

CITY OF SANTA ANA

*A Community Connection Guide*

# CULTURA

LIBRARY — RECREATION — ZOO

WINTER/SPRING 2024 · FEBRUARY—MAY



*Polynesian Performance at  
Día De Los Niños, Día De Los Libros*



# WELCOME

# ¡BIENVENIDOS!



2024 will be a year like never before! As we enter the start of a new year, the City of Santa Ana's Library, Parks & Recreation, and Zoo are excited to bring the community new events and programs for everyone to enjoy!

Residents and community members are encouraged to take a journey through program offerings with the latest edition of the *Cultura: A Community Connection Guide*. The 2024 Winter issue strives to inform the public of exciting opportunities and promote community services. Our goal is always to foster city pride by demonstrating how Santa Ana consistently incorporates ways to **LIVE, LEARN, and EXPLORE**.

Teamwork makes the dream work! Help us keep the *Cultura* a true collection of Santa Ana memories. Submit your photos to be featured in an upcoming edition of the magazine. If you are interested in sharing community pictures, please email [Cultura@santa-ana.org](mailto:Cultura@santa-ana.org)

*Recreation spaces bring pure joy and happiness. Santa Ana focuses on the well-being of all its community members and neighbors. We prioritize fun and memorable experiences for all.*  
— HAWK SCOTT, PARKS & RECREATION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Make sure to follow our social media accounts for the most up to date information on events, contests, and activities:

@CityofSantaAna  
@SantaAnaLibrary

@SantaAnaParks  
@TheSantaAnaZoo

## DID YOU KNOW?

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Fun Run award winners

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# SANTA ANA'S NEWEST MASCOT TRIO!

Santa Ana is excited to introduce the CommuniTEAM and its three new character representatives:

- TAMARINDO "TAMI" THE GOLDEN-HEADED LION TAMARIN
- PACO THE RED-CROWNED AMAZON PARROT
- OLLIE THE GIANT-RIVER OTTER

All three animal characters perfectly embody the spirit of Santa Ana. Parrots are famously known for soaring across the city, tamarins have a long-admired history inside the zoo, and otters will become Santa Ana's newest residents.

The mascots were first introduced to the public in late 2023. In an interactive effort to incorporate the community's input, an online poll was offered where participants could vote on the character's names. On January 1, 2024 winning names were announced. It was the perfect start to the new year as the new trio was officially named and joined the Santa Ana team.

The CommuniTEAM will help serve as the spirit squad for Santa Ana's community services. Each character has a distinct personality and loves to take advantage of the amazing community services offered in Santa Ana. Get to know our trio as Paco soars over parks, Tamarindo swings around the zoo, and Ollie dives into reading at the library. All three mascots will actively join opportunities to **LEARN, LIVE, AND EXPLORE** the City of Santa Ana.

Stay tuned for all upcoming Santa Ana city-wide events and programs to create fun memories with our new CommuniTEAM.



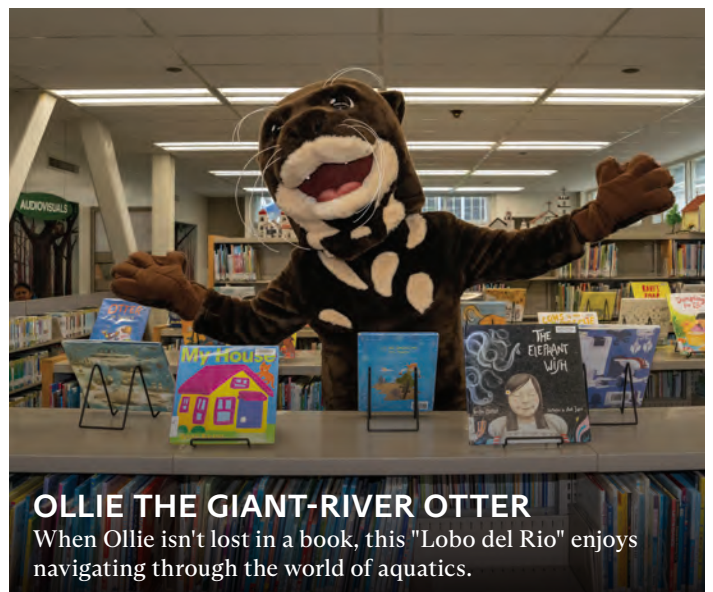
## TAMARINDO "TAMI" THE GOLDEN-HEADED LION TAMARIN

Around since 1949, Tami gets more active with time. They enjoy hanging out at the community gardens and harvesting their next treat.



## PACO THE RED-CROWNED AMAZON PARROT

Known as the "life of the party" with their larger than life squawk, Paco enjoys fitness activities to workout their wings.



## OLLIE THE GIANT-RIVER OTTER

When Ollie isn't lost in a book, this "Lobo del Rio" enjoys navigating through the world of aquatics.

**SANTA ANA COMMUNITEAM!**

[www.santa-ana.org/parks-recreation-mascots/](http://www.santa-ana.org/parks-recreation-mascots/)

# Sneak Peek: Children's Library

## *Anticipated 2026*

THE MAIN LIBRARY'S UPCOMING RENOVATION WILL OFFER AN IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCE WHERE YOUNG MINDS CAN EXPLORE OVERSIZED WONDERS AND GET CLOSER TO NATURE.

The Santa Ana Children's Library will include captivating garden illustrations featuring simple geometric forms and vibrant colors to encourage children to play, explore and imagine. Children can create a vibrant garden with unique shapes and textures, while a background mural ignites their imagination.

The Library's design is inspired by nature. Children and their families will learn about the natural world through interactive STREAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) activities.

Our Children's Library will take on a new life, embracing the beauty of nature and the boundless curiosity of childhood. Stay tuned for more updates as we approach the beginning of construction.







# 16TH ANNUAL DÍA DE LOS NIÑOS, DÍA DE LOS LIBROS

Saturday, April 27, 2024

10:30am - 2:00pm

Main Library

Celebrate the importance of children, literacy,  
and families right here in Santa Ana!

Free Event · Community Outreach Fair  
Live Entertainment · Fun-filled Activities





# MEDIA LAB

NEWHOPE

## Unleash Your Creativity at the Newhope Library's Media Lab!

Are you ready to bring your creative visions to life? Look no further than the Newhope Library's Media Lab, a haven for tech enthusiasts, artists, and hobbyists alike.

At the heart of the Media Lab are iMac computers, equipped with professional-grade software for photo, audio, and video editing. Whether you're a budding filmmaker, a musician experimenting with sound, an aspiring graphic designer, or a photographer perfecting your craft, our Media Lab is your gateway to limitless creative expression.

It's a space that encourages tactile creativity as well. You can use our sewing machines to turn fabrics into wearable art or functional pieces. Our Cricut machines allow you to design custom graphics and craft intricate projects. Add depth and dimension to your ideas with our cutting-edge 3D printers.

Getting involved is easy – simply drop by during our open hours! Our friendly staff is ready to guide you through the array of technologies available to help you kickstart your creative journey. Your next masterpiece awaits!

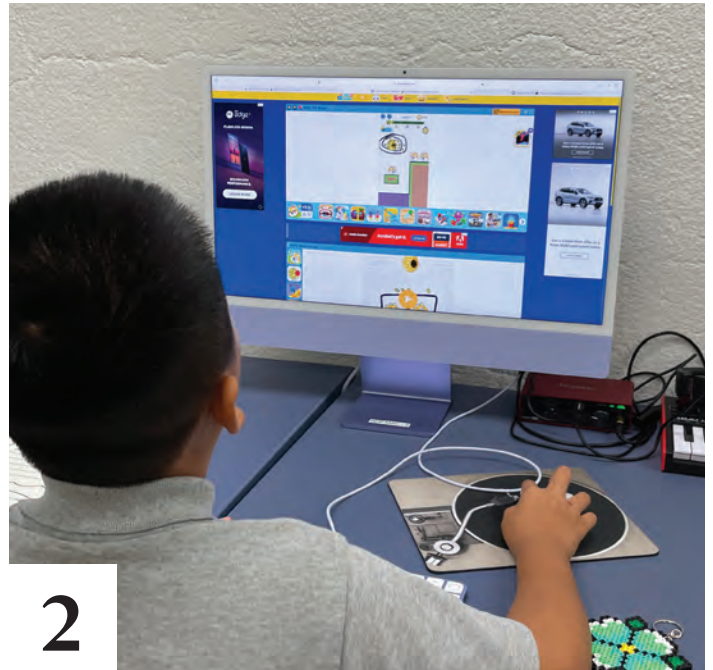
### Newhope Library

Monday – Saturday  
2:00pm – 6:00pm

1. 3D Printer
2. iMac Computer
3. Cricut Smart Creative Machine



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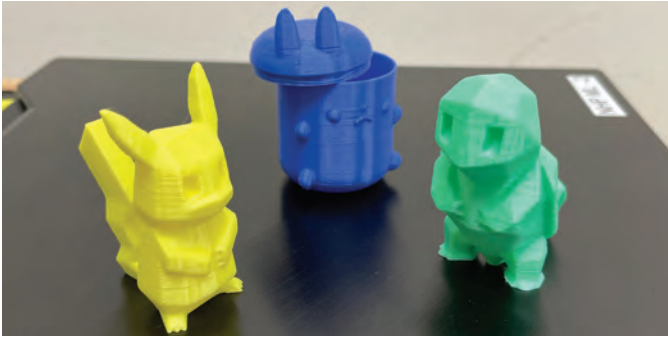


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# CREATIVITY COMING TO LIFE IN THE SANTA ANA MEDIA LAB.



