

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

People to Meet, Places to Go & Things to Do
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Children & Family

Mar 5 ~ Ferdinand the Bull ~ Tix \$12 Child, \$17 Adult. Show 6:30 pm, Free Fun with Art at 5:30. Target Family Fun Series at Wells Fargo Center for the Arts, 50 Mark West Springs Rd, Santa Rosa ~ 546-3600 ~ wellsfargocenterarts.org

Mar 6, 13, 20, 27 ~ Tax Preparation Assistance ~ Get help with your personal tax preparation, including applying for Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). Call River to Coast Children's Services for an appointment, 869-3613 ~ rccservices.org

Mar 22 ~ Mary Sheedy Kurchinka ~ Author of *Raising Your Spirited Child/ Discovering Who Has Come to Live With You: Discipline Strategies That Fit Each Child*. \$15 advance, \$20 door. 6:30 pm, Glaser Center, 547 Mendocino Ave, Santa Rosa ~ Liz Jimenez, 707-303-1509 ~ parentsplaceonline.org/Sonoma

Mar 27 ~ A Celebration for Spring Equinox ~ Nina Tepedino leads songs, dance, dramatizations, crafts. 2:00 pm, Guerneville Regional Library, 14107 Armstrong Woods Rd ~ 707-869-9004 ~ sonomalibrary.org

Mar 28 ~ Wild Cat Adventure ~ See five wild cats live on stage! Adults \$10, Under-12 \$5. 3:00-4:00 pm, Sebastopol Community Cultural Center, 390 Morris St ~ RSVP: 707-874 3176 ~ wildcatfund.org

4th Mondays ~ Museum Mondays ~ Activities for children ages 1-5 with a caregiver. \$5 children; adults free before 11:00 am. 10:00-Noon, Charles M. Schulz Museum, 2301 Hardies Ln, Santa Rosa ~ 707-579-4452 ~ schulzmuseum.org

RESOURCES

Babysitting Courses ~ ages 11-to-15: learn skills including handling emergencies & preventing accidents, feeding, diapering, + managing money & leadership. American Red Cross of Sonoma & Mendocino Counties ~ 577-7600 ~ arccsm.org

Bookmobile ~ promotes literacy & love of reading by giving away high quality books to persons throughout Sonoma County, primarily children & elders in rural areas not served by libraries. Glen Weaver, Glen@sonic.net ~ sonomacountybookmobile.org

Books for Big Read ~ KRCB will provide free copies of the Dover edition of "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" to Sonoma County teachers who will teach Mark Twain's classic during The Big Read. Contact Melissa Kelley, 707-537-8783, mkelley@sonic.net ~ bigreadsonoma.com

Breastfeeding Support ~ Advice, questions, problems, rent or buy a breast pump or other nursing supplies, information on classes & support groups. ~ sonoma-county.com/health/ph/mcah/breastfeeding.htm

Environmental Discovery Center ~ at Spring Lake Park. Free admission w/ paid parking. Hours: Wed-Sun, Noon-5:00 pm ~ 707-539-2865 ~ sonoma-county.org/parks

Field Trip Program ~ 'Healthy Earth, Healthy Bodies,' a hands-on K-6 science field trip program at Tolay Lake Regional Park. Mar 1--June 1, 2010. ~ 707-789-9699 ~ sonoma-county.org/parks

Kindergym ~ Play time for your kinder six months to three years old. \$4 per session. Multi-child discounts.

Mon & Tue ~ River to Coast Children's Services, 9:45-12:20, Guerneville Vets Hall, First & Church Streets ~ 707-869-3613 ~ rccservices.org

Wed & Fri ~ Sebastopol Community Center, 11:00-noon, 390 Morris Street ~ 707-823-1511 ~ seb.org

Foster Parents monthly for people considering becoming foster parents. Contact the Family, Youth, & Child Services, 1747 Copperhill Pkwy, Santa Rosa ~ Rita Jacobs, 565-4274 ~ sonoma-county.org/human/foster1.htm

Orff Music & Movement Classes ~ A joyful approach to music & dance education for children ages 4-9. Wischemann Hall, 460 Eddie Ln, Sebastopol ~ Director Janet Greene, 707-632-5526 ~ orffmusicandmovement.com

Parent Pack ~ Free online support community provides resources & a social outlet for the parents of Sonoma County (moms & dads!) ~ parentpack.org

Parents Place ~ Support groups, consultations, counseling for parents, & peer support, social networks, guidance for children. Early childhood mental health & post-adoption services. 1360 N Dutton Ave, Ste C, Santa Rosa ~ 571-2048 ~ parentsplaceonline.org/Sonoma

Parent Support Group ~ Connect, communicate & compare experiences with other parents. Light refreshments served. FREE & ongoing. Tuesdays, 6:00-8:00 pm, Russian River Counselors, 19375 River Rd, Monte Rio (across from Northwood) ~ Breeze Holloway, 707-228-5942 ~ rccservices.org

Pregnancy Counseling Center ~ Are you confused about a possible pregnancy? You don't have to face tough decisions alone. Free & confidential. ~ pccsonomacounty.org Santa Rosa, 750 Mendocino Avenue ~ 707-575-9000 and Rohnert Park, 1331 Medical Center Drive ~ 707-588-9176

