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INTRO

Welcome to the premier issue of GT Active, your guide to health, fitness and the great outdoors. Certainly, when you think of Santa Cruz County, there is a great deal to experience in each of those areas. We're known for good health, sure, but we're better known for how progressive we are in the health field. Fitness? No shortage here. Fitness, in fact, ties in quite nicely to all that we have available to us outdoors. So, our goal in this first issue was to spotlight as many amazing things as we could—inside and out. Dive in. Embrace good health. Enjoy the experience.

Greg Archer Editor

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THE SURF, THE VIEW, THE BEAUTY. THE MONTEREY BAY NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY IS A PLACE WE CALL HOME.

Out of all of the fun and unique places to play in Santa Cruz County, the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS) may be the most bragworthy. The federally-protected sanctuary spans 276 miles of California's coast, from Marin to Cambria, with its nucleus—the area richest with ocean life and activity—sitting right off of Santa Cruz County's shores. As a protected site, the Bay's 26 species of marine mammals (sea otters ranking cutest among them), 93 species of seabirds, 345 species of fish, and four species of turtles can live and thrive, while their human neighbors can share their pristine habitat for the sake of research and enjoy-

ment. Kayaking, boating, tide pools, whale watching, divingwe have it all here in Santa Cruz, not to mention the soon-to-becompleted Marine Sanctuary Exploration Center, which will bring locals and tourists alike even closer to the Bay we love. But the trademark activity for the Monterey Bay? Surfing, of course. Santa Cruz is famous for its surf spots and breaks, which include Indicators, Manresa, the Hook and many others. Steamer Lane is the most popular spot, but beginners beware: localism is big here, and waves can reach triple overhead when the swell is up. Surfing's more than just a hobby here—it's a way of life.

Elizabeth Limbach



Surfing is a sacred bond between person and ocean, and one of the lower maintenance sports. But there's still some gear that you can't go without when facing the cold waters of the Monterey Bay. At the top of the no-brainer list is a full wetsuit, followed by booties and a hood if you want to go the distance. A working leash and some good wax are also musts. If you're braving the more advanced breaks or going out on a particularly big day, perhaps a helmet would be in your best interest. And, lastly, don't forget to check the surf report before you head out at surfingsantacruz.com.

Head out on one of these easy rides on your road bike or ... mountain bike to take the challenge up a few notches. For details on routes, including turnby-turn directions, estimated mileage and bike lane info, visit Google's biking map directions: maps.google.com.

Ride 1: Santa Cruz Beach **Boardwalk to Natural Bridges State Park**

Park near the Boardwalk and cruise along the beachfront, beyond the Dream Inn, to the path on West Cliff Drive. Continue on the path to Natural Bridges State Beach. At one time, the largest rock stacks formed a bridge, which has since collapsed —that's the origin of the park's name. Keep an eye out for playful otters, seals and migrating whales. Beyond the park gatehouse, follow the paved road up a short hill to a parking lot next to the visitor center. At the center, you can learn about the thousands of monarch butterflies that flock to the peaceful eucalyptus grove from mid-October through the end of February.

Ride 2: East Cliff Drive to Pleasure Point

Meet at the Santa Cruz Yacht Harbor. Take a look around the 9.2-acre Moran Lake Park before you set off on your bike. The park has beach access, picnic tables, and fishing (permit required). Walk the bike across East Cliff Drive and check out a lovely stretch of beach that is popular with sunbathers, body surfers and skim boarders. Then head east, riding up a slight hill. Within a few minutes, East Cliff Drive will turn into a one-way street with a paved, multi-use path hugging ocean cliffs.

You're headed to Pleasure Point, a great people-watching



RIDE ON TIME: THREE RIDES FOR THE CRUZAN CYCLIST

spot and also prime turf for skateboarders, runners, baby strollers and of course, surfers. A true place of leisure, the area was long ago home to a number of speakeasies and houses of ill repute, spawned by the rum-running trade, according to the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary's visitor website. Today, Pleasure Point is a classic beach neighborhood.

Ride 3: Seacliff State Beach to Rio Del Mar

Beyond the park's gatehouse, take in the panoramic coastal view, then make sure your bicycle brakes are working well before you descend a quick steep hill that leads from the upper parking lot down to sea level. Turn right and venture onto a flat, paved

road that parallels the water. (The path directly next to the water is primarily for pedestrians.) Wave hello to the RV campers who have come from around the country to stay here.

When the road dead-ends at a gated residential community, turn around and ride toward the Cement Ship, the Palo Alto. Built as a wartime tanker, the ship was never used for WWI because its construction was not finished in time. If you have a hike lock and don't mind cold water, take a dip. Continue riding, parallel to the lovely stretch of sand and bluffs up to a covered picnic facility. Stop and have a picnic or grab a bit to eat in Rio Del Mar.