## New Innovation Lab at Newhope Library Coming soon!

Following the renovation of Newhope Library, the Media Lab is set to transform into the Innovation Lab. The new space will offer more opportunities for creative exploration, with upgraded software, improved workstations, and collaborative zones that encourage the exchange of ideas. Stay tuned for updates on the renovation progress, sneak peeks of the new space, and announcements about the grand reopening.



# GARFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER

**Monday – Friday  
3:00pm – 6:00pm**

**\*All programming is free**

## ARTY PARTY

Unleash your inner artist! Create your very own masterpiece to take home. No experience required and supplies provided.

2/6/24	4:00pm – 5:30pm	Embroidery
3/5/24	4:00pm – 5:30pm	Zine Making
4/30/24	4:00pm – 5:30pm	Paint & Plant
5/2/24	4:00pm – 5:30pm	Poetry Journals
5/28/24	4:00pm – 5:30pm	Corn Husk Dolls

## CreativITEENS

Learn how to use creative technologies. Create a project to take home.

2/13/24	4:00pm – 5:30pm	Last Minute Valentine Gifts
3/12/24	4:00pm – 5:30pm	T-shirts
4/9/24	4:00pm – 5:30pm	3D Printing
5/7/24	4:00pm – 5:30pm	Paper Flowers

## CULTURE CONNECT

Each session focuses on a different culture/country and provides a sampling of snacks, activities, and a language lesson (Mango).

1/23/24	4:00pm – 5:30pm	Argentina
2/20/24	4:00pm – 5:30pm	China
3/19/24	4:00pm – 5:30pm	Ireland
4/16/24	4:00pm – 5:30pm	Lebanon
5/14/24	4:00pm – 5:30pm	Korea

## GAME NIGHT

Games, snacks, and friends. What else could you need?

1/19/24, 2/16/24, 3/15/24, 4/5/24, 5/17/24	4:00pm – 5:30pm
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## GUITAR BASICS

Learn the basics of playing the guitar.

1/30/24, 2/27/24, 3/26/24, 4/23/24, 5/21/24	4:00pm – 5:30pm
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## TEEN LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

Build leadership skills while connecting to other teens.

Thursday	4:00pm – 5:30pm
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Teens & tweens, discover a space designed just for you at TeenTime! Whether you're hitting the books, mastering a new craft, enjoying snacks, gaming, or catching up on movies, this is your spot to unwind and connect with friends. Visit our two locations and experience a space tailored to your interests!

**Garfield Center Teen Time: (714) 571-4283**  
**El Salvador Center Teen Time: (714) 647-6534**

# EL SALVADOR COMMUNITY CENTER

**Monday – Friday**  
**2:00pm – 6:00pm**  
**\*All programming is free**

## ANIME/MANGA CAFE

A monthly program where teens will screen, review and discuss anime and manga!

1/22/24, 2/26/24, 3/25/24, 4/29/24, 5/20/24 4:00pm – 6:00pm

## DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

Explore faraway lands and defeat mythical beasts with us as we play Dungeons and Dragons together!

Friday 3:30pm – 5:30pm

## JUST DANCE PARTY

Celebrate International Dance Day with us here at TeenTime as we all play Just Dance together!

4/29/24 4:00pm – 5:30pm

## Mar10 DAY CELEBRATION

Play Super Smash Bros and Mario Kart with us as we celebrate Mar10 Day!

3/11/24 4:00pm – 5:30pm

## PHILOSOPHY 101

Have you ever wanted to learn more about Philosophy or even just about life, humans, and why we are the way that we are? Put on your critical thinking caps and come learn!

2/5/24, 3/4/24, 4/1/24, 5/6/24 4:00pm – 5:30pm

## STEAM TEENS

Explore activities in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math. Activities differ each week, ranging from ASD Robots, photography practice, and arts & crafts projects! Lessons taught by staff with the help of our Teen Mentors.

Thursday 4:00pm – 5:30pm

## STEAM TEENS: Maker Mania

2/8/24	4:00pm – 5:30pm	Lunar New Year - Dragon Craft
2/14/24	4:00pm – 5:30pm	Un-Valentine's Day Craft
5/1/24	4:00pm – 5:30pm	Lei Day
5/9/24	4:00pm – 5:30pm	Mother's Day Craft

## TEEN LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

Develop valuable leadership and interpersonal skills. Make an impact on your community while sharing stories, community observations, and help improve TeenTime's programs and services!

Tuesday 4:00pm – 5:30pm



TEENTIME BY SAPL CALENDARS

[www.santa-ana.org/teentime/](http://www.santa-ana.org/teentime/)



## FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

\*All programming is free

### MAR10 DAY CELEBRATION

Celebrate our favorite mustached hero. Play Mario Kart on the Switch, having fun with Mario board games and create Mario-themed crafts. Open to all ages. Crafts and snacks available while supplies last.

**Main Library**

3/9/24 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

### MAY THE 4TH BE WITH YOU

We're celebrating Star Wars Day at the Library with games, crafts, and snacks! Take a photo with your favorite characters, grab a Boba (Fett) drink, and forge your own lightsaber to take home. Open to all ages. Crafts, snacks and drinks are available while supplies last.

**Main Library**

5/4/24 10:30am - 4:00pm



**LIBRARY EVENTS  
& MONTHLY CALENDAR**

[www.santa-ana.org/library-events/](http://www.santa-ana.org/library-events/)

## YOUTH PROGRAMS

\*All programming is free

### BLACK HISTORY MONTH - FREEDOM QUILT SQUARES

Create your own quilt patchwork square while learning how these patterns became messages that helped slaves travel the Underground Railroad.

**Main Library**

2/8/24 6:00pm – 7:30pm

**Newhope Library**

2/17/24 10:30am – 11:30am

### EARTH DAY TERRARIUMS

In celebration of Earth Day, learn how to make your own terrarium! All supplies will be provided.

**Main Library**

4/11/24 6:00pm – 7:30pm

### LIL' BOOKWORMS ONLINE - SPRING RETREAT

Lil' Bookworms is back! Join a live online tutoring session and receive personalized reading assistance from a SAPL tutor. Practice with us and improve your literacy, vocabulary, and reading comprehension skills. REGISTER: [HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/SAPLONLINETUTORING](https://tinyurl.com/SAPLONLINETUTORING)

4/1/24 – 4/4/24

### PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

**Main Library**

Tuesday 10:30am – 11:15am Preschoolers

### READ TO A DOG

We invite young readers to come read, practice and get to know our amazing canine team.

**Main Library**

2/8/24, 3/7/24, 4/4/24, 5/16/24 4:00pm – 5:00pm

### RUDY'S RADICAL SCIENCE SHOW - THE MAGIC OF SCIENCE

Take a trip that will both amaze and inform you about the wonders of chemistry! Discover the world of physical and chemical reactions in this action-packed show.

**Newhope Library**

2/7/24 6:30pm – 7:15pm

**Main Library**

2/28/24 6:30pm – 7:15pm

### SUPER SATURDAY STORYTIME

**Main Library**

Saturday 10:30am - 11:15am

### TINY TOTS STORYTIME

**Newhope Library**

Thursday 10:30am – 11:15am Babies & Toddlers

## WINTER READING PROGRAM

Register for the Winter Reading Program and earn a certificate for a child's meal from Panda Express when you read or someone reads to you 5 books. Visit the Main or Newhope Library to register in person.

