

OCTOBER 2021

San Diego County Calendar of Events

El Cajon Oktoberfest Sept. 24-26 & Oct. 1-3

Come and enjoy authentic German food, such as bratwurst, ox-on-the-spit, potato salad, potato pancakes, sauerkraut, red cabbage, pretzels, and a variety of German pastries. We offer a great selection of German beers and liquors, and soft drinks and water, to enjoy with your friends and family! Our band, the Guggenbach-Buam, joins us from Baden-Württemberg, Germany. Vendor and craft booths, and Kids' Zone.

Fri 4-10pm, Sat 12-10pm, Sum 12-9pm / 1017 S. Mollison Ave.

619-442-6637 / www.oktoberfestelcajon.com

San Diego Restaurant Week Sept. 26-Oct. 3

More than 90 participating restaurants will offer three-course prix-fixe dinner menus for $20, $30, $40, $50 or $60 per person and/or two-course prix-fixe lunch menus for $10, $15, $20 or $25 per person. The participating restaurants span across the county from the South Bay to East County and to the borders of Oceanside and Fallbrook to the north.

www.sandiegorestaurantweek.com

Gaslight Steampunk Expo Sept. 30-Oct. 3

Our theme for our 2021 event will be the 1889 Universelle Exposition du Paris (World Fair) where Gustave Eiffel built the largest structure on the planet as the gateway to the Champ du Mars and dedicated it to science and the 199 workers who helped him construct this modern marvel.

See website for schedule. / San Diego Marriott Mission Valley

www.gaslightexpo.org

Goodguys Meguiar's Del Mar Nationals Oct. 1-3

Over 2,500 Rods, Customs, Classics, Muscle Cars and Trucks thru '87. Goodguys AutoCross - Featuring 16 car "Duel in Del Mar". Indoor Car Show - Street Rod d'Elegance Competition. Nitro Thunderfest Dragster Exhibition. Burn Out Competition. Swap Meet & Cars 4 Sale Corral.

Fri & Sat 8am-5pm, Sun 8am-3pm / Del Mar Fairgrounds

925-838-9876 / www.good-guys.com/dmn

La Mesa Oktoberfest Oct. 1-3

Since 1973, the La Mesa Oktoberfest has been attracting Oktoberfest revelers from across San Diego and Southern California for 3 FREE days of festive live music, including Oompa bands, tons of top-notch German food, and of course, steins filled to the brim with German & Craft beer!

Fri 4-10pm, Sat 10am-10pm, Sun 12-8pm / La Mesa Village

www.lamesaoktoberfest.org

Pacific BeachFest Oct. 2

San Diego's premier beach festival located in the heart of beach town: Pacific Beach. Enjoy this free, full-day, family-friendly, music-packed event.

11am-7pm / Pacific Beach Boardwalk

858-273-3303 / www.pacificbeachfest.org

Mission Federal ArtWalk Oct. 2-3

Locals and visitors will have the opportunity to purchase artwork from local, national, and international artists in a variety of mediums. Art guitar auction benefiting ArtReach San Diego, a nonprofit organization aimed at increasing equity in visual arts education in K-8 schools throughout San Diego County by delivering free or low-cost workshops to schools that have no other resources for art.

11am-6pm / 2210 Columbia Street, San Diego

619-615-1090 / www.artwalksandiego.org

Stockzilla Oct. 2-3

This is a mega Catfish Stock Event at Santee Lakes – 3,500lbs. of Catfish stocked! Book your campsites NOW! You must be a registered Camper to fish in Lakes 6 & 7.

Santee Lakes Recreation Preserve

619-596-3141 / www.santeelakes.com

Encinitas Oktoberfest Oct. 3

Authentic German music, the Gemütlichkeit Alpine Dancers, carnival rides, a street craft faire featuring 200 vendors and more! The family food and refreshment tent along with the Keepin' It Local Craft Beer Garden will serve authentic German food and beers from German & local San Diego breweries. There will be a family fun zone with children's rides, and family oriented activities.

10am-6pm / Mountain Vista Drive and El Camino Real

www.encinitasoktoberfest.com

Ocean Beach Oktoberfest Oct. 8-9

Beer garden with live entertainment, men and women's stein-holding contest, balloon blow, FREE beachside all-ages stage w/ performances by Rock and Roll San Diego Bands, Food and craft vendor area, "Brewfest" beer tasting featuring German and local brews poured by veterans, and Ms. & Mr. Oktoberfest.

Fri 4-11pm, Sat 11am-11pm / Newport Avenue & Abbott Street

www.oboktoberfest.com

First American Title™

Taste of North Park Oct. 9

Home to culinary innovation and cutting-edge brew-masters, North Park is a go-to San Diego destination for everything food and drink. The Taste of North Park invites culinary enthusiasts to enjoy over 40 food tastes from San Diego's best restaurants. For those looking to enjoy some hops while they walk, you can sip on the region's best craft beer. Craft brewers offer 4 ounce samples of their best releases.

11am-3pm / 3939 Iowa Street, San Diego www.explorenorthpark.com

La Jolla Art & Wine Festival Oct. 9-10

There is truly something for everyone to enjoy, including over 150 juried artists from around the globe, 3D chalk art displays, interactive art murals, non-stop live music, family art center, roving entertainment, gourmet food court, and a wine, craft beer, and spirits garden featuring local brews, distilleries and global wineries.