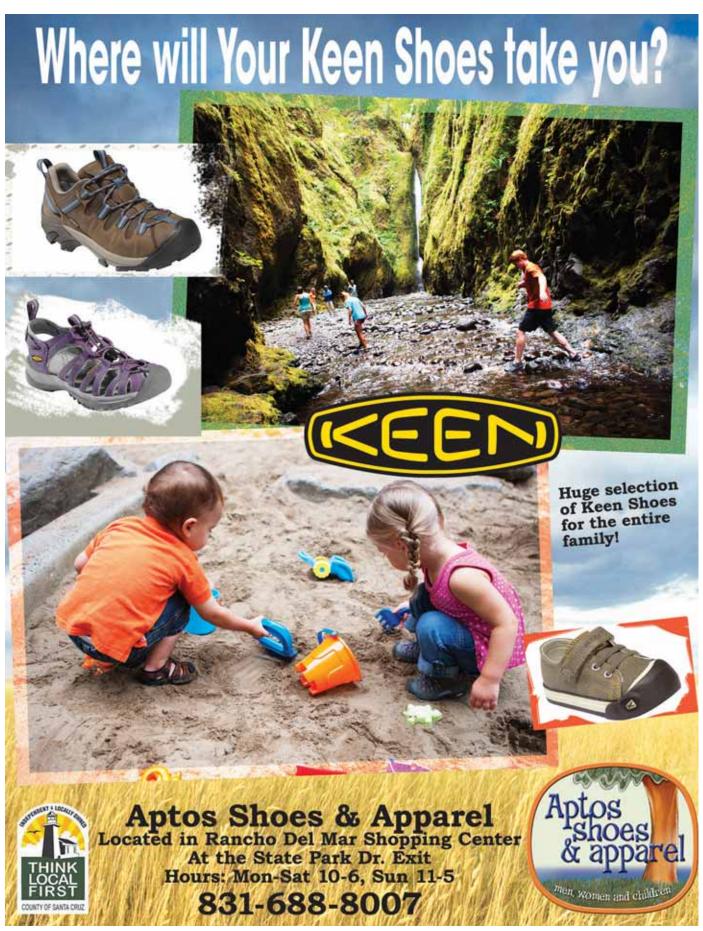
Karen Kefauver

BASE COAT ACTION: THE **GAME PLAN**

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OUTDOOR/GUIDE

Beaches

Castle Beach

The castle may have fallen over but this hasn't affected Castle Beach's great sandy stretch.
East Cliff Drive at Seabright Ave.

Capitola Beach

Close proximity to the Capitola Wharf with a slew of other great restaurants and bars around. The Esplanade, Capitola Village.

Davenport Beach

An easily accessible beach that is popular with the wind-surfing set. Nice place to plop down and chill. Davenport Landing, Davenport.

Its Beach

Just below the Mark Abbott Lighthouse and iconic to Cruzans. One of the best beaches around. West Cliff Drive, Santa Cruz

Moran Lake

Clean, great views, and easy access. A secluded spot if not a great local treasure. East Cliff Drive, Live Oak.

Manresa State Beach and Sunset State Beach

The waters have a notorious reputation for rip currents, but lifeguards are on duty during the summer months. There is also tent camping just up the road. La Selva Beach and Watsonville.

Natural Bridges State Park

A Santa Cruz treasure with fascinating tide pools and the monarch butterflies hanging from the eucalyptus trees. 2531 West Cliff Drive, Santa Cruz.

New Brighton State Beach

A great campground nestled in coast cypress and pines make this a beach-camper's paradise. 1500 Park Ave., Capitola.

North Coast Beaches

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Pleasure Point Beach

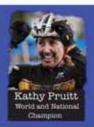
A nice little protected beach that makes for a sunny spot after the morning fog has burned off. East Cliff Drive, Live Oak East Cliff Drive and Pleasure Point Drive, Santa Cruz.





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Privates

Privates isn't a public beach. Clothing optional enthusiasts and longboarders enjoy its charms. East Cliff Drive, Capitola.

Rio Del Mar Beach

The surf is milder than Manresa but this doesn't preclude the nasty riptides that have towed numerous unsuspecting swimmers into the deep. Rio Del Mar Blvd., Aptos.

Santa Cruz Main Beach

Boasting volleyball players and sunbathers and some rolling surf, Main Beach rests right by the Boardwalk. Beach Street, Santa Cruz.

Seacliff State Beach

It may be well known for its cement ship but the locale stands out for its striking views. State Park Drive, Aptos.

Twin Lakes State Beach

Caters to families, kite flyers, picnickers and the like, and is said to be one of the county's warmest beaches. East Cliff Drive at 7th Ave., Santa Cruz.

Waddell State Beach

Great beachcombing, tidepooling beach, though it tends to get too windy for lying in the sun. Highway 1, north of Davenport.

Beach Volleyball

Santa Cruz Main Beach

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up a storm. cityofsantacruz.com

Santa Cruz Harbor Beach

The Santa Cruz Harbor beach has four courts with nearby cafes when players need a break. 475-6161, santacruzharbor.org/activities.

Boating

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GO WITH THE FLOW: KAYAKING 101

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FOCUS

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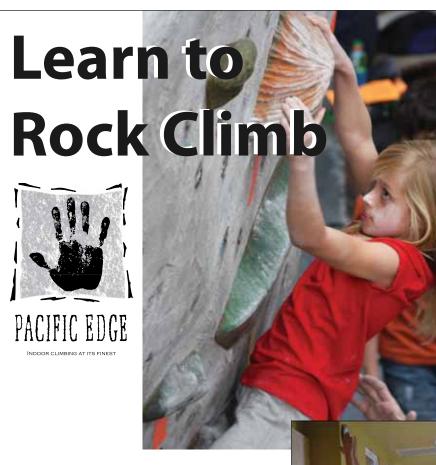
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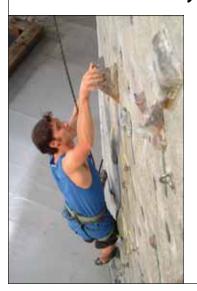
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Surf Spots South County

Capitola Jetty

When the swell is up, this spot deserves more than a passing look. Also, about a block and a reef away is the infamous Toe's Over.

The Hook

Named for the copious amounts of kelp in the lineup that "hooks" around skags and booties.

Manresa/La Selva

Manresa is a mélange of peaks, valleys and sandbars. But a lot of the time the place is epic.

Privates

Longboard paradise. Clean right-facing lines peel off and make for a great ride.

Pleasure Point

Generally crowded with everyone from groms to experts, longboarders to ripping ultra thinglassed rippers.