**Main & Newhope Libraries** 2/1/24 – 2/29/24 8th grade & under

## WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH - CRAFT A SUFFRAGETTE ROSETTE

Come and craft a rosette badge inspired by the Women's Suffrage Movement in celebration of Women's History Month.

**Main Library**

3/14/24 6:00pm – 7:30pm

**Newhope Library**

3/16/24 10:30am – 12:00pm

## X-STREAM LAB

The X-STREAM Lab invites children ages 5+ and their families to create and explore Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Art and Math. Learn, experiment, create and get messy with us! Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/X-STREAMLab>

**Newhope Library**

2/12/24	6:00pm – 7:30pm	Cricut Card Making
3/11/24	6:00pm – 7:30pm	Engineering
5/13/24	6:00pm – 7:30pm	Tangrams

**Main Library**

2/22/24	6:00pm – 7:30pm	Cricut Card Making
3/28/24	6:00pm – 7:30pm	Rexlace
4/9/24	4:00pm – 5:00pm	Build-a-Bridge
4/23/24	4:00pm – 5:00pm	Upcycled Vehicle
5/23/24	5:30pm – 7:30pm	Cricut Spring Stickers & Decals

# TEEN PROGRAMS

**\*All programming is free**

## TEEN VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

Tour the library and receive assistance in navigating the volunteer process. <https://www.santa-ana.org/volunteer-program/>

**Main Library**

2/7/24, 3/6/24, 4/10/24, 5/8/24 6:00pm – 7:30pm

## TEEN MAKERS

Illuminate your creativity and create a craft project to take home every Monday in TeenSpace.

**Main Library**

Monday	4:00pm – 5:30pm	
2/12/24	4:00pm – 5:30pm	Unvalentine's Day
3/11/24	4:00pm – 5:30pm	Let's Make HerStory Zine
4/8/24	4:00pm – 5:30pm	National Library Day Craft
5/20/24	4:00pm – 5:30pm	Dream Catcher Project

## TEEN LIBRARY CLUB

**Main Library**

Thursday 3:30pm – 5:00pm

## ROBO-FUNTIME

**Main Library**

Tuesday 4:00pm – 5:00pm





Check out FREE items from the Library of Things

# TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS

**\*All programming is free**

## CREATE IT! WITH TECHNOLOGY

Adults! Have you ever seen a school science fair project and thought, “I know I can do better than that?” Well, here’s your chance to prove it! Each session features hands-on learning with a different creative technology and a friendly competition.

### Main Library

- 2/24/24 2:00pm - 3:30pm Simple Circuitry
- 4/20/24 3:30pm - 5:00pm UV Resin
- 5/10/24 4:00pm - 5:30pm Crime Scene Science (all ages)

## GET CONNECTED! WORKSHOP SERIES

With technology at our fingertips, getting connected has never been easier! Join us for a bilingual (English/Vietnamese) workshop on digital resources offered by the Library; learn what resources are available, how to access them, and how to create accounts for the ones you’d like to use. Open to adults.

### Main Library

- 2/24/24 3:00pm - 4:00pm Online Digital Resources
- 3/23/24 3:00pm - 4:00pm Searching for Information Online



## LIBRARY OF THINGS OPEN HOUSE SERIES

Join us for a special celebration of Youth Art Month! Create your masterpiece and check out items from the Library of Things collection to continue your creative endeavors at home! Open to all ages. Projects are available while supplies last.

### Main Library

- 3/2/24 3:00pm - 4:00pm Youth Art Month
- 4/13/24 3:00pm - 4:00pm Earth Day



## TECH DESK

Receive one-on-one help with technology-related questions, personal devices, and basic troubleshooting needs.

### Main Library

- Monday - Saturday 2:00pm - 6:00pm



# ROBOTICS PROGRAMS

## ASTOUND

Meet QT our ASD Robot. Sign up as a volunteer “Big Buddy” to help ASD “Little Buddies” (Pre-K through 3rd grade) discover and interact with robots as they practice reading and learn social/life skills.

### Main Library

Feb. 10 & 24 / Mar. 9 & 23 / Apr. 6 & 20 / May 4 & 18  
12:00pm – 1:00pm



## Meet Moxie! Robotic Companion Lending Program

The Santa Ana Public Library (SAPL) is tuning into technology to help build youth’s social and emotional skills. This program sparks friendships with a unique mate: Moxie the robot! By capturing the attention of young ones, this one-of-a-kind companion helps widen the world around kids ages 5-10. At SAPL, robots are specially programmed to teach children fundamentals such as social skills, how to follow directions, emotional development, problem solving, and self-direction.

Take advantage of this exciting robotic companion lending program, as SAPL is one of the first libraries in the country to provide this service for free. Participation requirements are limited and include a parent/caregiver orientation to explain guidelines, basic set-up, and user instructions. For more information, please contact the Santa Ana Public Library.



REGISTRATION AVAILABLE ONLINE



[www.tinyurl.com/roboticcompanion](http://www.tinyurl.com/roboticcompanion)

# ADULT PROGRAMS

\*All programming is free

## JAZZ JAMS AND OPEN MIC NIGHT

April is both National Poetry Month and Jazz Appreciation Month, so we're celebrating with an open mic night and jazz jam session! Bring your original poetry or jazz songs to share.

**Main Library**

4/6/24 3:00pm – 5:00pm Teens & Adults

## LEAGUE OF ADVENTURERS - DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

Roll the dice and unearth the wonders of the D&D universe! Join us and experience the thrill of adventure that awaits you.

REGISTER: [HTTP://TINYURL.COM/SAPLDUNGEONSANDDRAGONS](http://tinyurl.com/saplDungeonsandDragons)

**Main Library**

Wednesday 6:00pm – 7:30pm Teens & Adults

## LET'S TALK ABOUT IT BOOK CLUB

A monthly gathering of passionate readers who come together to explore the rich tapestry of literature, one theme at a time.

**Main Library**

2/17/24 1:00pm – 2:00pm Self Help

3/30/24 1:00pm – 2:00pm Historical Fiction

4/25/24 6:00pm – 7:00pm Classic Literature

5/25/24 1:00pm – 2:00pm Fantasy

## LET'S LEARN - CRICUT FOR INTERMEDIATE LEARNERS

Learn how to navigate the Cricut program to create uniquely designed projects.

**Main Library**

2/24/24, 3/23/24, 4/20/24 1:00pm – 2:00pm

## MEMOIR & POETRY WRITING CLASS

Professor Donato teaches how to blend the beauty of poetry with the depth of memoir writing, providing a platform for you to tell your life's story in verse.

**Main Library**

Apr. 3, 10, 17, & 24 6:00pm – 7:30pm

## MOVIE NIGHTS @ THE LIBRARY

**Main Library**

2/21/24 6:00pm – 8:00pm Wakanda Forever

3/20/24 6:00pm – 8:00pm The Woman King

5/8/24 6:00pm – 8:00pm Raya

**Newhope Library**

2/21/24 5:00pm – 7:00pm Remember the Titans

3/20/24 5:00pm – 7:00pm A League of Their Own

5/8/24 5:00pm – 7:00pm Isle of Dogs

## WOMEN'S HISTORY - LOTERIA NIGHT

Get your loteria cards ready to play 'HERtoria' - a vibrant game night where remarkable women from history take the spotlight. All participants will enter an opportunity drawing. REGISTRATION

REQUIRED: [TINYURL.COM/WOMENS-HISTORY-LOTERIA](http://tinyurl.com/womens-history-loteria)

**Main Library**

3/6/24 6:00pm – 7:00pm



## AUTHOR HOUR

Join us for thought-provoking discussions, insights into the writing process, and a chance to connect with other book lovers. Check the Library calendar to find out who our next guest author will be.



## SPANISH LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

### FUNDAMENTOS DE COMPUTACIÓN

Acompáñanos en nuestra serie de clases de computación que te ayudarán a desarrollar tus habilidades informáticas y sentirte más cómodo/a en el mundo digital.

**Main Library**

2/10/24 12:00pm – 1:00pm

3/9/24 12:00pm – 1:00pm

4/13/24 12:00pm – 1:00pm

### TIEMPO DE C.R.E.A.R: TALLER LITERARIO: AUTOBIOGRAFÍA Y MEMORIAS

Convierte tus recuerdos en memorias: una serie de talleres de escritura con el editor Miguel Alberto Ochoa.

