompy Jones Featuring: Antiques Cars and Trailers from the 40's & 50's Dinner Special: Kahlua pulled pork on Hawaiian sweet rolls with mango. $9.95 Nonprofit partner: Mended Little Hearts

June 28 - Red, White & Blues
Live music by: Mick Martin and the Blues Rockers
Featuring: American Muscle Cars
Dinner Special: California brat with fresh avocado and cucumber, served with house pasta salad. $9.95

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Another unique feature of the fair is the traveling sea lion show. Come watch these adorable animals from all sides of the tropical exhibit during and after the show as they balance, perform handstands, dance, sing and interact with the audience.

Swan Brother's Circus will be providing laughs. Zippy the clown will have the kids laughing as he juggles bowling balls, performs acrobats and twists balloons for the kids.

The fair will be held at 100 Placerville Drive, Placerville. For more information visit eldoradocountyfair.org.

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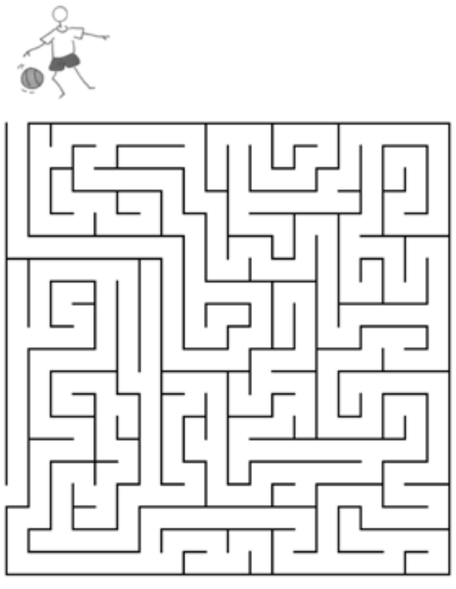

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Effie Yeaw Nature Center Calendar

Friday, June 15, 6:30 to 7:45 p.m., New speaker series
"Nature of Things," features Kate Marden, master falconer and owner of West Coast Falconry. Learn about the "sport of kings"-falconry, the 4,000 year old sport of hunting game with a bird of prey. Meet the birds of this sport and learn how falconers play a role in their conservation. Advanced registration is required, space is limited. Admision is $5 per person. Call (916 489-4918 or go to www.sacnaturecenter.net to register.

Friday, June 22, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Summer Concert Series
Features Tammy Hall, internationally renowned concert pianist, and accompanying artists. Bring a picnic and beverages and enjoy an evening of Jazz. Doors open at 6 p.m. Limited tickets, call or purchase in advance: $25 per person, online or by phone. www.sacnaturecenter.net or call (916) 489-4918.

Weekend Events
Sign ups taken the day of the program, donations gratefully accepted. There is a $5 per car daily parking fee in Ancil Hoffman Park. Effie Yeaw is located at 2850 San Lorenzo Way, Carmichael.

Saturday, June 2, 10:30 a.m., Nature Tales
Members of the Sacramento Storytellers Guild will share their entertaining tales of animals and nature. All ages welcome.

Sunday, June 3, 1:30 p.m., Fly By Butterfly
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 welcome.

Saturday, June 9, 10:30 a.m., Raptors Up Close
Meet one of the resident birds of prey under the care of the Effie Yeaw Nature Center and join the staff as they search the sky for visiting raptors. You may want to bring your binoculars (or borrow some from the staff). All ages welcome.

Sunday, June 10, 1:30 p.m., River walk
Celebrate the beauty of nature with a guided walk through the Nature Preserve and down to the American River. You may want to bring your binoculars (or borrow some). All ages welcome.

Saturday, June16, 10:30 a.m., Sensational snakes
Meet a resident snake up close and discover how these reptiles use their senses to survive. Enjoy a short stroll with a naturalist and learn how to be safe when viewing the reptiles who dwell in the Nature Preserve. All ages welcome.

Sunday, June 17, 1:30 p.m., Gold Discovery
Join the staff of the Effie Yeaw Nature Center in the classroom for a basic presentation on the history of gold and how various mining methods have changed the American River. Gold panning methods will be demonstrated. Space is very limited. Arrive early to sign in. Recommended for ages 7 and older.

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Father's Day Fun!

It's that time of the year to celebrate Father's Day. Sunday, June 17, is a great day to honor not only fathers, but all men who act as father figures. Stepfathers, uncles, grandfathers, and adult friends are all honored on Father's Day! See if you can find some of the things in this puzzle that make you think of the father in your life. The words can be horizontal, vertical, diagonal, or backward.

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Uncle
Wears a hard hat
Wears a tie

MAKE IT YOURSELF!

Baseball Pencil Topper

Kids can make their pencil their own with this fun basetball pencil topper. It's quick to make and it looks great, too!

You will need:

Small paper ball (from a craft shop), red pen, pencil, glue

You will need to:

Use the red pen to draw the stitching on the paper ball so it looks like a baseball. Then make a hole in the paper ball, and using strong glue, fix the end of your pencil into this hole.

Baseball Pennant

Kids who love baseball will enjoy making this baseball pennant– great for decorating a bedroom. Or make one as a gift for a fan of baseball, like dad or granddad!

You will need:

Colored paper, glue, sticky letters

You will need to:

Cut a large triangle from paper. Cut a fancy border from a contrasting color of paper. Glue this to the bottom of the triangle. Trim off the excess paper. Use sticky foam letters to add a message to your pennant.

Baseball Plate craft

Here's a simple but incredibly effective baseball plate craft for kids to make. It's fun for themselves, but also a great gift for dads and granddads and it would make the perfect spot for them to empty their change at the end of the day!

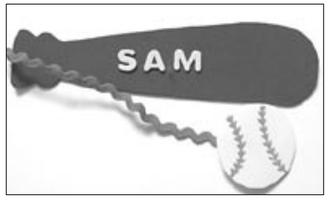
You will need:

White side plate, Red ceramic/pottery pen or paint

You will need to:

Simply draw 2 lines of red 'v' shapes in curved lines on either side of the plate to represent the ball seams. Follow the instructions on the paint to set it.

Baseball bookmark



Junior baseball fans will enjoy making this baseball bookmark – something special for themselves, or a gift for dad or granddad perhaps.

You will need:

Brown and white craft foam, ribbon, glue, foam letters, red pen

You will need to:

Cut a bat shape from brown foam and a ball from white foam.

Use a red pen to draw 2 curved lines of red 'v's' on each to look like the seams of a baseball

Use foam letters to add a name or message to the bat.

Glue the piece of ribbon to the end of the bat and the back of the ball.

Slip the bat into your book and let the ball hang out so you can always find your place.

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Sacramento Public Library closures

All Sacramento Public Library locations will be closed Friday, June 15 and Friday, June 29, due to staff furloughs. The Library's telephone information service will be unavailable during these closures.

Sacramento Public Library's website (www.saclibrary.org) is available 24/7. Visitors can access the Library's catalog, apply for a library card, request and renew items, download eBooks, audio books and videos, use the research databases, pay fines, and see event and programming information. Please call (916) 264-2920 with any additional questions.

Book and bake sale

The Sacramento Public Library is offering great bargains on baked goods and used books at its Franklin Library branch, 10055 Franklin High Road, Elk Grove. The sale is scheduled Friday, June 22, from noon to 5 p.m.; and Saturday, June 23, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For every $10 spent, book sale shoppers will receive a free baked good. Shoppers who buy $5 worth of books will receive a free children's book. Those who join the Friends of the Sacramento Public Library will receive a free book bag valued at $10.

The book and bake sale is sponsored by the Friends of Franklin Library. Proceeds will benefit the library branch. For more information, call the Sacramento Public Library at (916) 264-2920 or visit www.saclibrary.org.