Surf Spots Santa Cruz

Cowell's

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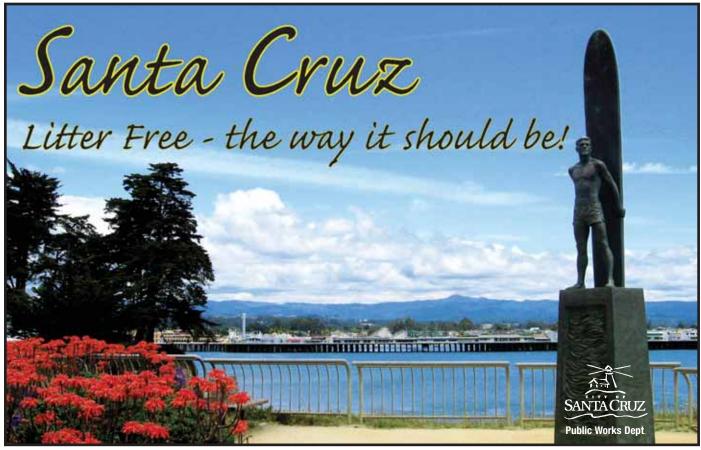


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THE SWING OF THINGS

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Walking Trails

Neary Lagoon

A drainage area of approximately 850 acres empties into the lagoon to the ocean. Great wildlife.

West Cliff Drive

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Pasatiempo Golf Course

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DeLaVeaga Disc-Golf Club

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You can nab surfboard, wetsuit rental, even brand-new gear. 400 Beach Street, Santa Cruz, 459-9230; 110 Cooper St # D, Santa Cruz, 469-4377; 1115 41st Avenue, Capitola, 475-4151, oneill.com.

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Zero Motorcycles

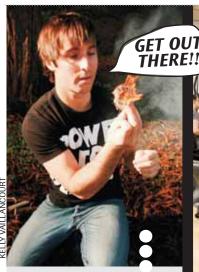
In the mood for some real fun and a memorable outdoor adventure—one you can create over and over again? This local giant of a retailer offers quite the array of cycles—from slick street riders to dirt and dual sport gems. Think of it as the next step in motorcycle evolution—it's that traditional motorcycle combined with today's advanced technology and the finished product results in a high performance electric motorcycle that is lightweight, efficient and fast off the line. 1 Victor Square, Scotts Valley, zeromotorcycles.com.





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A locally-run instructional outdoor guide service for surf clinics, mountain biking, backpacking and rock climbing. P.O. Box 7040, Santa Cruz, (800) 509-3954, adventureout.com.

Club Ed Surf School

An international surf school that offers lessons and surf camps. 2350 Paul Minnie Ave., Santa Cruz, 464-0177, club-ed.com.

Tropical Adventures Scuba and Travel Center A one-stop scuba shop for scuba diving lessons and travel planning. 3921 Soquel Dr., Santa Cruz, 475-3483, tropicaladventuresscubaandtravel.com.

City of SC Parks and Recreation

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Helm of Sun Valley 1408 41st Ave., Santa Cruz, 462-6800, helmofsunvalley.com.

J&S Surplus 1956 California 1, Moss Landing, 724-0588, surplusinc.com.

Sock Shop and Shoe Co. 1515 Pacific Ave., Santa Cruz, 429-6101, sockshopandshoeco.com

TOADAL TIME

INSIDE ONE OF THE AREAS TOP HEALTH CLUBS: TOADAL FITNESS

he owners of Toadal Fitness are French and originally named the gym Frog Fitness because the English used to make fun of the French during World War II by calling them "frogs." Later, the popular local fitness portal changed its name to Toadal Fitness because there was another gym named Frog Fitness—and also because it was a great play on words. With the philosophy that daily exercise provides invaluable health benefits, Toadal Fitness offers locals an array of workout equipment, from treadmills to weightlifting.

But what's most interesting to note is the diversity it also sports in many of its fitness classes, whether it be spin, aerobics, yoga, pilates, crosstraining, zumba, various forms of dance or kick boe, among others. Personal trainers are also on hand and the clubs offer some terrific information about nutrition, too.

Other plusses include a Members Rewards program, where members earn points by participating in a number of club programs, referring a friend to enroll or

just using the facility a regular basis.

Of Toadal's awesome longevity over the years it just nabbed a Best Health Club Award in a recent *GT* readers' poll "We continue to strive to the next level and beyond our member's expectations. Why? Because we love what we do," notes owners Christophe and Cecile Bellito. 113 Lincoln St, Santa Cruz, 423-3764; 1200 17th Ave. Suite 108, Santa Cruz, 464-3764; 6200 Soquel Dr, Aptos, 475-5979; 816 Bay Ave., Capitola, 475-1500, toadalfitness.com.

MORE HEALTH CLUBS $\rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow$



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Health Clubs

CrossFit Santa Cruz

With an emphasis on good health, CrossFit Santa Cruz designs workouts that target strength, flexibility, and cardiovascular health. 2521 Mission St. Suite C, 421-2065. crossfitsantacruz.com.

Curves

This goal-oriented community is a place for women who are interested in losing weight to work out in a supportive, non-judgmental environment. 2724 Soquel Ave., Ste. D, Santa Cruz, 465-8228, curves.com.

Gold's Gym

Get pumped. Stay that way. Gold's caters to hard-core

fitness devotees. Check out the spin classes and other aerobic classes here, too. 620 Water Street, Santa Cruz, 425-4653

La Madrona Swim and Racquet Club

With their "100 Milers Swim Club" and racquetball tournaments, this communityoriented club is a great place to meet other athletes, 1897 La Madrona Drive, 438-1072, lamadronaclub.com.

Lifestyle Fitness

Lifestyle boasts a slew of amenities—aerobics, an outdoor pool, childcare, equipped trainers to guide you in your fitness regimen. All that and bikes, treadmills, elliptical machines and more. 25 Penny Lane, Watsonville, 722-3895, lifestylefitnessclub.com.