**Main Library**

2/15/24, 2/29/24, 3/7/24, 3/14/24 6:00pm – 7:30pm



## RHYTHM/RITMO SANTA ANA



**Segerstrom  
Center for the Arts®**

Follow the rhythm of your heart, move your feet, and make a beat at the Santa Ana Public Library. In collaboration with The Segerstrom Center for the Arts, we are pleased to present Rhythm/Ritmo Santa Ana, a vibrant series of dance and music classes suitable for all ages and abilities.

### STUDIO D: DANCE & MUSIC COMMUNITY CLASSES

Led by a Studio D dance instructor and musician, these classes are a great way for friends and families of all abilities to have fun and participate together! The class is movement-based and supported by a live musician (when available) for participants to practice both dance and music-making skills. All are welcome and no registration/sign-ups are required.

#### ***Newhope Library***

1/10/24, 2/21/24, 3/6/24, 4/3/24, 5/8/24

12:30pm - 1:30pm Families

#### ***Main Library***

1/30/24, 2/20/24, 3/19/24, 4/20/24, 5/21/24

4:00pm - 5:00pm Families



### TEEN JAM SESSIONS - BEAT MAKING CLASS

Learn the art of crafting beats, express your unique style, and collaborate with fellow musicians. Explore beat-making with analog and digital equipment. This class is your space to create and vibe together. Join the rhythm, join the fun! Open for teens and adults. No previous experience required.

#### ***Main Library***

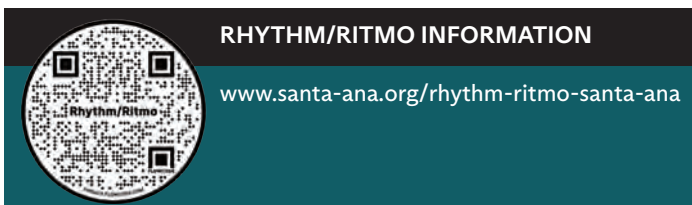
Apr. 3, 10, 17, & 24 / May. 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29 / Jun. 5, 12, & 19  
4:00pm - 5:30pm Teens & Adults

### TUESDAY NIGHT DANCING

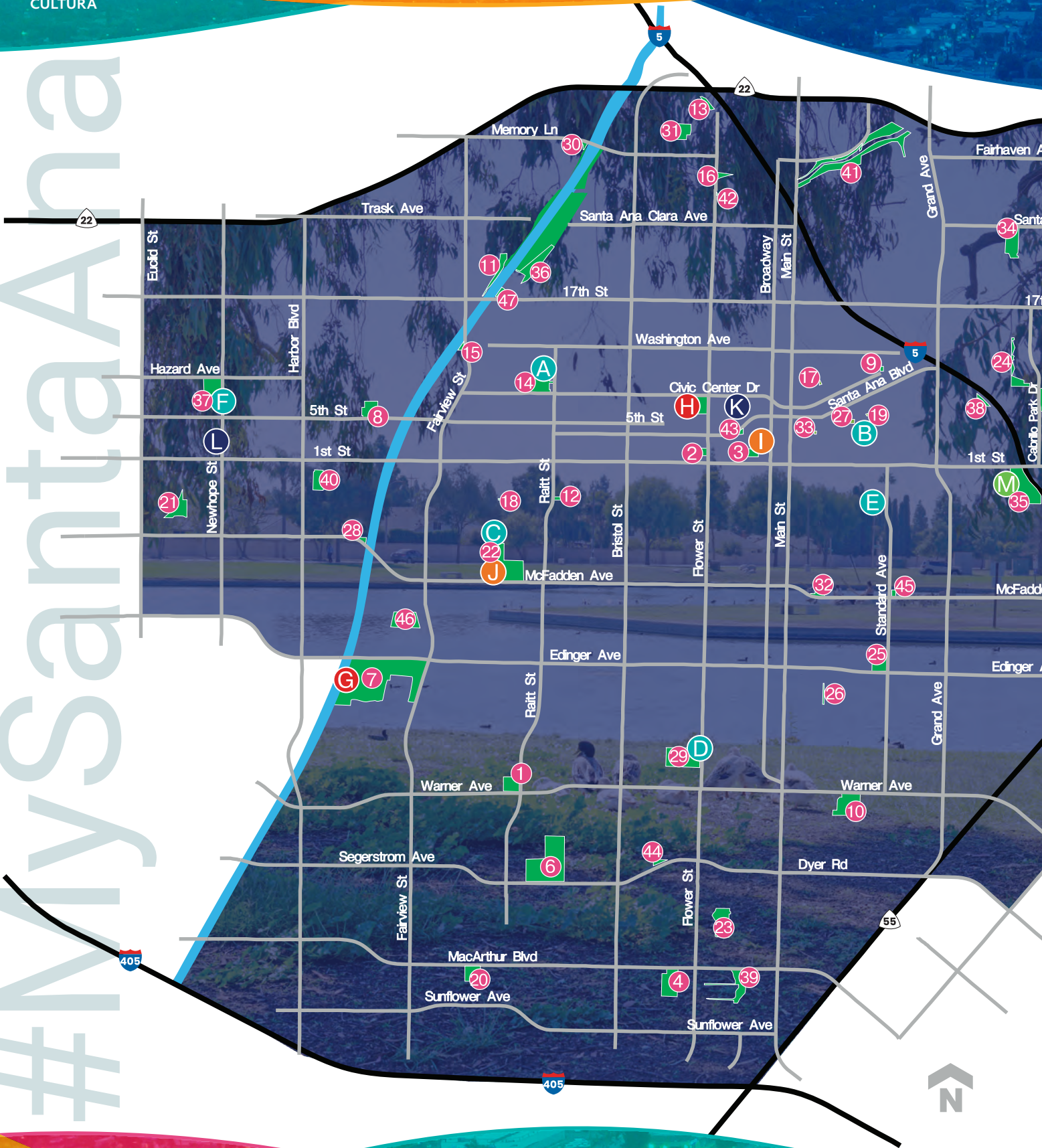
Join the SAPL and Segerstrom Center for a weekly dance class exploring a range of styles and movements each month.

#### ***Main Library***

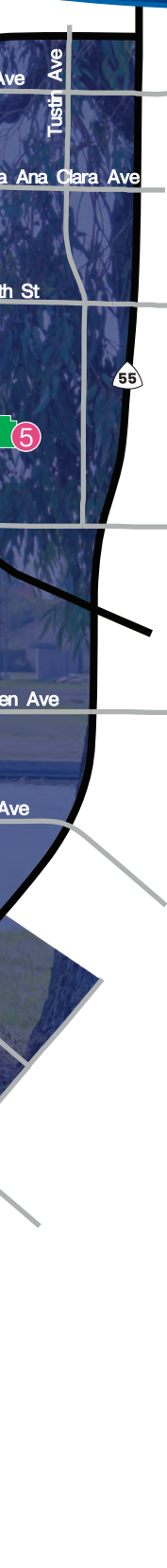
Jan. 16, 23, & 30 / Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27 / Mar. 5, 12, 19, & 26  
6:00pm - 7:00pm Teens & Adults



# #MySantaAna



# City of Santa Ana



- Zoo
- Library
- Senior Centers
- Athletic Complex
- Recreation Community Centers

- A** EL SALVADOR CENTER  
1825 W Civic Center Drive  
(714) 647-6558
- B** GARFIELD CENTER  
501 N. Lacy Street  
(714) 571-4288
- C** JEROME CENTER  
726 S. Center Street  
(714) 647-6559
- D** MEMORIAL CENTER  
2102 S. Flower Street  
(714) 571-4242
- E** ROOSEVELT-WALKER CENTER  
816 E. Chestnut Avenue  
(714) 647-5220
- F** SALGADO CENTER  
706 N. Newhope Street  
(714) 571-4267
- G** DAN YOUNG SOCCER COMPLEX  
3000 W. Edinger Avenue  
(714) 571-4225
- H** SANTA ANA STADIUM  
602 N. Flower Street  
(714) 571-4225
- I** SANTA ANA SENIOR CENTER  
424 W. 3rd Street  
(714) 647-6540
- J** SOUTHWEST SENIOR CENTER  
2201 W. McFadden Avenue  
(714) 647-5306
- K** MAIN PUBLIC LIBRARY  
26 Civic Center Plaza  
(714) 647-5250
- L** NEWHOPE LIBRARY  
122 N. Newhope Street  
(714) 647-6992
- M** SANTA ANA ZOO AT PRENTICE PARK  
1801 E. Chestnut Avenue  
(714) 836-4000