Baseball Wordsearch

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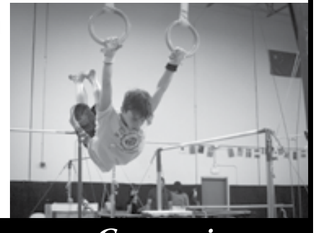

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Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park Activities

Main entrance located two miles South of Felton on Hwy 9.
Campground entrance located off Graham Hill Road (831) 335 7077

Old-Growth Redwood Grove Walks
Each Saturday and Sunday in June at 1 p.m.

Come experience a forest adventure on a docent-led walk through the magnificent old-growth coast redwoods. Guided walks meet at the Park Visitor Center and last about an hour.

Full Moon Madness Astronomy Night
Saturday, June 2, 6 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. The main entrance to Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park is located off Highway 9 in Felton just 15 minutes from downtown Santa Cruz. This event is appropriate for all ages.

Habitat Transect Hike at Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park
Saturday, June 23, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

On this 4 hour/4 mile moderate hike you will explore four amazingly different habitats – riverside (riparian) broadleaf forest, old growth redwood forest, upland pine-oak woodland and the rare and endangered Santa Cruz sandhills. Because these diverse habitats are very close together with abrupt transition zones you can experience a wide variety of plants and animals in a very short distance. Suitable for adults, and young adults who are diligent hikers. Dress in layers for changeable weather and temperatures. Bring walking shoes, water, sun protection and snacks. Meet at 10 a.m. in front of the Mountain Parks Nature Store (edge of parking lot). Enter the park from Hwy 9 (edge of downtown Felton). Heavy rain cancels the walk.

Bug Day/Full Moon Madness Astronomy Night
Saturday, June 30, 2 to 9 p.m.

Spend the afternoon and evening experiencing the world of bugs. Enjoy day guided walks, displays, crafts, and information about things that crawl, fly, and contribute to our lives in many ways. By night, a presentation on nocturnal bugs, telescopes set up to gaze at the moon and a silent walk among the old-growth redwood trees will be offered. The main entrance to is located off of Highway 9 in Felton.This event is appropriate for all ages.

Guided Walks
Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Experience the flora and fauna of the park on a guided walk through the sandhills and mixed evergreen forest. Become more familiar with the plants and animals of the area. Meet at Campfire Center. The campground entrance to Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park is located on Graham Hill Road.

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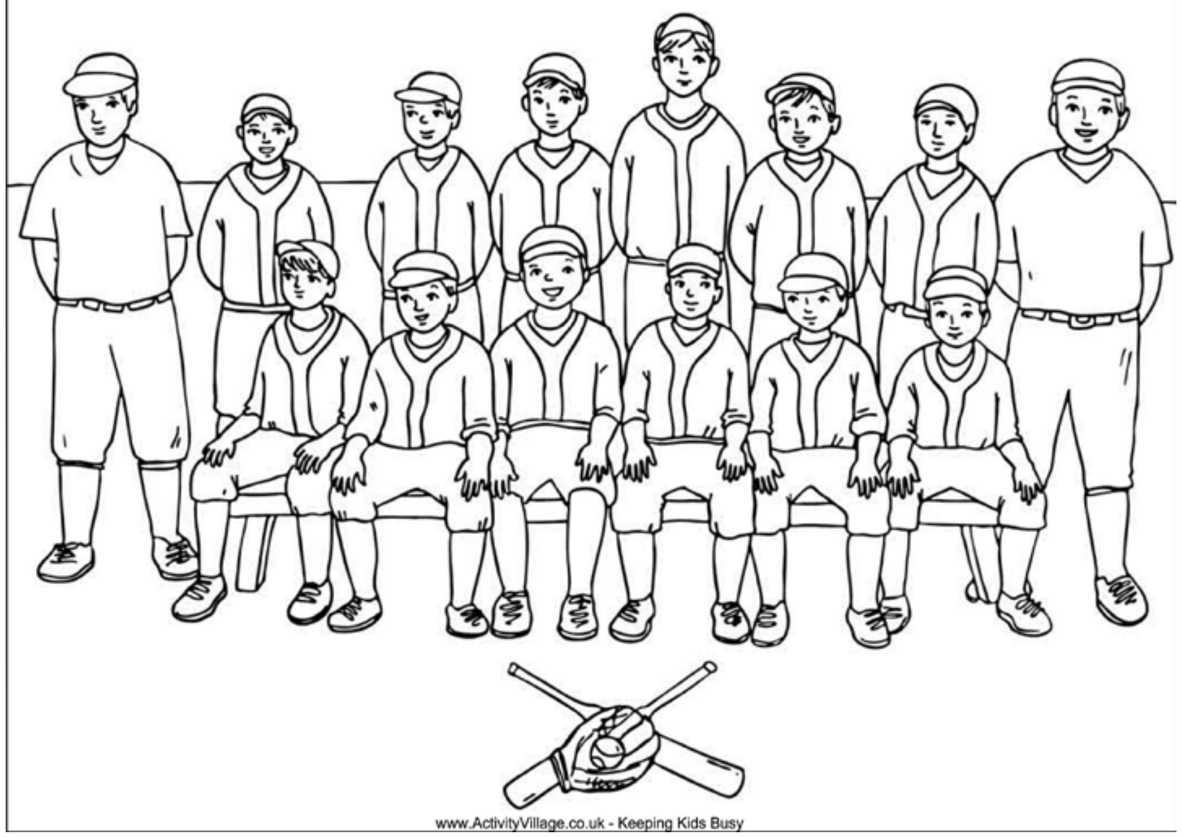

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That New Ship Smell

The New Disney Fantasy offers Multi-Generational Families a Wonderful Sailing

By Carmel L. Mooney

The brand new Disney Fantasy is a breathtakingly gorgeous ship that exudes glitz and gleam and that new ship smell plus everything a family could possibly desire.

We've done a lot of cruising and one of the most exciting parts of taking a cruise is the first glimpse you get of the ship as you prepare to board. The Disney Fantasy's wow factor is over the top. Your first glimpse of this beauty and you may not just hold your breath but you may need to be reminded to breathe again. It's kind of like ship apnea.

The moment you set foot on this spectacle of beauty and luxury you are transported to another world and another time of grand cruising and yes, Fantasy.

Dining

With several outstanding dining options and a change of scenery every night, boredom is an impossibility and enchantment is guaranteed.

The Animator's Palette dining room is only one highlight and the effects are as astounding as the food. Families can draw a characiture or cartoon figure and later during the meal, it is transformed into an actual cartoon on the wall for all diners to enjoy and revel in the never ceasing Disney magic.

The wait-staff in all of the beautifully themed dining rooms are some of the best you will ever encounter on any ship or cruise line. Each night families are rotated to variously themed dining venues where the same wait-staff follow them from place to place. This is excellent for a number of reasons. The wait-staff will undoubtedly memorize all your preferences and those of the children by the second night and are always just one step ahead with preferred beverages and sides. The various dining rooms with spectacular effects, imagery, music, décor, and themes kept things interesting, intriguing, entertaining, and upbeat.

Fun For Grown Ups Too

The Disney Fantasy has a magical approach to offering grown up activities, dining, serene and quiet places, while offering world class entertainment for all ages and lifestyles.

Disney Cruise Line Captain Thor says, "Our ships are unique in that we target couples, elderly, and families. You can get away and relax in our adults-only areas. As people have become more familiar with our product, we see really wide demographics now."

Most patents will appreciate the chance to escape from the busyness and activities, and yes, even the kids, to simply enjoy a relaxing afternoon in the adults-only pool. Other relaxing adult areas were easy to find.

Dining in Palo, a lovely Italian style restaurant serving exquisite cuisine, proves to be a welcome respite from a busy day of family activities as this is an adults-only option as well.

Numerous lounges and coffee bars with specialty coffee drinks and magazines allow some quiet mom and dad down time as does the onboard Spa and Fitness Center which both are reserved for grown ups.

Adults-only comedy, art shows, and performances were peppered throughout itineraries as well.