10am-6pm / Girard Avenue and Prospect Street www.ljawf.com

XTERRA Wetsuits Mission Bay Triathlon Oct. 10

In 1974, the first Mission Bay Triathlon was as a run-bike-swim-run event on Fiesta Island by the San Diego Track Club. This is an ON Road Triathlon.

Bonita Cove Park: 1100 W Mission Bay Dr. www.missionbaytriathlon.com

Ladies at the Lake Fall Market Oct. 16

Shop from local women in business! There will be a variety of vendors with uniquely selected items, from Health & Beauty, Clothing, Jewelry, Holiday Gifts and so much more! Food trucks will be available!

10am-3pm / East County Santee Lakes Recreation Preserve

619-258-4759 / www.santeelakes.com

SoCal Taco Fest Oct. 23

25 of the best taco restaurants in Southern California, a lineup of national and local music acts headlined this year by multi-platinum recording artist Flo Rida, live Lucha Libre wrestling by the Baja Stars, Chihuahua races and beauty pageant supported by Soapy Joe's Car Wash, the Del Real Foods Culinary Stage, and the popular Corralejo Margarita Cantina with a live DJ and custom-crafted margaritas.

11am-10pm / SD County Waterfront Park: 1600 Pacific Hwy

www.socaltacofest.com

Villains in the Village Oct. 23

Over 20 nefarious characters and uncanny activities will torment and trick thrill seekers of all ages. Ticket holders can creep along footpaths of frightful fun that include besmirched beasts, eye popping illusions, and everything unnerving in between. Capture your best sneer at spooky selfie spots, grab a bite (but don't get bitten) at local eats, and sip on tastes of adult potions.

4-9pm / Third Ave from E Street to G Street, Chula Vista

619-422-1982 / www.thirdavenuevillage.com

EOS Fitness Tour De Cove Oct. 24

Rocket into orbit with the 4.5 hour stationary cyclethon led by your favorite San Diego instructors. Join CAF and EOS Fitness to help change lives through sport for people with permanent physical challenges. There will be over 100 stationary bikes on the lawn overlooking Mission Bay at the center of the CAF Community Weekend. Participate in the four and a half hour ride as an individual or share a bike as part of a 3-person relay team.

Mission Bay, San Diego www.challengedathletes.org

Oceanside Dia de los Muertos Festival Oct. 24

Altars, arts & crafts, por siempre car show, a chalk cemetery and more!

Downtown Oceanside

www.friendsofoceansidediadelosmuertos.org

Aspen Medical Products SDTriathlon Challenge Oct. 24

Your fundraising efforts will support challenged athletes with grants for adaptive sports equipment, coaching, and competition expenses. Event Options: Full tri, swim, bike, run only or select multiple segments. Individual and relay team options.

Mission Bay, San Diego

www.challengedathletes.org/events/sdtc

San Diego Zombie Crawl Oct. 28-31

3 days of costume insanity, DJ, live music, dining and entertainment! Your ticket includes a self-guided party hop to downtown San Diego's favorite haunts (all within walking distance from each other), an Opening Party at American Junkie, Free Cover to Participating Bars, Welcome Shots, Extended Happy Hour and more treats!

6pm-12am / American Junkie: 628 5th Ave., San Diego

619-944-8900 / www.sandiegozombiecrawl.com

Trick-or-Treat on India Street Oct. 29

Families are encouraged to bring their little monsters out in costume attire to this fun and safe Halloween event to enjoy traditional trick-or-treating, as Little Italy businesses along historic India Street open their doors to give out candy and Halloween treats.

5:30-7:30pm / Piazza della Famiglia, Little Italy www.littleitalysd.com

HauntFest on Main Oct. 29

The event features live music on two stages featuring: Costume Contests on the Main St. Stage; an expanded Carnival Rides and Games; Car Show; Candy Challenge Activities; Kidz Zone, Face Painting; performances by TNT Dancers, Arts In Motion Crew & Jr. Crew, and St. Madeleine Sophie's Center Pumpkin Patch; Craft and Game booths; LED Rock Wall; Inflatables for kids; With a surprise feature of Movies In The Park.

4-9pm / Downtown El Cajon www.hauntfest.org

Nightmare on Normal Street Oct. 29

This year's event benefits the San Diego LGBT Community Center and Fabulous Hillcrest. With late night live entertainment, costume competitions (including a special pet contest for your furry, fuzzy, and feathery companions) outdoor bars, and the best people watching in all of San Diego. This event is 21+.

5-11pm / Normal Street at University Avenue

619-299-3330 / www.fabuloushillcrest.com

Lions Tigers & Bears Spooky Campover Oct. 29-30

Camp out in the countryside and sleep under the stars with the sanctuary animals at Lions Tigers & Bears. This spooky overnight event includes campfire songs, pumpkin carving, and a Halloween costume contest. Enjoy the fun of the animal trivia challenge (read our website for clues to the answers), make s'mores by the campfire, and sip hot cocoa at our big cat and wildlife sanctuary in San Diego.

3pm-10am / 24402 Martin Way, Alpine

619-659-8078 opt. 4 / www.lionstigersandbears.org

City Heights Dia de los Muertos Oct. 30

People of all cultures will come together for community altars, face painting, mask making, and prizes for the best catrina and catrin contest, plus dancing, singing and music.

11am-7pm / Officer Jeremy Henwood Memorial Park

www.facebook.com/CityHeightsDiaDeLosMuertos

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