Santa Cruz **Rowing Club**

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Founded by Santa Cruz residents Rob Mylls and his wife Kimberly, the Bike Dojo offers a variety of two-wheeled services including indoor spin classes, bicycle parking and outdoors guided rides. Dojo makes it a point to welcome beginning riders as well as advanced cyclists. Rob Mylls, a former champion BMX racer who has completed two charity rides from San Francisco to Los Angeles, aims to create not just a gym, but also a training center with a strong sense of community—and fun. "We follow our motto: 'Anyone and everyone can have fun riding and no one is ever left behind," Mylls says. In addition to classes, you can bring your own bike or use one at the Dojo to try the Tacx Virtual Reality trainers. You can also race against each other or use Google to map the route of your choice. 1101 Pacific Ave, Suite G (enter from Cathcart Street) or online at bikedojo.com. | Karen Kefauver

FITNESS/GUIDE

Spa Fitness

Spa Fitness offers an array of workouts, from swimming to Zumba, and is open seven days a week. Owners Harry and Anna Jenkins, who have been married for 51 years, share a passion for fitness and are dedicated to providing the best equipment to their clients. Mix up your routine and check out the workout classes they offer. 1100 41st Ave Capitola, 476-7373; 1200 41st Avenue, Capitola, 462-2004 spafitness.com

24-Hour Fitness

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Studio 831

Equipped with all the basic equipment needed for a full workout, including weight machines, free weights, cardio machines and classes, Studio 831 is the definition of a locallyowned gym, without all the pretension typically associated with chains. 1010 Fair Ave. Unit J, Santa Cruz, 469-3959, santacruzstudio831.com.

Truly Toned

Personal trainer Trenise designs personalized workouts for people regardless of athletic ability. More experienced athletes can purchase a single session to gain some insight about spicing up their time at the gym. 118 Younger Way, Santa Cruz, 247-7069, trulytoned.com.

Westside Aerobics and Martial Arts

With three heavyweight punching bags and a 1,400 square-foot judo floor, this facility offers a range of martial arts and self defense classes from around the world. 509 Swift St., Unit L, Santa Cruz, 454-9100, wama-club.com.

World Gym

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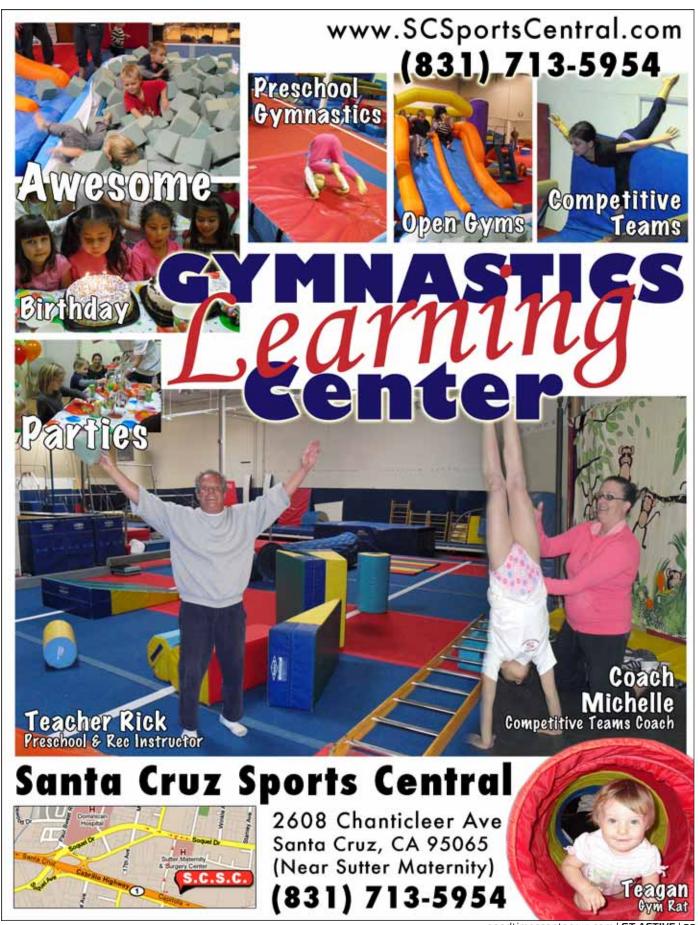


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Bike Culture /Cycling

The Bike Doio

101 Pacific Ave. Suite G, Santa Cruz, 713-5475. (See "Spin Cycle" page 28.)

Amsterdam Bicycles

A joint bicycle and coffee shop, Amsterdam is a lifesaver for anyone in need of wheels to cruise East Cliff Drive. Whether you're interested in buying or renting a beach cruiser, road, tandem or mountain bike, Amsterdam has you covered, with espresso to energize your ride. 2-1231 E. Cliff Drive, Santa Cruz, 475-1394.

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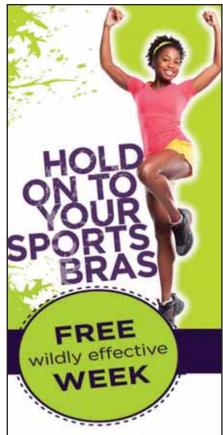
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Dance

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Dance Church

A collective of dancers who meet each week at the cozy community-run 418 Project, which also features a range of dance classes including African dance, capoeira, flamenco, samba and more with studio space is available for rental. 418 Front Street, Santa Cruz, 466-9770, the418.org.



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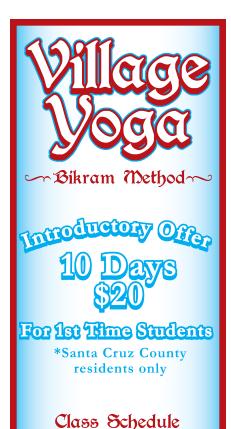
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TAKES A VILLAGE

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Motion Pacific

(See page 22) 131 Front Street, Santa Cruz, 457-1616, motionpacific.com.

Santa Cruz Ballet Theatre

Rated "Organization of the Year 2010" by the Aptos Chamber of Commerce. Santa Cruz Ballet Theatre, founded in 1978, is a non-profit organization and preprofessional ballet theatre company with the aim of allowing dancers and choreographers an opportunity to express their talents and bring the art of ballet to the Santa Cruz community. 2800 S. Rodeo Rd., Soquel, 477-1606, scbt.org.

Gymnastics

Santa Cruz Gymnastic Center

Offers a range of programs for children ages 18 months through 16 years old, including preschool, recreational and tumbling. Plus: gymnastic camps with bars, beam, flexibility, trampoline, rope climbing, arts and crafts. strength development and more.