On board activities typically cater to muti-generational traveling families who enjoy the array of diverse and well-rounded activities that all generations can engage in together or even separately. Typical itineraries include several different TV and music trivia games drawing participants of all ages, as do golfing tournaments, ping pong tournaments and cooking and ice sculpting demonstrations. Karaoke parties and talent contests also attract all ages as do some of the nightly professional acts.

Entertainment For All Ages

Disney's onboard world class shows are magnificent.

As Jeffrey Mouton, Dance Captain for Disney Cruise Line says, "We do Broadway-style shows for our guests on each sailing. Disney's world famous attention to detail and quality shines through from the costumes and lighting to the effects. Some of the effects we have are award-winning and make the audience literally gasp. Each and every show is family-friendly. The production value is amazing and all steps and costumes are different in each production show. We are also the only cruise line that can show first run movies onboard in our movie theater."

There is never any second guessing that all kids love the Pirate Deck Party and fireworks display which is a highlight of every sailing. The entire ship becomes Pirate-themed all night starting at dinner with the waiters and music right up to the dance party on deck and finishing with the fireworks show right off the ship's deck which is truly fantastic.

Castaway Cay

Activities for families and couples alike abound on Castaway Cay. Snorkeling, shopping, tours, swimming, cycling, ocean kayaking and dining experiences are just a few of the countless options. A privately Disney-owned paradise retreat, this little island has a flavor and ambiance all its own and in a good, safe and easy to access way. Characters roam the beaches and dining areas for interaction and photos, but again like the ships, private adults only coves are available in case parents need some serenity and peace.

Whether it's mom and dad and the kids or multi-generational cruising, the Disney Fantasy has something for everyone and no matter age or activity level every cruiser can create the perfect cruise experience while onboard.

http://disneycruise.disney.go.com/

Carmel L. Mooney co-hosts a travel radio show every Saturday at 4:30 on KJAY 1430 AM in Sacramento. You can follow her on Twitter: @CarmelLeeMooney. Carmel is also the Executive Director of Pawsitive Service Dog Solutions, a non-profit that trains and places Autism Service Dogs.

Ticket to Ride Exhibit

While travelers today often complain about the hassle of traveling and the lack of amenities, it's interesting to trace the history of passenger travel back to the 19th century to learn how the on-board experience has been enhanced over time through innovations in comfort, design, service and technology.

To provide perspective, the California State Railroad Museum, located in Old Sacramento State Historic Park, is proud to introduce an interactive new exhibit titled "Ticket to Ride: 150 Years of Passenger Comfort and Style." The exhibit will run through March 2013.

When you visit the Museum, you will have the opportunity to view different examples of passenger seating from the 1870s to present and sit in a 1930s vintage upholstered passenger car seat and, for comparison, a current model Amtrak double coach seat. You will see a variety of vintage train tickets, sleeping accommodations and amenities from different eras and traveling classes. You also have the opportunity to touch manufacturing materials used to produce passenger seats, read conversations and comments made by passengers and see printed advertisements appealing to different audiences and more. Get ready to travel back in time to learn about innovations in passenger travel leading up to today as part of the "Ticket to Ride" exhibit at the Railroad Museum!

The cost is $9 adults; $4 youths ages 6-17 and 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
The California State Railroad Museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day.

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How many times can you find the words "summer" and "holiday" in this puzzle?

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Artist David Peterson shows one of many plein aire pieces created on the day of the event.

Effie Yeaw offers art, wild things and book bonus

Effie Yeaw Nature Center will hold it's biggest fundraiser of the year, "Painting Where the Wild Things Are," Saturday, June 9, beginning at 4 p.m.

A $40 admission aids the Nature Center and the American River Natural History Association. Sacramento Fine Art members will offer paintings in a silent auction show juried by artist Terry Pappas. To promote the fundraiser, these will be displayed ahead of time at the Fine Arts Center (5330 B Gibbons Drive), Carmichael.

This year, silent auction prizes also include vacations and other tempting gifts. After dinner, a live auction offers work by contest winners and celebrity artists. Among regular donors to this annual auction are Terry Pappas, Jian Wang, Greg Kondos, Pat Mahony and David Peterson.

Susan Maxwell Skinner author of *Carmichael – Americana on the Move* will donate signed copies of her photo book to gala attendees.

Effie Yeaw is open for normal Saturday traffic on the event day. Morning visitors can view painters working in the nature area. The results will appear in a "wet paint sale" during the gala. Prices are surprisingly affordable; nature-inspired art is always a treat for people who love the American River and its parkway.

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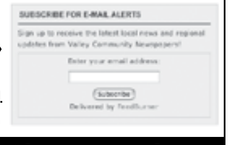

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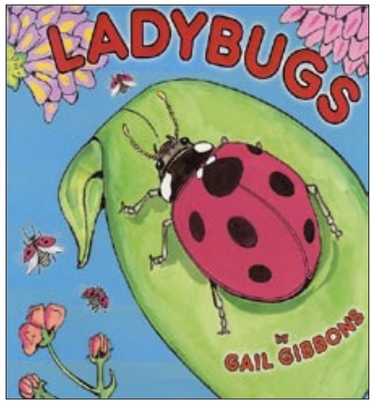


The Book Report

Bugs and Kids

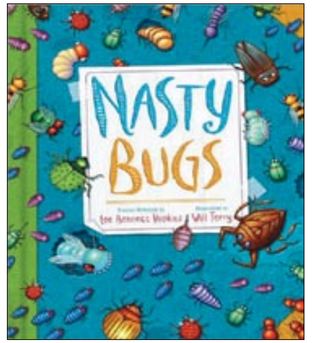
By Connie Goldsmith

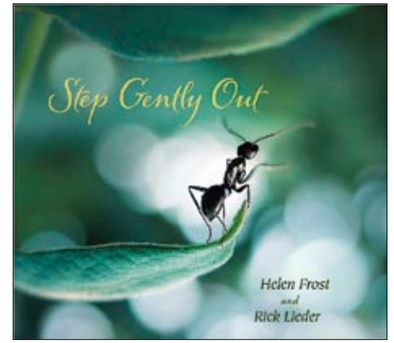
Just exactly why do kids love bugs so much? They're creepy and crawly and sometimes even a little bit scary, but kids never seem to get tired of them. If you've ever run across a jar of spiders in a bedroom or found water bugs swimming in your bathtub, you might have a budding 'bugologist' on your hands. Share these insectoid books with your own little bug scientist one of these lovely spring days.

"Bugs Galore," by Peter Stein, illustrated by Bob Staake. (Candlewick). You and your bug-loving youngster could spend a couple of hours reading this ode to insects. First, take a quick read through the bouncy quirky rhymes. "Hurry, scurry – eating, speeding! Hauling, sprawling, ants stampeding!" and "Spider creeping . . . scary. Gross. Lurking . . . leaping! Don't get close!" Then take a closer look at the whimsical cartoon art. A myriad of bugs fills each page, in the air, the water, and the grass. Some resemble real bugs, but fortunately, most are imaginary. The bugs are happy, angry, scowling, smiling, creeping, and flying. Some even have teeth! Kids will squeak with excitement when they spot these weird bugs. Find the bugs wearing hats, the bug in a car, and the one with an umbrella. For as the book says, "Bugs are awesome… fun and thrilling."

