

Outdoors



The family-friendly Lollipop Run, a biannual event sponsored by Girls on the Run, takes place Saturday just west of Crissy Field in San Francisco.

Courtesy Girls on the Run 2006

CITY SPORTS

Friday After Five

Dance to live music, get a drink and snack, and stroll through the Oakland Museum of California's galleries and gardens. If you're up for it, practice Anusara-style yoga with instructor Simmin Joy. Yoga is free with museum admission on Friday as part of the museum's Friday After Five event (just make sure to bring your mat). Friday After Five takes place on the first Friday of each month. 5-9 p.m. All ages. General admission, \$8; seniors 65 and older, \$5; students (youth and adults with valid school ID), \$5; children 5 and younger, free. Oakland Museum of California, 1000 Oak St., Oakland. www.museumca.org. (510) 238-2022.

Family fun run

Men, women, boys, girls and even those in strollers may participate in Saturday's Lollipop Run, a biannual event that helps young girls enrolled in the Girls on the Run program finish their first 5K or 1-mile run and achieve season-end goals. In addition to the run, the event will feature kid-friendly activities, a DJ, face painting and a scavenger hunt. Participants receive a T-shirt, lollipop and goodie bag. Proceeds benefit Girls on the Run of the Bay Area, a program that helps educate and build confidence in young girls through

noncompetitive, curriculum-based running programs. West field of Crissy Field (toward Golden Gate Bridge, east of picnic area), San Francisco. Bib pickup and registration: 9-9:45 a.m. Mile run begins at 10 a.m.; 5K at 10:05 a.m. Adults, \$20 (\$30 run day); youths 17 and under, \$10 (\$15 run day); girls enrolled in the Girls on the Run program free. (415) 863-8942. www.gotr bayarea.org/programs/lollipop

Bike the bridge

Blazing Saddles leads three-hour guided bicycle tours that begin at Aquatic Park in San Francisco and end in Sausalito. Riders will journey from Fisherman's Wharf across the Golden Gate Bridge to Sausalito. Once in Sausalito, riders may ride the ferry back with their guide or keep the bikes and continue on their own using one of Blazing Saddles' bike-route maps. Tour departs daily at 10 a.m. Make sure to arrive 15 minutes early for check-in, bike and helmet fitting and safety orientation. All skill levels welcome. Adults (13 and older), \$60; youths (12 and younger), \$45. Return ferry ticket included in tour price. Blazing Saddles, 2715 Hyde St. (at Beach), near the Powell/Hyde Cable Car turnaround. (415) 202-8888. www.blazingsaddles.com.

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:: Bay and beyond :: Clear your head. Gape at the view. Get some exercise. Change your scenery. Meet some creatures. You're in the Bay Area, after all.

:: ANIMALS ::

Aquarium Feeding Frenzy

Help ranger Bill Cope feed the hungry inhabitants of the center's fresh and saltwater tanks. 3 p.m. Sat. Bay Model Visitor Center, 2100 Bridgeway, Sausalito. (415) 332-3871. **(NB)**

Holiday Animal People Party

Potluck It includes entertainment, booths, vegan pot luck, more. 2-5 p.m. Sun. Room 260, Fort Mason, Bldg. C. (415) 474-4021. **(SF)**

Ice Stories Meet penguin biologists, glaciologists, cosmologists, geologists and marine scientists working in Antarctica and the Arctic. They were given cameras and asked to document their adventures, in real time, so follow their research, ask questions and share in their discoveries. Check Web site for event times and updates on scheduled live connections to Antarctica. Exploratorium, Palace of Fine Arts, 3601 Lyon St. (415) 563-7337. www.exploratorium.edu/poles. **(SF)**

Monterey Bay Aquarium

"Wild About Otters" Features two species of freshwater otters, and the frogs, snakes and fish that share their river and lake habitats. Includes interactive exhibitions where visitors learn about otters from around the world. Other exhibitions include "Jellies: Living Art," the million-gallon Outer Bay display, Ocean's Edge galleries, more. 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon-Fri., 9:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Sat.-Sun. 886 Cannery Row, Monterey. (831) 648-4888. www.montereybayaquarium.org. **(SB)**

Pet Photos with Santa

Bring your pet for a holiday photo opportunity. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sun. Blackhawk Museum, 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville. (925) 736-2277. **(EB)**

Reindeer Romp

See Santa's reindeer and glide on a tent-covered ice skating rink. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Thurs.-Sun. San Francisco Zoo, Sloat Blvd. (at 47th Ave.). (415) 753-7080.

www.sfzoo.org. **(SF)**

:: THINGS TO DO ::

California Native Plant Society, Yerba Buena Chapter

Slide Show and Potluck Supper This annual year-end slide show is open to the public. Bring a potluck item to share. 6:30 p.m. Thurs. San Francisco County Fair Building, Lincoln Way and Ninth Ave., Golden Gate Park. www.cnps-yerbabuena.org. **(SF)**

Conservatory of Flowers

"Color: A Winter Carnivale." A display of floral color with a turn-of-the-century world's fair atmosphere. 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tues.-Sun. John F. Kennedy Dr., Golden Gate Park. (415) 666-7001. www.conservatoryofflowers.org. **(SF)**

Copia "Wine Across America"

Photographs from the travels of Charles O'Rear and Daphne Larkin that document the wine revolution that has led to the establishment of more than 5,000 wineries across the United States. Through June 30. 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Wed.-Mon. 500 First St., Napa. (707) 259-1600. www.copia.org. **(NB)**

Downtown Ice

Ice skate under the stars and palm trees. 5-10 p.m. Thurs., 5 p.m.-midnight Fri., noon-midnight Sat., noon-10 p.m. Sun. \$12-\$14. Circle of Palms, S. Market St., across from Plaza de Cesar Chavez, San Jose. (408) 279-1775, Ext. 44. www.sjdowntown.com. **(SB)**

Holiday Elegance at Duns-muir House and Gardens

Tours of the decorated mansion, caroling, gift shopping, children's activities, tea seatings, more. Go to Web site for details. Dunsmuir Historical Estate, 2960 Peralta Oaks Ct., Oakland. (925) 275-9490. www.dunsmuir.org. **(EB)**

Holiday Ice Skating Rink

Le Meridien San Francisco presents this holiday-season tradition. 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Sun.-Thurs., 10 a.m.-11:30 p.m. Fri.-Sat. Justin

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