



Date: April 10, 2019
To: Patrick H. West, City Manager *P.H.W.*
From: Gerardo Mouet, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine *GM*
For: Mayor and Members of the City Council
Subject: **El Dorado Nature Center 50th Anniversary Celebration**

You and your staff are cordially invited to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the El Dorado Nature Center. Rediscover and Reconnect: "Nature Centered for 50 Years" is the theme of the festivities. Anniversary activities begin June 21, 2019 with our Solstice Celebration. Join community members, volunteers, and Parks, Recreation and Marine Department staff on the longest day of the year for an evening of music, dancing, and storytelling. Attached is a flyer with the El Dorado Nature Center's 50th Anniversary Calendar, outlining events occurring throughout the summer.

The El Dorado Nature Center opened to the public in June 1969. Created to provide open space recreational opportunities, the Nature Center has become so much more over the past 50 years. As the habitat flourished, so did the wildlife. Home to more than 175 different bird species, the Nature Center continues to be one of Southern California's premier birding destinations. Educational programs held in the Nature Center have sparked the curiosity of hundreds of thousands school-aged children, and provided hands-on learning outdoors. Countless families, adults, and seniors have walked miles on the trails, reconnecting with nature and becoming stewards of the land and all that it provides. Join us this year as we usher in a new generation of life and learning on the trails.

Please contact Community Services Supervisor Meaghan O'Neill at (562) 570-1746, for additional information.

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EL DORADO NATURE CENTER'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR

50 WAYS TO FIND YOUR CENTER!

Summer Solstice Celebration

Join us to kick off our 50th anniversary! We'll be celebrating with an evening honoring the land and people who have helped make this place special. Join us for music, dance and festivities.

Bring low chairs or blankets and a picnic. Free family event.

Friday, June 21

Gates open at 5:30 p.m. Celebration begins at 6:00 p.m.

Education Stations

Learn about the plants and animals that make the Nature Center their home.

Visit one of our interactive tables out on the trail.

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

• Wednesdays

June 26

July 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31

August 7, 14, 21 & 28

• Fridays

June 28

July 5, 12, 19 & 26

August 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

Summer Concert Series

Come for a sunset picnic by the lake while enjoying some of SoCal's best musicians.

Bring low chairs or blankets and a picnic.

Gates open at 6:30pm. Concert from 7-8pm.

\$3 suggested donation to Friends of El Dorado Nature Center.

• Thursdays

June 13

JP McDermott and Western Bop- Rockabilly

June 27

Steel Parade - Steel Drum/Calypso

July 11

Corday - Classic Rock

July 25

Salty Suites - Bluegrass

August 8

Big City Hillbillies - Country

August 22

Sligo Rags - Celtic Rock

Summer
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Family Night Walks

Pre-registration is required Registration begins online May 6 at www.lbparks.org.
What do the animals do at night? Find out on a naturalist-led exploration of the darkened trails of the Nature Center.

7-9pm. All ages. \$5 per person.
Children under 2 are free.

32311 - June 18	32316 - July 23
32312 - June 25	32317 - July 30
32313 - July 2	32318 - August 6
32314 - July 9	32319 - August 13
32315 - July 16	32320 - August 20
32321 - August 27	

a night with the stars!

Join Friends of El Dorado Nature Center and the Orange County Astronomy Club as we spend an evening gazing at the night sky and enjoying a Hollywood classic. Stars will be up above and on the big screen for this special evening of exploration and entertainment.

Gates open at 7:00 p.m.
Movie begins at 8:00 p.m. Bring low chairs or blankets and a picnic.

June 29 - Close Encounters of the Third Kind
August 24 - E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial

Artisan Craft Faire

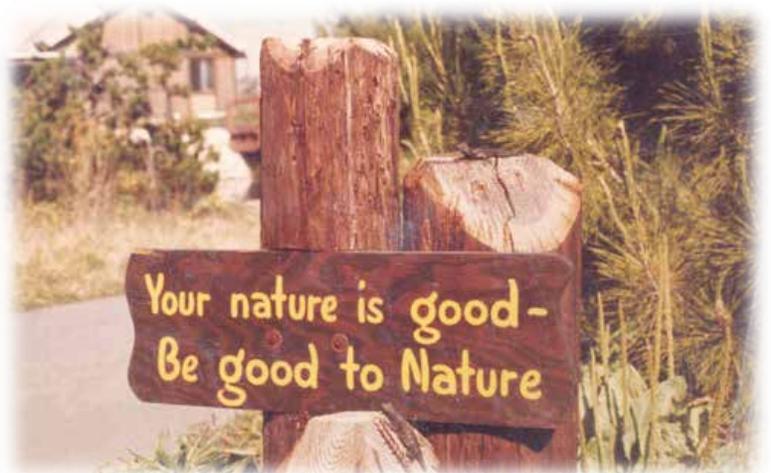
Support the extended Nature Center community at our craft revival! Shop for custom items made by local artists and crafters.

Saturdays, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

June 29
July 6, 13, 20 & 27
August 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31

Express your Love of the Nature Center through art!

Be a part of Nature Center history by taking part in our visitor-created mural. The resulting nature-inspired artwork will go on display for others to enjoy. All ages.



For more information call 562.570.1745
or visit www.longbeach.gov/naturecenter