"The Beetle Book," by Steve Jenkins. (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt). Like so many books by this award-winning author/illustrator, this one has garnered numerous starred reviews. Children's book reviewers use such words as eye-popping, gorgeous, masterful, extraordinary, compelling, and engaging to describe his work. The Beetle Book is no exception. One out of every four living things on Earth is a beetle and over 350,000 have been named! The book starts by describing what a beetle is and breaking it into component parts. See beautiful beetles, battling beetles, beetles that eat plants, and meat-eating beetles that stalk their prey, all depicted in the artist's signature style. From the gorgeous pattern inside the covers, through each and every page, this outstanding book is both a work of art and a nonfiction reference that will endure for years in your child's library. ** Reviewer's pick of the month**

"*Ladybugs*," by Gail Gibbons. (Holiday House). Ladybugs are a perennial favorite of children with their bright coloring and tendency to fly from a small hand when hearing a certain song! This is a lovely nonfiction book that shows the ladybug's life cycle from egg through adulthood. These lively beetles inhabit much of the world. The colorful pages feature ladybugs going about their daily business, for example, eating insects that damage plants and crops, making the pretty spotted bugs an important part of our environment. The no-nonsense text and colorful art make this book a shoo-in for younger listeners. Older children will enjoy learning a bit about organic farming and seeing the variety of ladybugs that inhabit our world.





"*Nasty Bugs,*" with poems selected by Lee Bennett Hopkins, illustrated by Will Terry. (Dial). These bugs are the worst bugs of the bad bugs: fire ants, mosquitoes, fleas, lice, termites, and bedbugs. No pretty butterflies in this book! Who would want to write poems about these creepy crawlies? Some of the biggest names in children's poetry – sixteen in all – that's who! How about the boll weevil? "I am an evil weevil, a cotton-craving beetle whose reputation's rotten 'cause I gobble crops of cotton, yes I do." The art is bright, cartoonish, and kid-friendly, depicting bugs with threatening expressions, scary teeth, and pointy legs. The back matter provides details about featured bugs, making this delightfully gross book a fun read for both older and younger children.

"*Step Gently Out*," by Helen Frost and Rick Lieder. (Candlewick). When a few carefully selected lyrical words are paired with stunning close-up photography, the result is sure to stand out from the crowd. When the photos show us common insects in a brand new way, you've got a keeper in your hands! You can see a gleam in the cricket's eye, count the hairs on a caterpillar, and almost read by the glow of the firefly's light. This book encourages children to walk quietly, carefully, and to look ever-so closely at the outside world. "In song and dance and stillness, they share the world with you." The final double-page spread of the damselfly is nothing short of spectacular. Additional facts about each insect can be found at the end for those who want to know just a little more.

Connie Goldsmith (www.conniegoldsmith.com) lives in Carmichael where she writes for adults and children. See her nonfiction juvenile books, "Battling Malaria: on the Front Lines Against a Global Killer," and "Leukemia," one of the USA Today Health Reports series, in school and public libraries, and at online booksellers.

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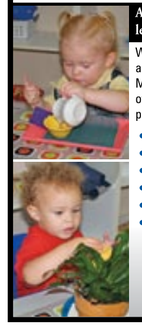

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The Friends of the Sacramento Public Library invite the public to their warehouse book sale. More than 70,000 "gently used" books, videos, and books-on-cassettes will be offered from fifty cents to $2. The sale will run June 2 and June 9.

Sale hours will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with a preview for Friends members only from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday June 1. (You can join at the door for $15.) Proceeds benefit programs, equipment, and materials needed for local libraries.

The Book Den store at the warehouse, will be open during the sale, with most items priced individually from $3 up. The store is also open weekly on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The warehouse is located at Suite E, 8250 Belvedere Avenue, just south of 14th Avenue between Power Inn Road and Florin-Perkins Road. For more information, call (916) 731-8493 or go to fspl@att.net.

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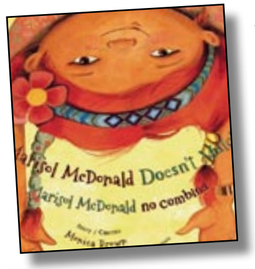
Who Wrote That?

The Creators of Your Child's Favorite Books

Featuring ***Monica Brown*** *By Patricia M. Newman*

Monica Brown's mother always told her she was a "citizen of the world." Born in Mountain View, California, Brown is the daughter of a Peruvian mother and a father of mixed Scottish-European descent. Many of Brown's childhood memories center around her mother. "She was a really amazing woman that I was really close to," she says. "She was a fun, creative woman. She was an artist. And a storyteller, too. I loved hearing stories about her childhood."

Brown's love of Latin American culture guided her career path. Originally a journalist in Guadalajara, Mexico, she is now a tenured professor of English specializing in Latino and multicultural literature at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff. The author of several scholarly books and articles in her field, she branched out to children's literature as a cultural consultant for a new bilingual publishing imprint as a favor to a former student-turned-editor. "It was the perfect storm," Brown says. "My children were picture book age and it seemed a natural evolution of my writing career." Her books cover a wide variety of Latin American heroes: poet Pablo Neruda; activists Dolores Huerta and Cesar Chavez; singer Celia Cruz; and soccer star Pelé. Brown's stories are for her children who are one step removed from their Peruvian roots.



The key to a successful picture book is the perfect blending of art and text. "As the daughter of an artist, I knew I was good at writing for artists," Brown says. "I could imagine the illustrations and the play of words. You need illustratable action and movement on each page and that can be challenging when you're writing about a writer. It sounds basic, but it's an important concept for this genre." Brown's favorite part of creating books for children is the day the art arrives in her mailbox. "I get a deep sense of satisfaction that these beautiful paintings exist because of my story."

In her award-winning picture book biographies, Brown focuses on a single aspect of her subjects' lives. For instance, in an upcoming biography of Pablo Picasso, she uncovered two tiny details in her research. According to family legend, Picasso's first words were *piz piz*—short for *lápiz* (pencil). Picasso also had difficulty with numbers. A six looked like a bird's wing and a seven looked like an upside down nose. Brown decided to focus on those details because they captured the essence of what made him an artist.

In spite of her hectic schedule, Brown prefers to conduct her own research rather than hire an assistant. "I'm trained as a scholar and I'm good at research," she says. "For *Pablo Neruda: Poet of the People*, I reread his poems and one or two biographies." When she crafted the text of the story, she included a dream sequence to create space for her imagination. "A lot of my biographies have dream sequences," she says.

Marisol, the title character of *Marisol McDonald Doesn't Match*, is Brown's most autobiographical character because Marisol is biracial too. When writing the book, Brown drew on cultural clashes and unusual questions from family and friends as the child of a South American mother and a North American father. "Marisol represents the millions of children that can check more than one box," Brown says, although she admits it was the hardest story to publish and received more rejections than any of her other manuscripts. Regardless, Marisol continues to be one of Brown's favorite characters because "she is the affirmation of the experiences of millions of families in the United States."

Waiting for Biblioburro was inspired by Luis Soriano who carted books by burro to isolated Columbian villages. Brown's story received the 2012 Christopher Award in the Books for Young People category because it "affirms the highest values of the human spirit." Brown says, "The Christopher medallion quotes a Chinese proverb, 'It is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness.' I love that because that's what Luis did."

Brown laughs when asked about her daily writing schedule. "Teaching is exhausting," she says of her job as a full-time professor. "You have to be creative to teach well." Throw in a busy family life with two teenage daughters and her husband (a professor of Native American literature), and Brown is often desperate to find the time to write. She carves out some time on Fridays—her only non-class day, weekends, and summer. During her last sabbatical, she wrote three or four books. One trick she uses is to work on more than one manuscript at once. That way if she becomes frustrated or needs a break, she moves to another project.

As a scholar, Brown has run into some resistance to her work in children's literature. Many people believe picture books are a lesser art form and therefore easier. But Brown disagrees. "Children's imaginations are so open," she says. "Children's books play an essential part in their literacy acquisition and their language and communication skills."

Next month: Uma Krishnaswami

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 to watch the trailer.

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Puppet Art Theater is back for another season filled with music, puppetry and fun! Original shows will be performed in the Children's Theater by Puppet Art Theater Company. The festival continues with "Hansel & Gretel" through June 10 and the premiere of "Cinderella" from June 14 through 30. Tickets are $2 for nonmembers in addition to park admission, and $1 for members. Tickets can be purchased at the Fairytale Town main gate or at the entrance to the Children's Theater 15 minutes prior to show time. For more information, visit fairytaletown.org or call (916) 808-7462. Sponsored by ScholarShare College Savings Plan.