2750 B Soquel Ave., Santa Cruz 462-0655, scqym.com.

Martial Arts

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Aikido of Santa Cruz

Dedicated not only to the art of aikido, but also to love and acceptance. As a nonprofit, it promotes diversity and acceptance in their programs, focusing on inner strength rather than physical strength. 306 Mission St., Santa Cruz, 423-8326, northbayaikido.org.

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Laird's Martial Arts Academy

Home to "Ninja Camps" for kids 5-12, Laird's offers martial arts classes for both children and adults. Because they focus on personal development rather than competition, the tournaments they host are all about achieving personal bests. 399 Encinal St., Santa Cruz, 459-8901, lairdsacademy.com.

Mantis Martial Arts

Although Mantis primarily concentrates on their after school and summer programs for beginning kids, adult programs are also available. 3040 Prather Lane #B, Santa Cruz, 251-1269, santacruzkungfu.com.

Matsubayashi Shorin-Ryu Karate of Santa Cruz

Popular with both children and adults, this portal takes pride in teaching the original form of karate without modern distortions or gimmicks. 113 Trescony St., Santa Cruz, 425-2249, sczenkarate.org.

Minorsan

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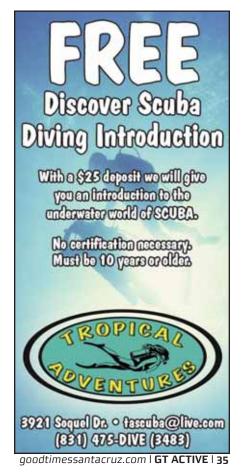


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Aikido of Santa Cruz, 306 Mission St.,
Santa Cruz. 423-8326, aikidosantacruz.org.







II GONG

As a varsity soccer player at UC Berkeley, Lee Holden injured his back and was told he would never play again. With the help of qi gong (pronounced "chee gung"), the Chinese science of using breathing techniques, gentle movement and meditation to circulate life energy and heal the body and mind, he was back on the field within a month. At the Santa Cruz Integrative Medicine and Chi Center, he treats clients through movement, acupuncture and bodywork. Santa Cruz Integrative Medicine and Chi Center, 21511B East Cliff Drive, Santa Cruz, 465-9088, santacruzchicenter.com or exercisetoheal.com. | Jenna Brogan

FITNESS/GUIDE

Personal Trainers

Certainly not a comprehensive list, but note three that captured our interest this year:

Nicole Gaiten—One to One Health

7 Camp Evers Lane, Scotts Valley, 278-1082.

Lucas Klatt

Spa Fitness, 1100 41st Ave., Capitola, 359-7466.

Terri Schneider

Aptos, 662-3993 (office).

Yoga

Ashtanga Yoga Institute

Ashtanga Yoga, or "eightlimbed" yoga, focuses on the teachings of restraint, observances, posture, breath control, withdrawing the mindfrom sense perception, concentration, meditation, and

superconsciousness. 1307 Seabright Avenue, Santa Cruz, 426-8893. pacificcultural.org.

Bikram Yoga Aptos

New students take note of this studio's "10 for 20" deal-10 consecutive days of voga for \$20. Once vou've gotten used to the heat, try doing one of their 60-day challenges. 7960 Soquel Drive, Aptos, 661-5030.

Body in Motion

Body in Motion pilates studio will "get you a dancer's body-without having to be one." Thirteen years ago, this was the first fully equipped pilates studios in the county; now, they also offer the Xtend Barre Workout. 783 Rio Del Mar Blvd., Aptos, 685-1779.

Divinitree Yoga

More than just a yoga studio, Divinitree is an art studio, music and dance center and growing community. Art and

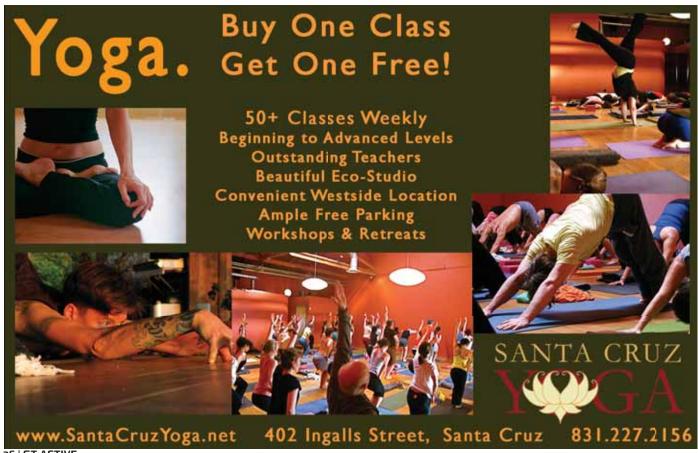
yoga drop-in classes are on a sliding scale of \$10-\$20, and all live music classes cost an additional \$2. Yoga types range from hatha and prana to "gypsy flow" and the acrobatic acroyoga. 1043b Water St., Santa Cruz, 421-0518.

Kali Rav Tri-Yoga

Kali Ray, a yognini with more than 30 years of training, founded Tri-Yoga with a goal of infusing Eastern philosophy into Western culture. Tri-Yoga, which covers all voga practices, is currently practiced in 35 countries has 15 teachers and more than 150 classes a month. 708 Washington St, Santa Cruz. 464-8100, triyoga.com.