## Parks

- 1** Adams Park
- 2** Angels Park
- 3** Birch Park
- 4** Bomo Koral Park
- 5** Cabrillo Park
- 6** Carl Thornton Park
- 7** Centennial Park
- 8** Cesar Chavez Campesino Park
- 9** Chepa's Park
- 10** Delhi Park
- 11** Edna Park
- 12** Ed Caruthers Park
- 13** Eldridge Park
- 14** El Salvador Park
- 15** Fairview Triangle
- 16** Fisher Park
- 17** French Park
- 18** Friendship Park
- 19** Garfield Exercise
- 20** Griset Park
- 21** Heritage Park
- 22** Jerome Park
- 23** Lillie King Park
- 24** Mabury Park
- 25** Madison Park
- 26** Maple & Occidental Park
- 27** Mariposa Park
- 28** McFadden Triangle
- 29** Memorial Park
- 30** Memory Lane Park
- 31** Morrison Park
- 32** Pacific Electric Park
- 33** Plaza Calle Cuatro
- 34** Portola Park
- 35** Prentice Park
- 36** Riverview Park
- 37** Rosita Park
- 38** Saddleback View Park
- 39** Sandpointe Park
- 40** Santa Anita Park
- 41** Santiago Park
- 42** Sarah May Downie Garden
- 43** Sasscer Park
- 44** Segerstrom Triangle
- 45** Standard/ Mcfadden Park
- 46** Windsor Park
- 47** 17th Street Triangle

- Community Gardens
- Outdoor Fitness
- Pool
- Skate Park
- In Development
- Park Improvements Coming Soon

# CITY EVENTS



Scan the QR Code for more information on upcoming events.



**Tết Lunar New Year Festival 2.3.24**



**Egg-Cellent Adventure 3.30.24**



Volunteer Day 4.20.24



Día De Los Niños, Día De Los Libros 4.27.24



SANTA ANA  
FUN  
RUN  
2024



5k / 10k & Fit Fest 4.27.24

Zoo Event 5.29.24





# ME ENCANTA SANTA ANA

A full day dedicated to volunteering in Santa Ana. Come together as a community and help beautify your City. Sign-up for one of many specialty projects and end the day with some fun surprises.



# Volunteering is a work of heart.



## Join Santa Ana's Parks & Recreation and Public Works Agencies to spruce up Santa Ana parks.

The City of Santa Ana thrives on creating open spaces where the community can gather to recreate and engage in positive wellness activities. Parks are the perfect example of outdoor settings that promote healthy lifestyles. With parks playing such a vital role in the community's well-being, the City consistently seeks opportunities to raise awareness of environmental responsibility and encourage our resident's to reach their wellness goals.

As Earth Day approaches, what better way to celebrate environmental awareness than to come together and help tidy up Santa Ana Parks? Take part in the inaugural Me Encanta Santa Ana event Saturday, April 20, 2024 as the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Agency (PRCSA) and Public Works Agency (PWA) engage in park projects that will enhance the look and feel of our neighborhood parks with your help. Celebrate Earth Day together and help beautify YOUR city's park facilities, clean up fields and garden spaces.

Join us in working alongside city staff as we collaborate on specialty service projects around Santa Ana. The City works every day to deliver efficient public services, but on this special day, we are opening the door to the community to work on beautifying our City as a team.

Projects will be listed on [www.santa-ana.org/me-encanta/](http://www.santa-ana.org/me-encanta/) for residents and community groups to volunteer and participate. All registered participants will receive a thank you meal and the first ever Me Encanta Santa Ana community shirt. This shirt will perfectly embrace the heart of the Santa Ana community and serve as a beacon of pride, as we continue this volunteer day for years to come. After a fulfilling morning of service, end the day with a special celebration.

Show off your community pride by livening up the heart of Orange County and be part of spearheading the environmental movement to further prove why we all love Santa Ana!

## Me Encanta Santa Ana Saturday, April 20, 2024

**PROJECTS WILL BE LISTED ON**

[www.santa-ana.org/me-encanta/](http://www.santa-ana.org/me-encanta/)





Heart design outlines 49 Santa Ana parks.



# AQUATICS

## AMERICAN RED CROSS LIFEGUARD TRAINING

FREE 15.5yrs+

Certification program with hands-on training and exam. Receive 2-yr Lifeguard/ First Aid/ CPR/ AED certification upon full completion of ONE weekend session.

### Jerome Center/Pool

3/22/24 - 3/24/24 Friday - Sunday

4/5/24 - 4/7/24 Friday - Sunday

4/19/24 - 4/21/24 Friday - Sunday

5/3/24 - 5/5/24 Friday - Sunday

Friday 4:00pm - 9:00pm, Saturday & Sunday 9:00am - 9:00pm

## E.L.L. (EMERGING LIFEGUARD LEADERS)

FREE 16 - 24yrs

Physical training prepares participants for lifeguard certification course. Learn lifeguard skills and basic water safety.

### Jerome Center

3/5/24 - 3/26/24 Tuesday 5:30pm - 7:30pm

4/2/24 - 4/30/24 Tuesday 5:30pm - 7:30pm

## AQUA FITNESS

FREE 18yrs+

Low impact exercise fitness class to improve cardiovascular health, strength and flexibility. Heated pool.

### Jerome Pool

3/13/24 - 5/22/24 Wednesday 9:15am - 10:00am

10:15am - 11:00am



Now Hiring Lifeguards Summer 2024  
Scan QR code below for more info

# ATHLETICS

## SANTA ANA MOVES

\$15/month or \$120/annual 18yrs+

Open fitness program for self-led workouts. Gain access to stadium stairs and field.

### Santa Ana Stadium

Monday - Friday 11:00am - 1:30pm

## ADULT SPORTS

FEEES INCLUDE OFFICIAL FEES AND CHAMPIONSHIP AWARD.

### CO-ED KICKBALL

Eight-game season, plus playoffs.

#### Thornton Park

\$40 per player/\$600.00 for a team of 15

Wednesday nights starting at 6:00pm

ONLINE REGISTRATION DATES: Feb. 12 - Mar. 15

SEASON DATES: Mar. - Jun.

### MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Eight-game season, plus playoffs.

#### Godinez High School

\$60 per player/\$600.00 for a team of 10

MEN'S DIV: Tuesday nights starting at 6:00pm

WOMEN'S DIV: Thursday nights starting at 6:00pm

ONLINE REGISTRATION DATES: May 13 - Jun. 28

SEASON DATES: Jul. - Sep.

## YOUTH SPORTS

\*TO REGISTER BRING A BIRTH CERTIFICATE, PROOF OF GRADE, AND CHECK/MONEY ORDER.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Grades Pre-K to 8th

#### Jerome and Salgado Center

\$41.00 per child (includes a team shirt, participation trophy, and 10-weeks of practices/games)

IN PERSON REGISTRATION DATES:

Feb. 12, 14, 19, 21 5:30pm - 8:30pm

Feb. 17 & 24 10:00am - 2:00pm

SEASON: Mar. - May

### BOYS BASEBALL AND GIRLS SOFTBALL

Grades Pre-K to 8th

#### Jerome Park

\$41.00 per child (includes a team shirt, participation trophy, and 10-weeks of practices/games)

IN PERSON REGISTRATION DATES:

Apr 29 & May 1, 6, 8 5:30pm - 8:30pm

May 4 & 11 10:00am - 2:00pm

SEASON: May - Aug.



AQUATICS INFORMATION

[www.santa-ana.org/aquatics/](http://www.santa-ana.org/aquatics/)



SPORTS PROGRAM INFORMATION

[www.santa-ana.org/sports/](http://www.santa-ana.org/sports/)

# COMMUNITY EDUCATION

## ACTIVE PARENTING **NEW**

FREE/6 WEEKS 18yrs+

Evidence based curriculum taught for parents in Spanish. Childcare provided during class.

\*Begins Feb 2024

### *Garfield Center*

Parents of Children 6-12yrs Tuesday 5:30pm – 7:30pm

### *Jerome Center*

Parents of Children 0-5yrs Friday 5:30pm – 7:30pm

\*Begins May 2024

### *El Salvador Center*

Parents of Children 0-5yrs Wednesday 5:00pm – 7:00pm

## AEROBICS **NEW TIMES**

Designed for beginning and intermediate fitness skills.