A Midsummer Night's Dream and Crystal Ice Cream Fantasy
Saturday, June 9, 6 to 10 p.m.

Fairytale Town's popular fairy-themed fundraiser and ice cream social features nonstop entertainment for the whole family, including costumed performers, fanciful arts and crafts activities, an old-time marketplace, food and all the Crystal Ice Cream one can eat. Celtic-rock band Tempest will perform throughout the evening. John Frisch, regional managing director at Cornish and Carey, and Monica Woods, News10's chief meteorologist, will serve as the evening's hosts and honorary king and queen. Mix 96's Jennifer Wood will emcee the event. Tickets are $15 for adults and $5 for children ages 2 to 12 in advance. Day-of tickets are $20 for adults and $10 for children ages 2 to 12. Tickets will be available for purchase at www.fairytaletown.org beginning May 1. Proceeds support Fairytale Town's programs and park improvements. Sponsored by Crystal Ice Cream, produced by Foster Farms Dairy. For more information, visit www.fairytaletown.org or call (916) 808-7462.

The Readers of Homer
Friday, June 22, 6:30 p.m. through Saturday, June 23, 7 a.m.

From dusk till dawn, 200 individuals--including children, veterans, poets and teachers--will read aloud pre-assigned passages from Homer's great epic, "The Odyssey." The poem follows the famous hero, Odysseus, and his 10-year struggle to reach home following the end of the Trojan War. The all-night, nonstop reading, presented in partnership with the Readers of Homer, will take place on the outdoor Mother Goose Stage. The park opens at 6:30 p.m., and the reading begins at 7:30 p.m. Attendees are welcome to bring lawn chairs and/or tents. The reading is free for active-duty military, veterans, students with valid ID and children ages 12 and under. Advance tickets are $20 for adults. Day-of tickets are $25 for adults. Tickets are available at www.fairytaletown.org and the box office. Ticket holders can sign up to read by contacting the Readers of Homer at (916) 455-4271 or khohlwein@gmail.com. For more information, visit www.fairytaletown.org or call (916) 808-7462.

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Before your children take off though, there are some things you can do to help make the camp experience more fun and rewarding.

Here are some suggestions on how to prepare your children for camp, courtesy of the American Camp Association® (ACA), Northern California.

Involve your children. You and your potential campers should select the camp and prepare for it together. Try to match the camp with your campers' interests so that they will do the things they want to do, learn the things they want to learn.

Discuss the differences between day and resident camps. If your children don't feel ready for a resident camp, look at day camp alternatives. If they want to go to a resident camp, discuss how long they would like to stay.

If possible, you and your children should attend a camp fair and visit the camp itself.

Be sure to send the message "you get to go to camp" and not "you are being sent to camp." Make it clear you are not "trying to get rid" of your campers.

Discuss what camp will be like. Talk about your own camp experiences and, if possible, talk with former campers and their families. Encourage your children to ask them questions. Consider role-playing anticipated camp situations such as using a flashlight to find the bathroom.

Be open. Answer any questions that come up. The more questions that are answered, the more confident your campers will be.

Set realistic expectations. Camp, like the rest of life, has high and low points. Not every moment is filled with wonder and excitement. Encourage your children to have a reasonable view of the experience. Your children should not feel pressured to succeed at camp, either. For them, the main purposes of camp are to relax and have fun.

Make it clear in advance that you do not intend to "rescue" your children from camp if they don't like it.

Be practical. As the first day of camp draws near, double-check the list of items your youngsters need. Make sure the camp receives in writing any information about your children's health (prescriptions, allergies, mediations).

By following these tips, you can almost assure that your children will enjoy a fun, enriching and educational camp experience. And don't be surprised if they don't want to come home at the end of camp.

ACA is the only organization that accredits all types of camps. ACA accreditation means that your child's camp cares enough to undergo a thorough (more than 300 health and safety standards) review of its operation — from staff qualifications and training to emergency management. Accreditation is voluntary, and while many good camps are not accredited, ACA accreditation assures families that camps have made the commitment to a safe, nurturing environment for their children.

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Summer camps, like people, are not all alike. The most obvious difference is between day and resident camps, but many other features distinguish individual camps. Some camps specialize, either in particular groups or in special interests such as music. Here's a listing of some of the most popular types of camps available in Northern California.

Special populations– There are camps for disabled children, as well as for children with cancer, sickle cell anemia, diabetes, asthma and other challenges.

Specialty camps– At least one camp is totally devoted to baseball, another to music and another to horsemanship.

Special activities – In addition to the traditional outdoor activities, some camps offer a variety of special-interest programs. For example, some emphasize the arts, giving instruction on dance, drama, music – even circus performing. Environmental programs include organic gardening, astronomy and tide-pool exploration. Sports can include rafting, rock climbing, backpacking, gymnastics, water-skiing, aquatics, wind surfing, skateboarding and karate. Camps can be instructional, too, offering classes in computers, for example.

Family camps – In some cases, entire families can go to camp together. For many, it is the best of all worlds, enabling parents to enjoy the camp experience with their children and yet have time on their own.

Whatever the camp specialty, it is generally recognized that campers learn new skills, increase their self-esteem, develop social skills and enhance their self-confidence.

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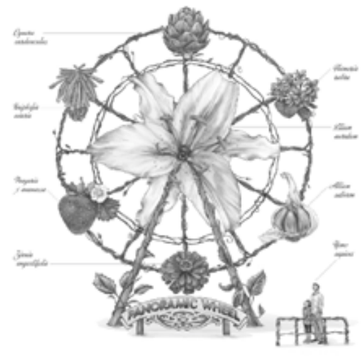
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Oak Grove Regional Park is located on Eight Mile Road and Interstate 5 in Stockton. Park gates will be open at 6:15 a.m., derby registration closes at 10 a.m. and the last weigh-in is at 12:30 p.m. Prizes will be awarded shortly thereafter. For more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

Italian Picnic and Parade in Sutter Creek

Join the fun at the Italian Picnic Grounds in Sutter Hill, Sutter Creek, June 1,2,3, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Then on Sunday, June 3, the Italian Picnic Parade, is an event not to be missed. An old fashioned, HUGE parade and a weekend of fun for the whole family. This event will send you back 100 years in time, to a simpler, less stressful life where old fashioned fun is what it is about.

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The parade itself begins in Sutter Creek at 10:30 on Sunday,June 3. Looking down Old State Highway 49, you'll see raised rock sidewalks flanking the two-lane road, with Gold Country residents claiming spots along the parade route. A lucky few have seats on turn-of-the-century-style balconies, with bird's-eye views of the scene: giant colored balloons, trays of snow cones, and clowns bent on selling the necessary parade accouterments – long horns, flags, water guns, cotton candy.

Most of the county residents who haven't staked out sideline positions seem to be involved in the parade – on a float, in a band, as a member of a marching Boy Scout, Girl Scout, or 4-H unit, riding high on county fire equipment, or dressed to the hilt on a horse. You can be part of the action yourself if you jump into your car and follow the pooper-scoopers behind the parade up the hill about 1 mile to the Italian picnic grounds.