River to Coast Children's Services ~ Child care assistance for families & providers, Kindergym, car seat program, family counseling, more! Serving west Sonoma County. 16300 1st St, Guerneville ~ 707-869-3613 ~ rccservices.org

Sonoma County Moms ~ Community for Moms including: resource sharing, Moms' Night Out, online forum, playdates ~ sonomacountymom.com

Storytime at the Library ~ Stories, songs, & fingerplays for children ages 2-5, with a caregiver. Free! ~ sonomalibrary.org

Mondays ~ 11:00 am, Northwest, 150 Coddington Center ~ 707-546-2265

Tuesdays ~ 10:00 am, Petaluma, 100 Fairgrounds Dr ~ 707-763-9801

Tuesdays ~ 10:30 am, Cloverdale, 401 N Cloverdale Blvd ~ 707-894-5271

Tuesdays ~ 11:30 am, Windsor, 9291 Old Redwood Hwy, Bldg 100 ~ 707-838-1020

Wednesdays ~ 10:30 am, Sebastopol, 7140 Bodega Ave ~ 707-823-7691

Wednesdays ~ 11:00 am, Guerneville, 14107 Armstrong Woods Rd ~ 869-9004

Russian River Children's Choir ~ Singers ages 6-14. Rehearsals on Thursdays, 4:15-5:00 pm, Guerneville Community Church, 14520 Armstrong Woods Rd ~ 707-869-3273 or 707-865-2702 ~ riverchoir.org

Teen Clinic ~ Pregnancy testing & counseling, birth control choices, STD testing & treatment, emergency contraception, free condoms. Free & confidential. No appointment needed! Mon-Tue-Thu, 2:30-5:30 pm. CASA, 6570 1st St., Forestville ~ 707-887-0427 ~ wchealth.org

Youth Groups

Alternate Thursdays ~ WYGOUT (West-County Youth Group Outreach Understanding Teens). 6:30-8:00 pm in the Landing at Forestville UMC, 6550 Covey Road ~ 707-736-6061 ~ wygout.org

Fridays ~ Teen Group ~ Sliding scale, no one refused. 5:00-7:00 pm at Russian River Counselors, 19375 River Rd, Monte Rio (across from Northwood) ~ 707-865-1200 ~ rivershrink.com

Sundays ~ Methodist Youth Group ~ 5 church groups. 5:00-7:00 pm, First United Methodist Church, 2150 Giffen Ave (at Stony Point), Santa Rosa ~ 707-887-2020 ~ forestvilleumc.org

NATURE

Mar 4, 7 ~ Tolay Day Use Orientation ~ Attend a free one-hour orientation & earn your day-use permit, plus maps & gate access card. Thu 6:00-7:00 pm, Sun 10:00-11:00 am, Petaluma Veterans Memorial Building, 1094 Petaluma Blvd S ~ 707-565-2041 ~ sonoma-county.org/parks

Mar 6, 20 ~ Foss Creek Restoration ~ Training, tools, gloves, water & refreshments provided. Bring sturdy shoes, long pants, & a hat. Heavy rain cancels. 8:30-11:30 am along Foss Creek at North St, Healdsburg ~ 707-433-1958 ~ russianriverkeeper.org/work/foss creek.html

Community Education Seminars ~ by Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods. \$15 general, \$5 members/docents. RSVP required: 707-869-9177 x1# ~ stewardsofthecoastandredwoods.org

Mar 6 ~ Natural & Cultural History of Willow Creek, Noon-4:00 pm

Mar 20 ~ Plant ID Hike at Armstrong Redwoods, 12:30-2:30 pm

Explore Pepperwood Preserve ~ Free, but registration is required. 3450 Franz Valley Rd, Santa Rosa ~ 707-542-2080 ~ pepperwoodpreserve.org

Mar 6 ~ High Points, 9:00-3:00

Mar 13 ~ Docent-led Hike, 9:00-1:00

Mar 20 ~ Budding Biologists, 9:00-2:00

Mar 8 ~ Park Advocacy Day ~ Meet with policymakers in Sacramento to stress the importance keeping state parks open, protected & well-maintained. Free, but registration is required. ~ calparks.org/takeaction/pad.html

Mar 13 ~ Walk Bouverie Preserve ~ 2-5 miles through evergreen forest, oak woodland, & chaparral. All ages. By donation. 9:30-1:30, 13935 Sonoma Hwy, Glen Ellen ~ RSVP: 938-4554 ~ egret.org/bouverie_gnw.html

Mar 20 ~ Laguna Evening Exploration ~ Families encouraged! 2-3 mile easy walk, BYO dinner & flashlight. Free, but reservation required. 4:30-8:00 pm, Alpha Farm, Llano Rd ~ landpaths.org

Mar 20 ~ State Parks Volunteer Orientation ~ 9:00-11:30 am, location confirmed upon reservation. ~ RSVP required: 869-9177 x1# ~ stewardsofthecoastandredwoods.org

Thru April 15 ~ Signature Gathering ~ place the "California State Parks and Wildlife Conservation Trust Fund Act of 2010" on the November ballot ~ calparks.org/takeaction