### *Salgado Center*

Tuesday & Thursday 10:00am – 11:00am \$25/month 18yrs+

Tuesday & Thursday 6:00pm – 7:00pm \$25/month 18yrs+

Monday & Wednesday 6:00pm – 7:00pm \$25/month 18yrs+

## BALLET AND CREATIVE DANCE

Experience the joy & beauty of dance through ballet techniques.

### *Jerome Center*

Saturday 9:30am - 10:20am \$30/month 3 - 5yrs

Saturday 10:30am - 11:20am \$30/month 6 - 12yrs

### *El Salvador Center*

Thursday 3:30pm - 4:15pm \$30/month 3 - 5yrs

Thursday 4:30pm - 5:15pm \$30/month 6 - 8yrs

## BASIC GUITAR

Learn basic chords, songs, and guitar patterns. Students must provide their own guitars.

### *El Salvador Center*

Tuesday 6:00pm – 7:00pm \$45/month 9yrs+

## BALLET, JAZZ, & TAP

Learn fundamentals in a non-competitive environment. Leotard, tights, ballet, & tap shoes required.

### *Roosevelt-Walker Center*

Wednesday 5:25pm – 6:10pm \$39/month 3 - 6yrs

## BEGINNING GERMAN

Interactive language & culture course.

### *El Salvador Center*

Thursday 4:00pm – 5:00pm \$50/month 10yrs+



**CLASSES AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

<https://secure.rec1.com/CA/santa-ana-ca/catalog>

CULTURA

**BEGINNING TENNIS NEW**

Learn basic drills & techniques. Rackets provided upon request.

**Neal Machander Tennis Court**

Saturday	10:45am – 11:45am	\$150/month	4 - 7yrs
Saturday	11:45am – 12:45pm	\$150/month	8 - 12yrs
Saturday	12:45pm – 1:45pm	\$150/month	18yrs+
Sunday	11:45am – 12:45pm	\$150/month	3 - 5yrs
Sunday	12:45pm – 1:45pm	\$150/month	18yrs+

**BEGINNING PICKLEBALL**

Introduction to pickleball. Rackets provided upon request.

**Neal Machander Tennis Court**

Saturday	4:00pm – 5:00pm	\$150/month	8 - 12yrs
Saturday	5:00pm – 6:00pm	\$150/month	13 - 17yrs
Saturday	6:00pm – 7:00pm	\$150/month	18yrs+

**DANZA FOLKLORICO NEW DAYS & TIMES**

Fundamental steps, choreography & stylistic nuances unique to the various regions of Mexico. Additional costs for dance attire.

**El Salvador Center**

**BEGINNING**

Monday & Wednesday	5:30pm - 6:30pm	\$55/month	5yrs+
Saturday	12:00pm -1:00pm	\$45/month	5yrs+

**INTERMEDIATE**

Monday & Wednesday	6:30pm - 7:30pm	\$55/month	8yrs+
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**ADVANCED**

Friday	5:30pm - 7:30pm	\$55/month	12yrs+
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**ADAPTIVE DANCE** for (students of all ages and abilities)

Saturday	11:00am - 12:00pm	\$45/month	5yrs+
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**EXPLORING ASTROLOGICAL CONCEPTS**

**NEW**

Explore the historical origins, cultural significance, and basic principles of astrology.

**El Salvador Center**

Tuesday	4:00pm – 5:00pm	\$50/month	14yrs+
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**FUN WITH SOUNDS NEW LOCATION & TIME**

Parent-and-Me introduction to music and dance class.

**Salgado Center**

Tuesday	9:30am – 10:00am	\$39/month	1 – 4yrs
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**Roosevelt-Walker Center**

Tuesday	11:15am - 12:00pm	\$39/month	1 - 4yrs
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**GALACTIC SPORTS CO-ED SOCCER NEW**

**FREE** 6-13yrs

Learn fundamental soccer skills.

**Jerome Center**

Tuesday	5:30pm - 6:30pm
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**HIP-HOP NEW**

Learn beginning hip-hop and basic tumbling skills.

**Roosevelt-Walker Community Center**

Wednesday	6:20pm – 7:05pm	\$39/month	3 - 6yrs
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Wednesday	7:15pm – 8:00pm	\$39/month	6 - 11yrs
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**KARATE DO KIAI**

Japanese style martial arts.

**Jerome Center**

Monday & Wednesday	5:30pm - 6:30pm	\$50/month	5 - 9yrs
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Monday & Wednesday	6:30pm - 7:30pm	\$50/month	10 - 18yrs
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**LATIN ZUMBA FITNESS NEW TIMES & LOCATIONS**

Dance to the rhythms of the world with easy steps.

**Salgado Center**

Monday & Wednesday	9:00am – 10:00am	\$25/month	18yrs+
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Monday & Wednesday	7:00pm – 8:00pm	\$25/month	18yrs+
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**Roosevelt-Walker Community Center**

Monday & Wednesday	10:00am – 11:00am	\$30/month	18yrs+
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**MEDITATION IN SPANISH**

Learn how to develop & maintain a daily meditation practice through this Spanish led class.

**Garfield Community Center**

Wednesday	6:00pm – 7:00pm	\$12/week or \$50/month	18yrs+
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**Roosevelt-Walker Community Center**

Thursday	7:00pm - 8:30pm	\$12/week or \$50/month	18yrs+
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**PIANO NEW**

Learn the basics of piano.

**Roosevelt-Walker Community Center**

Wednesday	7:00pm – 8:00pm	\$40/month	6yrs+
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**PRINCESS BALLET NEW**

Learn the basics of ballet.

**Roosevelt-Walker Community Center**

Wednesday	4:30pm – 5:15pm	\$39/month	3 - 5yrs
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**SEWING LESSONS**

**LVL 1:** Learn the basic sewing skills. **LVL 2:** Learn decorative stitches. \$10 material fee collected on the first day of class.

**Jerome Center**

LVL 1 Saturday	9:40am - 10:50am	\$45/month	11 - 18yrs
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LVL 2 Saturday	11:00am - 12:10pm	\$45/month	11 - 18yrs
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**TINY TYKES SOCCER NEW**

Learn basic soccer skills through imaginary themes. Fee includes soccer ball & jersey.

**Jerome Center**

**SESSION 1:** 2/02 – 3/22      **SESSION 2:** 4/05 – 5/24

Friday	9:15am - 10:00am	\$130/8 weeks	2 – 3yrs
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Friday	10:15am - 11:00am	\$130/8 weeks	4 – 5yrs
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**TUMBLE-N-KIDS, INC. GYMNASTICS**

ADDITIONAL COST: \$2 material fee on the first day of classes.

**TEENY TUMBLERS** explores elementary roll, crawl, & jumping through music with partner assistance.

*El Salvador Center*

Tuesday 9:30am - 10:15am \$52/4 weeks 9mo - 1.5yrs

**TUMBLE BUGS** offers auditory and social skills through basic obstacle courses.

*Jerome Center*

Saturday 9:30am - 10:15am \$52/4 weeks 1.5 - 3yrs

*El Salvador Center*

Tuesday 10:20am - 11:05am \$52/4 weeks 1.5 - 3yrs

**JUNIOR OLYMPIANS** introduces gymnastic skills and coordination.

*Jerome Center*

Saturday 10:30am - 11:15am \$65/4 weeks 3 - 5yrs

*El Salvador Center*

Tuesday 11:15am - 12:15pm \$65/4 weeks 3 - 5yrs

**JAMMIN' GYMNASTICS** explores the disciplines of gymnastics.

*Jerome Center*

Saturday 11:30am - 12:30pm \$65/4 weeks 6 - 12yrs

*El Salvador Center*

Tuesday 4:00pm - 5:00pm \$65/4 weeks 6 - 12yrs

**KARTWHEEL-N-KIDS** explores the disciplines of gymnastics.

*El Salvador Center*

Tuesday 3:00pm - 4:00pm \$65/4 weeks 4 - 6yrs

**CHEERNASTICS** explores the disciplines of cheer and gymnastics.

*El Salvador Center*

Tuesday 5:00pm - 6:00pm \$65/4 weeks 6 - 12yrs

**ADVANCED FLOOR TUMBLING** builds strength and conditioning while developing increased skills. **NEW**

*Jerome Center*

Saturday 12:30pm - 1:30pm \$65/4 weeks 6 - 12yrs

**TRACK AND FIELD CLUB**

Fundamentals of Track and Field

*Memorial Park*

Tuesday & Thursday (\*No class 1st week of April)

1/23 - 3/12 6:30pm - 8:00pm \$50/8 weeks 5 - 14 yrs

3/19 - 5/14\* 6:30pm - 8:00pm \$50/8 weeks 5 - 14 yrs

**YOUNG REMBRANDTS NEW LOCATION & TIME**

Learn the art of elementary drawing step by step!