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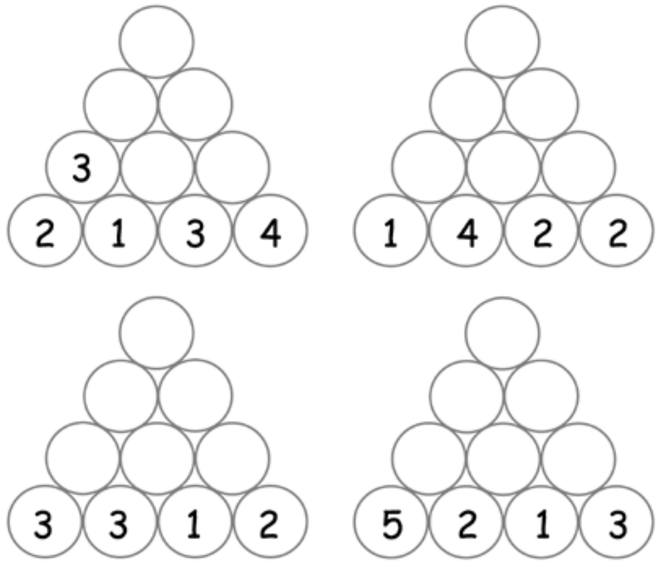

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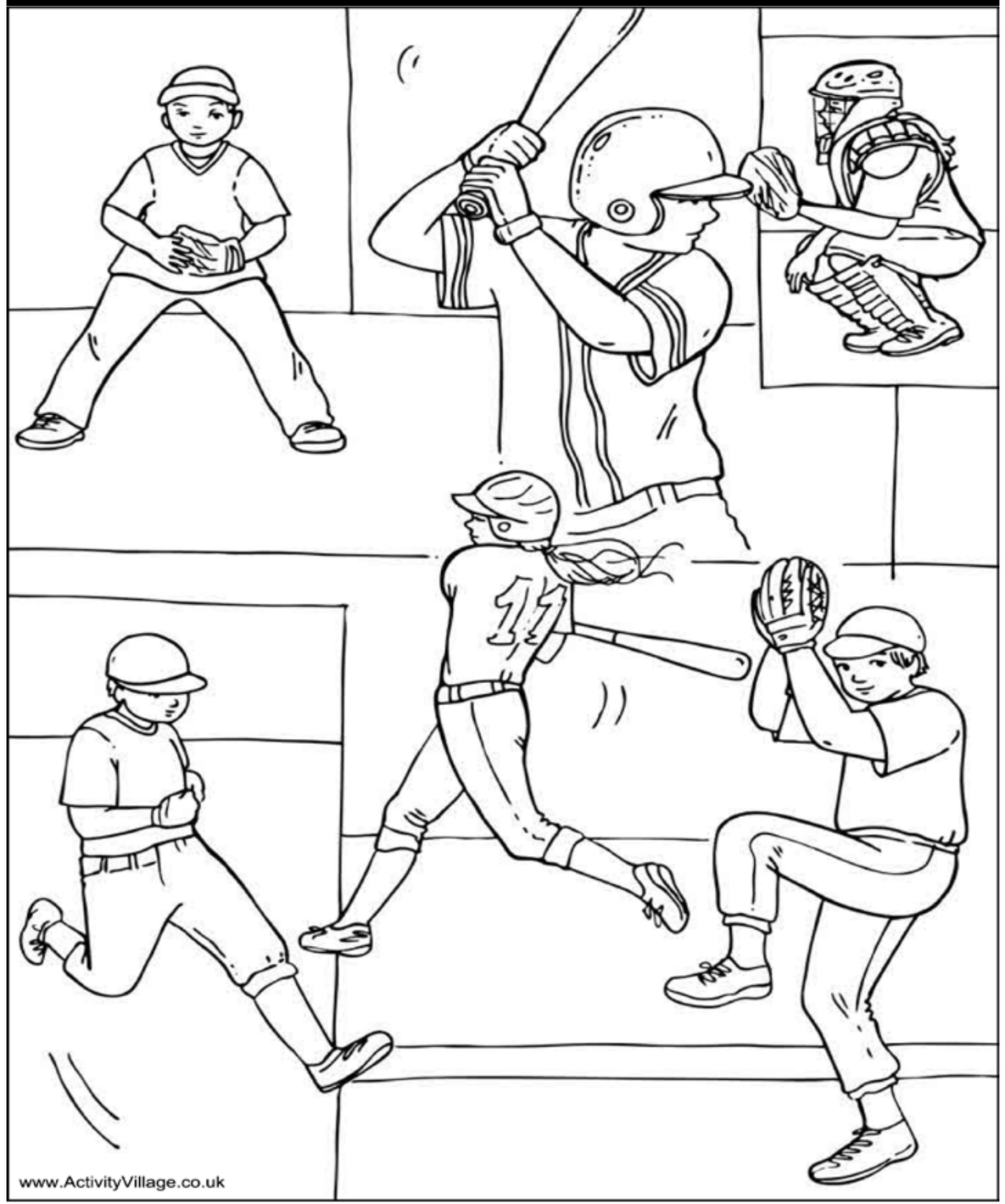

Calendar of Events

Arts & Crafts

June 8, Kool-Aid Painting, 3 p.m., 2901 Truxel Road, Sacramento. School-age children are invited to the South Natomas Library for "Kool-Aid Painting," with ArtWorks. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

.June 20, Origami, 2 p.m., 5605 Marconi Avenue, Carmichael. School age children are invited to the Carmichael Library for a very special art program called "The Art of Origami." For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

Critter Events

June 3, Fly by Butterfly, 1:30 p.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.

June 9, Raptors Up Close, 10:30 a.m., 2850 San Lorenzo Way, Carmichael. Bring the family to the Effie Yeaw Nature Center to meet one of the resident birds of prey under the care of the Effie Yeaw Nature Center and join the staff as they search the sky for visiting raptors. You may bring your binoculars. All ages are welcome. For more information, call (916) 489-4918.

June 9, Animal Program, 2 p.m., 2901 Truxel Road, Sacramento. School-age children are invited to the South Natomas Library for "Animals of the World," with Wild Things. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

June 10, Bat Program, 3 p.m., 828 I Street, Sacramento. School age children are invited to the Central Library for "Bats: Myths and Facts" with NorCal Bats. For more information, call (916) 264-2920 or visit saclibrary.org.

June 16, Sensational Snakes, 10:30 a.m,. 2850 San Lorenzo Way, Carmichael. Come to the Effie Yeaw Nature Center located in Ancil Hoffman Park and meet a resident snake up close and discover how these reptiles use their senses to survive. Enjoy a short stroll with a naturalist and learn how to be safe when viewing the reptiles who dwell in the Nature Preserve. All ages are welcome. For more information, call (916) 489-4918.

June 20, Animal Program, 3:30 p.m., 8820 Greenback Lane, Suite L, Orangevale. School-age children are invited to the Orangevale Library for "Animals of the World," with Wild Things. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

June 21, Bat Program, 3 p.m., 2443 Marconi Avenue, Sacramento. School age children are invited to the Arcade Library for "Bats: Myths and Facts" with NorCal Bats. For more information, call (916) 264-2920 or visit saclibrary.org.

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June 23, Black Tail Deer, 10:30 a.m., 2850 San Lorenzo Way, Carmichael. Walk the Effie Yeaw Nature Preserve with a naturalist to learn all about our local deer. "Biofacts" such as fur and antlers will be displayed for a close-up learning experience. All ages are welcome. For more information, call (916) 489-4918.

June 23, Animal Program, 2 p.m., 7335 Gloria Drive, Sacramento. School-age children are invited to the Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library for "Animals from Around the World," with Wild Things. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

June 24, Frog vs Toad, 1:30 p.m., 2850 San Lorenzo Way, Carmichael. Meet the resident tree frog at the Effie Yeaw Nature Center up close and discover how they are both amphibians, yet very different from each other. Hop-a-long to the pond to find more frogs. For more information, call (916) 489-4918.