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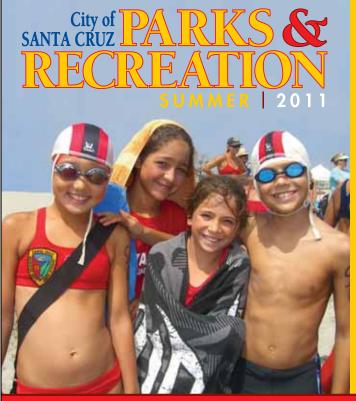
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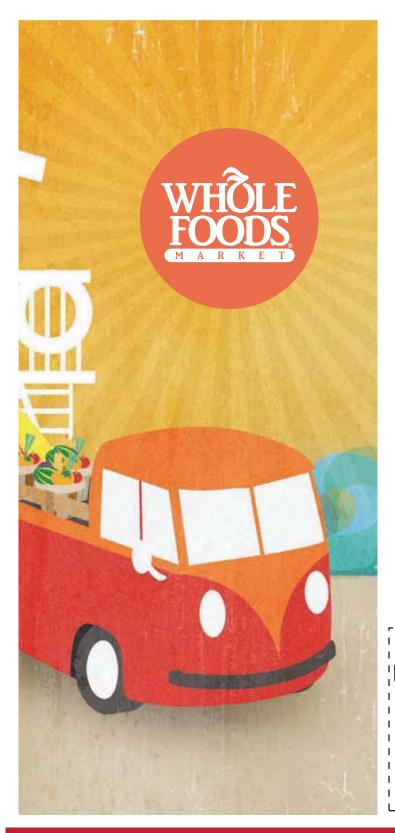
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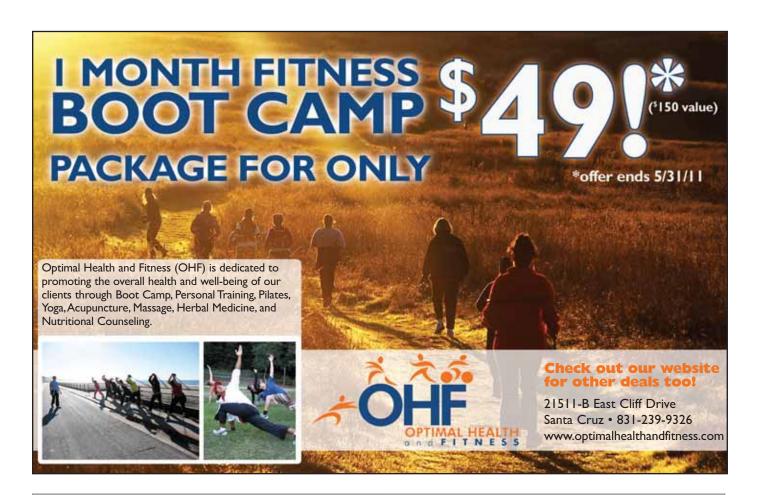
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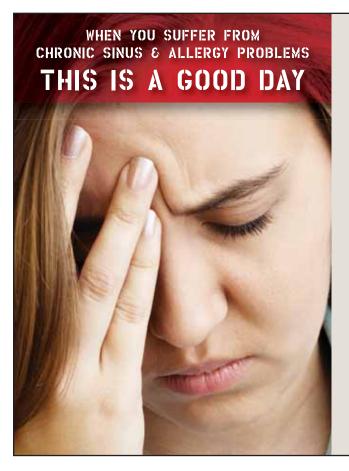
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CARESS DAY SPA

Capitola's historic Carriage House is a place where you can be pampered with a number of treatments—sports massage, an aromatherapy massage, airbrush tanning treatment (natural and lasts eight to 10 days), aromatherapy facial, microdermabrasion and more. A recent excursion to this bastion of pleasure proved to be quite rewarding. In between a facial treatment and a massage, visitors are encouraged to rest in the luxurious waiting room and sip tea or nosh on fruits or other healthy foods. Heaven. Take note of some great deals here. Caress has a stellar "Sea of Enchantment" spa treatment, which includes an oxygen glow facial, sea mineral firming body masque, makeup design and a spa lunch. It lasts four hours. There's also the "Sea of Bliss"package, which features aromatherapy and a vitamin C facial. That one runs five hours. Worried about timereally, you're in a day spa, c'mon!—then try individual services. And men-take note: The "Deep Sea Tonic" package, at three hours, is superb. It comes with a deep tissue massage and a vichy shower. All this, coupled with a friendly staff, make Caress one of the finest day spas in the area. Caress Day Spa, 911 Capitola Ave., Capitola, 462-4422, caressdayspa.com.

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and arthritis. The Chi Center provides classes in yoga, Pilates and tai chi to create healing through movement. 21511B East Cliff Drive, 465-9088, santacruzintegrativemedicine.net.

Docs

Dominican Medical Foundation

1667 Dominican Way, Santa Cruz, 475-8834.

Capitola Family Practice

528 Capitola Ave., Capitola, 475-1630.

Dominican Family Practice

1595 Soquel Dr, Suite 411, 475-8834.

Planned Parenthood

1119 Pacific Ave. Ste. 200, Santa Cruz, 426-5550.

Santa Cruz Ear, Nose & Throat

595 Soquel Drive # 230, Santa Cruz, 476-4414, 724-9449, scentmd.com/physicians/drspilman/index.htm.

Santa Cruz Women's Health Center

250 Locust St., Santa Cruz, 427-3500, cwomenshealth.org.

Westside Family Medicine & Pediatrics

2018 Mission St., Santa Cruz, 706-2220.

Westside Health Center

1119 Pacific Ave., Suite 200, Santa Cruz.

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email: info @ wamm.org, 425-0580.

DAY SPAS

L'Atelier Day Spa

A wonderful offspring of the popular hair salon in Pearl Alley in Santa Cruz, this new day spa promises to offer nourishing treatments—from massage to facials and much more. Lincoln St., Santa Cruz, 469-7546, lateliersalon.com/latelier-day-spa.

Pacific Skin Care

From facials, waxing, mineral makeup, diamond microdermabrasion and massage, you will feel like a new person. By appointment only. Great attitude and service make for a great zen experience. 879 41st Ave. [Near Portola], Santa Cruz, 476-1060, pacificskin com

Serene Skin & Body

Serene offers a wide variety of facials, massages, nail treatments and much more. A stellar full-service day spa. 108 Magnolia St., Santa Cruz, 427-1912, sereneskincare.com.