*Garfield Center*

Wednesday 3:15pm - 4:15pm \$45/month 5yrs+



**COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

**SANTA ANA COLLABORATIVE - SEEKING NEW MEMBERS!**

CONTACT: (714) 647-5308

Monthly meeting for local Santa Ana agencies to meet and discuss community outreach and resource opportunities.

*El Salvador Center*

2nd Wednesday of the month 12:00pm

**ORANGE COUNTY THERAPEUTIC ARTS CENTER (OCCTAC)**

Santa Ana REVIVE funding is bringing OCCTAC to our facilities. Early childhood enrichment programs available at below locations:

*Garfield Center*

*Jerome Center*

*Roosevelt-Walker Community Center*

*Salgado Center*



**Spring Fest:**  
**Open House**  
**El Salvador Center**  
 Saturday, April 6, 2024  
 11:00am - 1:00pm

# YOUTH & TEENS

## YOUTH

### AFTER-SCHOOL ADVENTURES PROGRAM

FREE 6 - 12yrs

Daily adventures with recreational games, sports, dance, music, health, fitness, arts & crafts, cooking, and more!

*Salgado Center*

Monday - Friday 2:30pm - 5:30pm

Wednesday 1:30pm - 5:30pm

### LOS MURALITOS ART CLUB NEW

\$25/MONTH 6 - 12yrs

Become a Muralitos by exploring different forms of art. Fee includes all materials.

*Salgado Center*

Friday 5:30pm - 6:30pm

### KIDS NIGHT OUT

\$5/NIGHT 6 - 12yrs

An evening of fun festive crafts, games, entertainment, and more!

*El Salvador Center*

2/16/24 6:00pm - 8:30pm 70s Tie Dye Fun

3/15/24 6:00pm - 8:30pm Safari Night

4/19/24 6:00pm - 8:30pm Science Night

5/17/24 6:00pm - 8:30pm Carnival Night

*Jerome Center*

2/23/24 6:00pm - 8:30pm Carnival Night

*Garfield Center*

3/22/24 6:00pm - 8:30pm Cinema Night

*Salgado Center*

4/26/24 6:00pm - 8:30pm Safari Night

*Roosevelt Center*

05/03/24 6:00pm - 8:30pm Marionette Show

### LITTLE PICASSOS

\$2/CLASS 2 - 5yrs

Parent & Me creative art program.

*El Salvador Center*

1st & 3rd Monday 10:00am - 10:45am

### NATURE IN ACTION

FREE 7 - 10yrs

Discover nature, meet animals, and learn from Zoo staff.

*Garfield Center*

2/7/24 1:30pm - 2:30pm

2/14/24 1:30pm - 2:30pm

2/21/24 1:30pm - 2:30pm

*El Salvador Center*

3/6/24 1:30pm - 2:30pm

3/13/24 1:30pm - 2:30pm

3/20/24 1:30pm - 2:30pm

*Salgado Center*

4/3/24 1:30pm - 2:30pm

4/10/24 1:30pm - 2:30pm

4/17/24 1:30pm - 2:30pm



## TEENS

### TEEN HUB

FREE 13 - 17yrs

Come to make friends, play games, listen to music, or just relax.

*Garfield Center & Salgado Center*

Monday - Friday 3:30pm - 6:00pm

### TEEN EXCURSION PROGRAM

FREE 13 - 17yrs

Limited spots available per excursion, register early.

*Garfield Community Center*

2/17/24 Private Movie Screening

3/23/24 San Diego Zoo

4/20/24 Pirates Dinner Adventure

5/25/24 Jet Propulsion Laboratory



### ARTS ACADEMY

FREE 13 - 17yrs

Monthly art workshops with a Gallery Night showcase.

*Salgado Center*

2/10/24 10:00am - 2:00pm Learn to Create a Comic Strip

GALLERY NIGHT: 2/15/24

3/16/24 10:00am - 4:00pm Animate a Bouncing Ball

GALLERY NIGHT: 3/22/24

4/6/24 10:00am - 4:00pm Drawing and Painting

GALLERY NIGHT: 4/11/24

5/18/24 10:00am - 4:00pm Collage/Mix Media Art

GALLERY NIGHT: 5/23/24



**YOUTH & TEENS PROGRAM  
REGISTRATION**

[www.santa-ana.org/youth-and-teens/](http://www.santa-ana.org/youth-and-teens/)

**HEALTH & WELLNESS PROGRAM  
REGISTRATION**

[www.santa-ana.org/health-and-wellness/](http://www.santa-ana.org/health-and-wellness/)

# HEALTH & WELLNESS PROGRAMS

**\*All programs FREE and for all ages (unless specified)**

## WELLNESS PROGRAMS

### WILDERNESS CLUB

*Roosevelt-Walker Community Center*

Explore local habitats and wilderness parks with staff. Transportation to excursion provided.

### SADDLEBACK WILDERNESS HIKE

2/10/24 9:00am - 12:00pm 7yrs+

### RANGER PROGRAM AT CASPERS'S WILDERNESS PARK

3/9/24 10:00am - 2:00pm 6yrs+

### ENHANCED WHALE WATCHING

4/2/24 9:00am - 1:00pm 6yrs+

### MARINE PROTECTED AREA (MPA) CLASS, HIKE, AND TIDE POOL EXPLORATION

**PART 1:** Pre-trip in-person discussion on tidal ecosystems at *Roosevelt-Walker Community Center*

5/2/24 4:30pm - 6:00pm 10yrs+

**PART 2:** Marine Protected Area (MPA) Hike and Tide Pool Exploration

5/4/24 11:00am - 4:00pm 10yrs+

### SOCCER FUN! KICKING IT WITH THE NEIGHBORS!

FREE 11yrs+

Get active with us and play soccer with the community!  
1/8/24 - 5/23/24 Monday & Thursday 4:00pm - 5:30pm

### FOOD AND NUTRITION EDUCATION PROGRAM **NEW**

FREE 18yrs+

9-class nutrition series based on latest research.  
*Roosevelt-Walker Community Center*  
1/18/24 - 3/7/24 Thursday 6:00pm - 7:00pm

### GAME NIGHT! **NEW**

Enjoy Friday game nights with the community!  
*Roosevelt-Walker Community Center*  
1/12/24 - 5/24/24 Friday 6:30pm - 8:30pm

### GOLDEN CITY HOUR

*Santiago Park*

Two-mile staff guided walk. Learn about the Santiago Creek Watershed and surrounding nature. Meet at Santiago Park Oak Grove Picnic Area.

2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month  
Feb. 14 & 28 3:00pm to 5:00pm

2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month  
Mar. 13 & 27, Apr. 10 & 24, May 8 & 22 5:00pm to 7:00pm



### HOOP OUT AND SHOOT OUT!

Play pickup games with the community!  
*Roosevelt-Walker Community Center*  
1/10/24 - 5/22/24 Wednesday 6:30pm - 7:30pm

### FITNESS AND WELLNESS AT ROOSEVELT!

Circuit and weight training on outdoor fitness equipment.  
*Roosevelt-Walker Community Center*  
1/11/24 - 5/25/24 Thursday 6:00pm - 7:00pm  
Saturday 10:00am - 11:00am

### COMMUNITY GARDENS

Five community gardens available for residents to gather, learn, relax, connect with nature, and participate in specialty workshops. Please refer to the City Map for location details.



*El Salvador Park, Jerome Park, Madison Park, Pacific Electric Park, Roosevelt-Walker Community Center*

**SANTA ANA URBAN GARDENER** Earn badges every step of the way to becoming an official Santa Ana Urban Gardener.

### INTERNATIONAL COMPOST AWARENESS WEEK

ALL COMMUNITY GARDEN LOCATIONS

Composting workshops at all five gardens.