June 26, Animal Program, 4 p.m., 7340 24th Street, Sacramento. School-age children are invited to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Library for "Animals of the World," with Wild Things. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

June 27, Critter Program, 3 p.m., 5600 South Land Park Drive, Sacramento. School-age children are invited to the Belle Cooledge Library for "Animals from Around the World," with Nature's Critters. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

June 28, Bat Program, 4 p.m., 6132 66th Avenue, Sacramento. School age children are invited to the Southgate Library for "Bats: Myths and Facts" with NorCal Bats. For more information, call (916) 264-2920 or visit saclibrary.org

Magic Show

June 2, Magic Show, 2 p.m., 9845 Folsom Boulevard, Sacramento. School-age children are invited to the Rancho Cordova Library for "The Magic of Andy Amyx." For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

June 7, Magic Show, 3:30 p.m., 6700 Auburn Boulevard, Citrus Heights. School-age children are invited to the Sylvan Oaks Library for "The Magic of Andy Amyx." For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

June 14, Magic Program, 4 p.m., 11601 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Fair Oaks. School-age children are invited to the Fair Oaks Library for "Comedy and Magic," with Penney the Clown. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

June 24, Magic Show, 3 p.m., 828 I Street, Sacramento. School age children are invited to Central Library for "Dream Big" with magician Mark Nemmers. For more information, call (916) 264-2920 or visit saclibrary.org.

June 26, Magic Performance, 4 p.m., 891 Watt Avenue, Sacramento. Bring the family to the Arden-Dimick Library for a fun performance called, "Uncle Al's Magic Show" with Al Skinner.

June 27, Magic Show, 3:30 p.m., 8820 Greenback Lane, Suite L, Orangevale. School-age children are invited to the Orangevale Library for "The Magic of Andy Amyx." For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

Nature Event

June 10, River Walk, 1:30 p.m., 2850 San Lorenzo Way, Carmichael. Celebrate the beauty of nature with a guided walk through the Effie Yeaw Nature Preserve and down to the American River. You may want to bring binoculars. All ages are welcome. For more information, call (916) 489-4918.

Special Events

Ongoing, Music for Young Children Classes, Sacramento. Sacramento Piano Conservatory is offering summer group music camps for kids. For more information about Sacramento Piano Conservatory visit www.sacpiano.com or call Tanya at (916) 538-3357.

June 2, Express Yourself Festival, 1 to 5 p.m., 4623 T Street, Sacramento. Access Sacramento invites you to their Express Yourself Festival and "PCS" Cast and Crew Call in the Auditorium and Television Studios at Coloma Community Center. Access Sacramento welcomes participation by filmmakers, artists, musicians, actors, major media organizations and nonprofit groups. Additionally, you can sign-up, audition, and help make a movie this summer. No experience necessary. We need hundreds of local volunteers to make ten short films this summer.

June 2 and 9, Warehouse Book Sale, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., 8250 Belvedere Avenue, Suite E, Sacramento. More than 70,000 gently used books, videos, and books-on-cassettes will be offered for sale at the warehouse of the Friends of the Sacramento Public Library. Preview for Friends members only from 5 to 8 p.m., Friday, June 1. For more information, call (916) 731-8493 or visit fspl@att.net.

June 8, Ice Cream Social, 6 to 7 p.m., 5600 South Land Park Drive, Sacramento. Bring the entire family to the Belle Cooledge Library for their annual "Summer Reading Ice Cream Social." Enjoy stories, singing, magic and lots of ice cream! For more information, call (916) 264-2920 or visit saclibrary.org.

June 9, Food Preservation Demonstration, 10 a.m. to noon, 4145 Branch Center Road, Sacramento. The Sacramento County UC Cooperative Extension Master Food Preservers invite the public to their program, "Step by Step" basic introduction to safe water bath canning techniques. The program will be free. For more information, call (916) 875-6913.

Calendar of Events

June 9, Ice Cream Social, 2 p.m., 5605 Marconi Avenue, Carmichael. Bring the family to the Carmichael Library for a free "Ice Cream Social". For more information, call (916) 264-2920 or visit saclibrary.org.

June 9, Ice Cream Social, 6 to 10 p.m., 3901 Land Park Drive, Sacramento. Fairytale Town's popular fairy-themed fundraiser and ice cream social features non-stop entertainment for the whole family. "A Midsummer Night's Dream and Ice Cream Fantasy will include costumed performers, arts and craft activities, marketplace, food and all the Crystal Ice Cream one can eat. Tickets are 415 for adults and $5 for children ages 2 to 12 in advance. Day-of event, tickets are $20 for adults and $10 for children. For more information, visit www.fairytaletown.org or call (916) 808-7462.

June 14 to 17, El Dorado County Fair, 100 Placerville Drive, Placerville. The 2012 El Dorado County Fair will take place Thursday through Sunday. Tickets purchased by June 13 are $8 for ages 13 and over, $6 for Juniors (7 to 12) and Seniors (ages 60 and over). Ticket sold during the fair are $9 for ages 13 and over, $7 for Juniors and Seniors. For more information, visit www.eldoradocountyfair.org or call (530) 621-5860.

June 15 and 29, Overnight Safaris, 5:30 p.m. to 9 a.m., Land Park Drive and Sutterville Road, Sacramento. The Sacramento Zoo will hold these fun-filled educational evenings that will guide you through all that the nighttime Zoo has to offer. These camp-outs are designed for small groups and families of two 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.

June 23, Campfire Sing-a-Long, 8 p.m., 2850 San Lorenzo Way, Carmichael. Join the staff by the campfire at the Effie Yeaw Nature Center to sing classic campfire songs and roast a marshmellow. Bring a camping chair or blanket to sit on, and an guitar if you would like to strum along with the naturalist. The cost is $3 per person, children 3 and under are free. For more information, call (916) 489-4918.

June 23, King of Feasts, 6 to 9 p.m., Sutterville Road and Land Park Drive, Sacramento. Enjoy this unique gourmet food and wine luau featuring live entertainment, dancers, celebrities, and a silent auction at the Sacramento Zoo. This is an adults-only event. Zoo closes early at 1:30 p.m. parking is free throughout the park. For more information, call (916) 808-5888 or visit saczoo.org.

June 30, Kids 2 Camp Benefit Ride, 8 a.m., 6750 Florin Perkins Road, Sacramento. Join the fun at this benefit motorcycle run followed by a family festival and concert. The festival includes a bounce house, custom car display, barbecue, raffle, silent auction and live bands. Pre-register by June 15 and receive a T-shirt. Advanced registration is $20 per rider and $10 per passenger. Day of registration it is $30 for riders and $15 for passengers. The ride departs at 10:30 a.m. at Calvary Chapel Sacramento and ends at Calvary Chapel Amador, 18400 Ridge Road, Pine Grove. The route follows scenic Highway 49, south to Pine Grove, just east of Jackson. For more information, call (530) 867-1295 or visit www.Kids2camp.net.

June 30, Sleep Over at Fairytale Town, 5:30 p.m, 3901 Land Park Drive, Sacramento. Spend the night at Humpty's house. This exciting overnight adventure includes a theater performance, arts and craft activities, a scavenger hunt, bedtime stories and a sing-along. Prices range from $35 to $45 per person. For more information visit www.fairytaletown.org or call (916) 808-7462.

Storytime & Puppet Shows

June 9, Puppet Program, 11 a.m., 7335 Gloria Drive, Sacramento. School-age children are invited to the Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library for "Tommy's Space Adventure." with Puppet Art Theatre. For more information, call (916) 264.2920.

June 13, Puppet Show, 2 p.m., 5605 Marconi Avenue, Carmichael. Bring the family to the Carmichael Library for a fun program called "Tommy's Space Adventure," with Puppet Art Theater. For more information, call (916) 264-2920 or visit saclibrary.org.

June 14, Puppet Show, 3 p.m., 2443 Marconi Avenue, Sacramento. School age children are invited to the Arcade Library for "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" with The Puppet Company. For more information about this free program, call (916) 264-2920 or visit saclibrary.org.

June 14, Puppet Show, 2 p.m., 4660 Via Ingoglia, Sacramento. School-age children are invited to the North Natomas Library for "Make Your Dreams Come True," with Tony Borders Puppet and Magic. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

June 16, Puppet Show, 2 p.m., 5600 South Land Park Drive, Sacramento. School-age children are invited to the Belle Cooledge Library for a very special performance called, "The Wizard's Mistake," with Caterpillar Puppets. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

June 28, Puppet Show, 2 p.m., 9845 Folsom Boulevard, Sacramento. School-age children are invited to the Rancho Cordova Library for "Jungle Joe's Dream Big Read Show" with the California Puppets. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

To June 30, Puppet Festival, Weekdays 10:30, 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., Weekends 12:30, 1:30 and 2:30 p.m., 3901 Land Park Drive, Sacramento. Puppet Art Theater is back at Fairytale Town with music, puppetry and fun. Call (916) 808-7462 or visit fairytaletown.org for schedule of shows and ticket prices.