Scotts Valley Spa & Boutique

There's a fine choice of treatments to choose from: relaxing massage, skin-softening body therapy, rejuvenating facial or one of our incredible nail services. 4301 Scotts Valley Drive, Scotts Valley, 439-9900, scottsvalleyspa.com.

The Spa at Chaminade

It's not just a resort. Chaminade is also a fabulous day retreat for the day and can satisfy a number of spa needs. 1 Chaminade Lane, Santa Cruz, 475-5600, chaminade.com

Tea House Spa

Redwood decks, private ozone-purified hot tubs with jets, cedar-lined saunas and shoji windows that open into a 1940s Japanese bamboo garden—heavenly.

112 Elm St., Santa Cruz, 426-9700, teahousespa.com

Well Within Spa

The downtown Santa Cruz hot spot offers private tub and sauna rooms (some with outdoor tubs), which overlook Japanese gardens with waterfalls, bamboo, maple, blossoming cherry trees and floating water plants.

Massage rooms, too.
417 Cedar St., Santa Cruz, 458-9355, wellwithinspa.com

PLAY/DATES

APRIL MAY JUNE



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Marine Discovery Run

A life of a monk seal is saved by every runner here. Long Marine Lab, 419-0883, finishlineproduction.com/ events/LML/MDR.html



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San Lorenzo River Trail Run

The run begins and ends at Harvey West Park.

Harvey West Blvd./Dubois St., coastaltrailruns.com/slr_san_lorenzo_river.html

14

XTERRA Wilder Ranch Trail Run

Preceding the championships, this run that can be completed at 5, 10 or 21km. 877-751-8880, xterraplanet.com

22-23

El Palomar Juniors Open

Junior volleyball players compete in the sand and sun. 247-9388, harborbeachopen.com 12-13

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XTERRA Wilder Ranch Trail Run

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Santa Cruz Classic Criterium

Trained bicyclists maneuver their two-wheelers around turns, hairpins, climbs and descents. 209-533-4996, velopromo.com

15

XTERRA Pacific Championship Triathlon

Begins with a swim along the pier at Cowell Beach, followed by a run. Wilder Ranch, xterraplanet.com 22

Dirt Inspires Women's Trail 4- and 8-Mile Marathons

Four- and eight-mile marathons.

Big Basin State Park, terrischneider.net/ditrailruns

18-19

Loch Lomond Highland Games and Scottish Renaissance Festival

Uphold that Scottish tradition here.
Santa Cruz County
Fairgrounds



18

Amgen Tour— Livermore to San Jose

The world's elite cyclists compete in Stage 4 with the first-ever mountaintop finish in the race's history. amgentourofcalifornia.com

28

Santa Cruz Blues Festival

Smooth jams are played outdoors among redwoods with a top-notch sound system in the Blues Festival. Aptos Village Park, santacruzbluesfestival.com 18

Summer Invitational Jiu Jitsu Tournament

Combatants can demonstrate their prowess in the Brazilian sport of self-defense. 2-1507 East Cliff Dr., 476-7650 claudiofrancabij.com.

21-29

National Dance Week Santa Cruz

A mélange of dance-related events. Highlights include free dance classes and performances. 457-1838, santacruzdance.com/ndw.htm

20-22

DeLaveaga Disc Golf Master's Cup

Experts in disc golf gather to compete. The Master's Cup is one of the first tournaments to use a 27-hole format. delaveagadiscgolf.com



PLAY/DATES

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Fourth of July Firecracker 10k Race

Runners show their pride by running a 10k race on Independence Day. Harvey West Park, santacruzfirecracker10k.org



7-8

Cabrillo Festival of Contemporary Music

The festival on the street spotlights world music and dance. Art and food are also featured. Church Street 21

Aloha Races & Polynesian Festival

Be transported to the tropics with fresh flower leis, Hawaiian shaved ice and hula dance performances. Santa Cruz Harbor

9-17

Comerica Tennis Challenger

The best backhands, kick serves, and volleys to rival Wimbledon. 688-1993, seascapesportsclub.com.

17

Santa Cruz Dip and Dash #1

Athletes have the chance to exhibit their skills in swimming and long distance running. 419-0883, finishlineproduction.com

7-13

PDGA Professional Disc Golf World Championships

Intense golf competition is mixed with other entertaining activities such as mini golf. 2011proworlds.com/

21

University Road Race

The setting of the road race is the hills and redwoods of the scenic UCSC campus. UC Santa Cruz Campus, SC 209-533-4996 velopromo.com

10

Jungle Run Half Marathon and 10k

The lakeside trail at Vasona Park provides runners with a beautiful vista. Los Gatos Creek Trail, 408-356-0518, firstwaveevents.com/jungle_run/ 24

Wharf to Wharf Race

The scenic race spans six miles from Santa Cruz Wharf to the Capitola Wharf with 40 live bands performing along the way. wharftowharf.com

13

Santa Cruz Sprint Triathlon and Duathlon

Swimmers, runners and cyclists. 475 Tinker's Trail, Boulder Creek, finishlineproduction.com 27

Cobha Wellness Fair

Traditional and alternative practitioners, businesses, and educational institutions gather. Lincoln Street, 462-1807, cobha.org/

15

Santa Cruz Valley Farm Bureau and Agriculture Golf Tournament

Lunch, prizes, and a post-tournament reception are provided for putters. 724-1356

Wharf to Wharf

14

Santa Cruz International Triathlon

Winners receive \$1,000. 475 Tinker's Trail, Boulder Creek, finishlineproduction.com 28

Dirt Inspires Women's Trail Half Marathon

A marathon made for women by women, Dirt Inspires. Nisene Marks State Park, Aptos, terrischneider.net/ditrailruns.

16

Watsonville Criterium

Cyclists ride on smooth pavement and finish with a small hill. Winners receive merchandise, gift certificates, cash. Brewington at Palm, Watsonville, 209-533-4996, velopromo.com 30

Santa Cruz Mountains Challenge

Takes cyclists from the redwoods to the beach. The trail reaches an elevation of 11,000 feet. 555 Glenwood Dr., SV, santacruzcycling.org/scmc 14

Santa Cruz Dip and Dash #2

Held in conjunction with the International Triathlon, competitors will swim the same 1,500-meter course. 419-0883, finishlineproduction.com

31

Surf Shop Challenge

An exposition of the best surfers in the city. Surfers compete to attend the National Championships at Huntington Pier.