Wednesday, Toddler Story Time, 10 a.m., 4799 Stockton Boulevard, Sacramento. Children ages 0 to 3 years are invited to Colonial Heights Library for stories. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

Thursdays, Baby Lapsit Story Time, 10 a.m., and Sundays, noon, 828 I Street, Sacramento. Infants are invited to the Central Library for lapsit storytime. Toddler Story Time for ages 0 to 3 will be held at 10:30. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

Thursdays, Preschool Storytime, 10 a.m., 2443 Marconi Avenue, Sacramento. Children ages 3 to 5 are invited to the Arcade Library for stories. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

The Importance of Fatherhood

A Relationship with Dad Can Change a Child's Life

A message brought to you by First 5 Sacramento

Fathers today are spending more time with their children compared to three decades ago, according to the Families and Work Institute, a leading nonprofit that studies workforce and family issues. They are also taking on more nurturing and caregiving roles. Research shows that the role a father plays in a young child's life is extremely important to a child's healthy development, and there are many positive outcomes for children whose fathers are more involved in their daily lives.

First 5 Sacramento offers the following tips to encourage dads to become more involved and supportive parents:

Get involved early

Taking an active role in caring for a newborn helps dads and babies bond from the start. You might consider taking a few days off from work after the baby is born to spend quality time together. In California, new parents, including dads, are eligible for up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave to be with their newborn.

Be informed and connect with other dads

Participate in community programs, take local parenting workshops, and talk with other fathers at daycare or preschool to build a network of support.

Put in the time

Make it a priority to spend quality time with your child. This helps you build a strong relationship that includes regular communication. Find activities that you and your child enjoy doing to make your time together special, like reading or spending time playing outdoors.

Create a strong bond

A great way to create and maintain a bond with young children is by being actively involved in their daily lives. Help your children take a bath, get ready for bed, or even do chores together to show that you are a consistent part of their lives.

Make it memorable

Everyday activities can provide opportunities to learn and listen to your child. For example, when riding in the car or on the bus, ask your children to describe shapes and colors they see.

Be a role-model

Practice appropriate discipline, considering your child's age and personality. Disciplining with respect and love allows you to interact in positive ways with your child.

A Learning Tool Just for Dads

Included in the Kit for New Parents is a DVD called the Daddy's Tool Bag. The 45-minute instructional hands-on DVD covers the important basics for taking care of a new baby from a dad's perspective. Set in a workshop setting, the DVD delivers meaningful instruction to help eliminate the intimidation that most men have when taking care of babies resulting in strengthening the bond between new fathers and their children through educational and hands-on experiences.The Kit for New Parents is free and is available at www.first5sacramento.net.

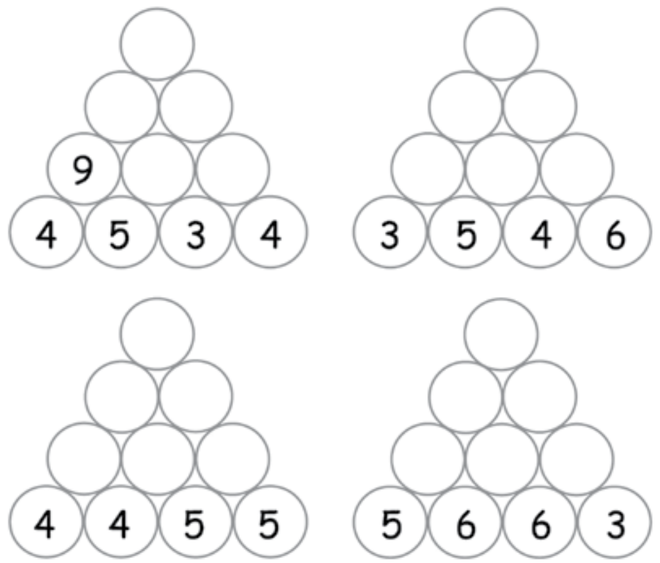
For more information on connecting to free parenting services call 2-1-1.

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.

Pyramid Challenge

The number in each circle is the sum of the two numbers below it. Can you work out what the numbers in the top circles should be?



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Baseball Party Theme Ideas

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Hit the ball out of the park with these fun and easy birthday party ideas with a Baseball theme. Baseball party games, activities and also ideas for decorations, invitations, favors, goody bags and party food.

Baseball Party Invitations

Create a Sport or Event type ticket with your child's name as the Main event.

There are many types of baseball tickets - make a mock copy of your favorite teams ticket. Check Flickr for examples. Not crafty? There are many online stores that sell Event Ticket theme invitations. Make or buy invitations that are the size and shape of baseballs, baseball fields, hotdogs or crackerjacks. Print out party information on a large mailing label and stick to packages of crackerjacks, then hand out to the people you want to invite.

If you have, or can buy, several used baseballs - write party information on them with a ball point pen or per-

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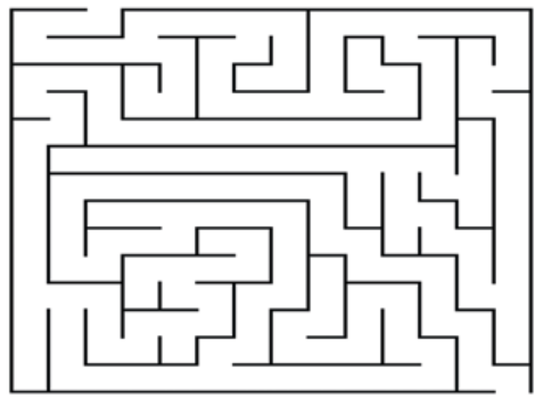
Happy 4th Birthday Maze

Can you find the path from the candle through the maze to the birthday cake?



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manent marker and hand out to party guests.

Baseball Party Decorations

Decorate your Baseball theme party using your favorite baseball team colors. Use balloons and streamers to make it festive. Make or buy team pennants to hang on the walls along with baseball jerseys and team/player posters. Cover tables with green tablecloths and set them at an angle like a baseball diamond - place bases around the edges. Paint a fake crowd scene on cardboard or poster board and place behind the tables for the bleachers.

On the party tables put out baseballs, trophies, gloves and baseball cards.

Fun Ideas for a Baseball Party

- Take the birthday party guests to the batting cage and let them hit several rounds of baseballs.
- If you will be having your party outside make a large baseball diamond on the ground using chalk or spray paint. Set up stands using picnic tables. • Have parents and older helpers dress up like umpires. • Have guests sign a baseball to give to the birthday child to keep as a great memento of the day.

Games for a Baseball Theme Party

- Gather baseball cards and play name that player - or name the stats. Compete to find out who can answer the most questions correctly.
- World Series - Everyone will need paper and a pencil. Ask them to write down as many of the World Series winners– and the years that they can. Present the winner with a small prize or baseball cards.
- Play wiffle ball using the same rules as baseball, just safer for the backyard.

Set up carnival type games using baseball skills such as:

Knocking over a pyramid of bottles with a baseball Throw a baseball (or beanbag) through holes on a cardboard cutout for accuracy. (Paint the cardboard so it looks like a baseball diamond).

Pin the Baseball on the Diamond

Played just like the game pin the tail on the donkey only have the guests pin a baseball on a baseball diamond. The closest one to home plate wins.

Fun competitions:

Who can throw the baseball the farthest? Who can hit the baseball the farthest? Longest slide? Who can get to base the fastest and not get out - put player in between two bases with players on each base trying to tag him out.

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