Steamer Lane, surfshopchallenge.com

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Windjammers Race and Party

Yachts race from San Francisco, in clear view of the Golden Gate Bridge. 425-0690 windjammersrace.org/ 18

Santa Cruz Dip and Dash #3

The final and most demanding leg of the Dip and Dash series. 419-0883, finishlineproduction.com

24-30

O'Neill Coldwater Classic

One of the hottest surf events of the year comes to life, attracting thousands. oneill.com/cwc

19

Wine Passport Program

A chance to visit wineries of the Santa Cruz Mountains not normally open to the public. Santa Cruz Mountains, 685-8463

2-5

Capitola Begonia Festival

A variety of outdoor activities such as a sand sculpture contest, a concert, and more. begoniafestival.com

22-25

Hoopcamp 2011: The Spirit Dance: Hooping for Transcen'dance'

Pema Osel Ling Tibetan Retreat Center in the Santa Cruz, hoopcampretreats.com



10-11

Capitola Art and Wine Festival

Admire art from local artists and taste wines from Santa Cruz Mountain Wineries such as Bargetto Winery. Capitola Village, 475-6522, capitolachamber.com/artwine

23

St. Michael's Golf Tournament

Funds raised during the tournament and dinner benefit St. Michael's Catholic Church. 338-6112

9

SuperKid Triathalon

Triathlons are no longer for the adults. Kids under the age of 15 can participate. 419-0883, finishlineproduction.com 25

Holiday Tree Walk

Ride to the summit of Bear Mountain to gaze upon wonderful Christmas trees decorated by local organizations. Felton, 335-4484

11

Big Kahuna Triathlon

The aptly named Big Kahuna Triathlon has competitors swim 1.2 miles, bike for 56 miles and take a long 13.1 mile run. 408-356-0518, firstwave-events.com/kahuna 25

Santa Cruz Triathlon

The triathlon is a non-profit event. Fees for racers are donated back to the community. The race: a 1.5K swim, 40K bike ride and more. santacruztriathlon.org

14-16

US Open XVI Tournament

Skilled fighters have the chance to compete against world-class athletes.

Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium 476-7650

25-26

Christmas Tree Wine Trail in the Mountains

Holiday shopping on the Summit. Mountains, trees, wine specials, ornaments, crafts, food, caroling and fun. (408) 395-0965

17

Fall Invitational Jiu Jitsu Tournament

Expert fighters can spar and grapple their way to the top. 2-1507 East Cliff Drive, 476-7650, claudiofrancabij.com

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Mermaid Triathlon

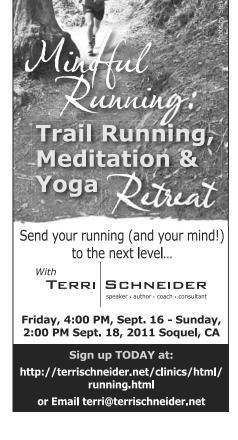
A fun way to dip a toe into the world of triathlons, women competing must swim for 400 yards, bike for 11 miles and run for 2.5. mermaidtriathlon.com 30-31

Halloween Bash Weekend/ Harbor Beach Open

Combining screams with athletics, volleyball lovers unite. 247-9388, harborbeachopen.com









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Watsonville Snow Day

Snow. Lots of it. And a Farmers Market to boot. *Watsonville*

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Surf City Cyclo-X Race 4

Racers compete through varied terrain such as dirt and pavement. The course features natural and artificial barriers. *cyclo-x.com*

Mar-Oct

Wednesday Night Sailboat Races

Fight the mid-week blues by watching sailboats race across the Santa Cruz Harbor. Santa Cruz Harbor, 425-0690

June-Sept

Boardwalk Discount Nights

Bring in a Pepsi can after 5 pm each Weds. & Thurs. night and get over 50% discount on the Unlimited Rides wristband.



Apr 5-Aug 23

Tuesday Twilight Tournament at DeLaveaga Golf Club

Members of the DeLaveaga Golf Club can enjoy a competitive game of golf. 423-7214



Shakespeare Santa Cruz

3

Downtown Santa Cruz Holiday Parade

Floats, marching bands, fire trucks, horses, classic cars and Santa go down Pacific Avenue in Santa Cruz. 429-8433

22

Surf City Cyclo-X Race 5

Racers compete through varied terrain such as dirt and pavement. cyclo-x.com

May-Oct

Harbor Beach Open

A hot day at the beach would not be complete without a game of volleyball as a player or a spectator. 247-9388, harborbeachopen.com July-Aug

Shakespeare Santa Cruz

Talented actors gather on an outdoor stage to perform Shakespeare classics. 1156 High St., 459-2121, shakespearesantacruz.org

11

Santa Cruz Jingle Bell Rock-Toys for Tots 5K

Ways to give back and get into shape as toys are donated by spectators throughout the race. 419-0883

For more events and information check out www.goodtimessantacruz.com



May 31-Oct 31

Annual Sculpture Garden

Major exhibition of sculptures throughout the beautiful demonstration gardens. Watsonville, 763-0939

June-Sept

Concerts at The Boardwalk

Two free live concerts every Friday night (June 17-Sept. 2) with music stars of the '70's, '80's and early 90's! All FREE. Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk, 423.5590





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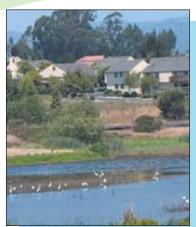


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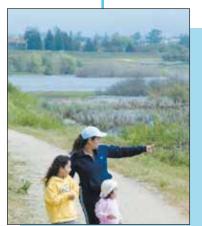


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Trail maps available at:

- Nature Center
- City Hall
- Watsonville Public Library



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