<i>Madison Park Garden</i>	5/6/24	5:00pm - 7:00pm
<i>Pacific Electric Park Garden</i>	5/7/24	5:00pm - 7:00pm
<i>El Salvador Park Garden</i>	5/8/24	5:00pm - 7:00pm
<i>Jerome Park Garden</i>	5/9/24	5:00pm - 7:00pm
<i>Roosevelt-Walker Garden</i>	5/10/24	5:00pm - 7:00pm

### RAÍCES **NEW**

Meet community members as we grow knowledge through human roots. Vibrant and inclusive experience centered around gardening, nutrition, and sustainable practices.

<i>Southwest Senior Center</i>	2/26/24	5:00pm - 6:00pm
<i>Santa Ana Senior Center</i>	3/18/24	5:00pm - 6:00pm
<i>Jerome Park Garden</i>	4/22/24, 5/20/24	6:00pm - 7:00pm

# SENIOR SERVICES

Senior Services offer a variety of recreational activities at no cost to seniors ages 55+. Register in person to participate in the classes and activities listed below at one of the senior centers.

## CONGREGATE LUNCH PROGRAM

Offers healthy nutrition and social connections for older adults. Seniors are welcome to eat and socialize with their peers Monday through Friday at Santa Ana and Southwest Senior Centers.

## SENIOR TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

Roundtrip transportation services for seniors ages 60+ available from place of residence to either Senior Center in Santa Ana. Seniors must be Santa Ana residents. Additional transportation program activities may also be provided.

### TONE & STRENGTH POP UP

*Santa Ana Senior Center*  
1/12/24 9:00am – 9:50am  
*Southwest Senior Center*  
1/22/24 12:00pm – 1:00pm

### STANDING CARDIO POP UP

*Southwest Senior Center*  
3/6/24 10:30am – 11:30am  
*Santa Ana Senior Center*  
3/8/24 9:00am – 9:50am



Photo by: Gabriella Angotti-Jones

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

### ARTS & CRAFTS

*Southwest Senior Center*  
Wednesday 12:00pm – 1:30pm

### BILLIARDS OPEN PLAY

*Santa Ana Senior Center*  
Monday – Friday 8:00am – 5:00pm  
*Southwest Senior Center*  
Monday – Friday 8:00am – 5:00pm

### BODYWORK FITNESS

Low-impact fitness with a Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu perspective.  
*Santa Ana Senior Center*  
Monday & Wednesday 8:30am – 10:00am  
*Southwest Senior Center*  
Thursday 8:30am – 10:00am

### BODY IN MOVEMENT

Line dance inspired fitness class  
*Santa Ana Senior Center*  
Monday 3:45pm – 5:15pm  
*Southwest Senior Center*  
Friday 10:00am – 11:00am

### FABRIC ARTS

*Santa Ana Senior Center*  
Monday 10:00am – 12:00pm

### FALL PREVENTION FITNESS FOR OLDER ADULTS

Physical fitness designed to strengthen muscles, balance, coordination, reflexes, and range of motion for fall prevention.  
*Santa Ana Senior Center*  
1/18/24 – 3/7/24 Thursday 3:15pm – 5:15pm







**GROOVE MOVEMENTS**

*Southwest Senior Center*  
Monday 3:15pm – 4:00pm

**KARAOKE**

*Santa Ana Senior Center*  
Monday 10:00am – 11:00am  
*Southwest Senior Center*  
Wednesday 1:00pm – 2:30pm

**LOW IMPACT CHAIR YOGA**

*Southwest Senior Center*  
Friday 1:00pm – 3:00pm

**LOW IMPACT RESISTANCE TRAINING**

*Santa Ana Senior Center*  
Wednesday 10:30am – 12:00pm  
*Southwest Senior Center*  
Friday 1:00pm – 2:30pm

**MUSIC OF LATIN CULTURES**

Provides a positive framework for developing and enhancing music appreciation, vocal, and instrumental skills.  
*Santa Ana Senior Center*  
Friday 3:30pm – 5:00pm

**SELF-DEFENSE FOR OLDER ADULTS**

Increased awareness for health and wellness through self-defense exercises.  
*Santa Ana Senior Center*  
3/14/24 – 5/25/24 Thursday 3:15pm – 5:15pm

**SINGING FOR BEGINNERS**

*Southwest Senior Center*  
Wednesday 3:15pm – 4:00pm

**STRETCH CLASS**

*Southwest Senior Center*  
Wednesday & Friday 8:30am – 9:00am

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**TABLE TENNIS FOR BEGINNERS**

*Santa Ana Senior Center*  
Thursday 2:30pm – 3:30pm

**TAI CHI**

Concentration on breathing, deliberate movements and meditation.  
*Birch Park Fitness Zone*  
Monday, Wednesday, & Friday 9:30am – 10:30am

**TECHNOLOGY CLASS**

Learn how to use the internet, Facebook, send emails and send texts.  
*Southwest Senior Center*  
Monday & Friday 10:00am – 11:30am

**TRADITIONAL GAMES**

Stimulate the mind, interact with others and enhance your cognition with traditional games.  
*Santa Ana Senior Center*  
Friday 2:00pm – 3:00pm  
*Southwest Senior Center*  
Monday – Friday 3:00pm – 4:30pm

**UKULELE/HAWAIIAN DANCE CLASS**

*Southwest Senior Center*  
Thursday 2:00pm – 3:30pm



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# Connecting with Nature at Santiago Creek

## Santa Ana Zoo presents the Santiago Creek ECO Center.

Originally opened in 2008, the Santiago Creek Wildlife and Watershed Center was closed due to COVID in March 2020. This year, the center is reopening as the Santiago Creek ECO Center, presented by the Santa Ana Zoo.

Why ECO? The center is "Empowering Communities Outside", by inviting individuals, families, groups, and the entire community out to connect to nature in a way that is important to them.

Over the last year, Santa Ana Zoo Education staff have been working to redesign the ECO Center both inside and out. New dedicated staff are working closely with Parks Maintenance staff to restore native plants in the landscaping surrounding the facility as well as uncovering an abandoned vernal pool. While the facility itself will not look very different from the outside, the inside is getting a complete make-over.

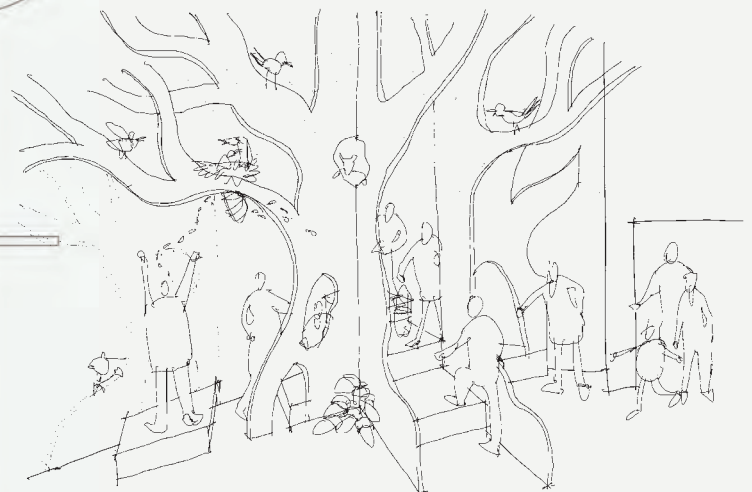
Guests will be welcomed with the sounds of running water as a large paludarium shows a slice of what a healthy creek in this area may have been.

As they continue through the Center, they can:

- **LEARN** in the "Community Science" room as it is a space of discovery and opportunities to share stories and participate in real science contributing to local, regional and national conservation projects.
- **LIVE** in the moment as "Our Watershed" features the story of the Santa Ana watershed with special focus on connections between people and Santiago Creek throughout history.
- **EXPLORE** "My Backyard" with a life-size oak tree built for climbing with windows into the worlds of animal friends and a sycamore tree that protects a home for a local reptile and insects within the leaf litter.

The Santiago Creek ECO Center will be a place for the community to connect with nature through natural history, activities, cultural stories, traditions, and discovery.

*Follow the Santa Ana Zoo on Facebook and Instagram for sneak peaks at designs, construction updates, open hours and programs!*





Santiago Creek  
**ECO CENTER**

Presented by the **Santa Ana Zoo**





# THE ZOO IS COMING TO YOU!



## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS: THE ZOO & YOU

The Santa Ana Zoo is now offering story time three days a week! Take a break with us for a story and an animal meet & greet! Introduce your child, or your inner child, to cultural tales, animal information, or a tale of adventure! Story time programs take place at the Conservation Education Theater or Crean Family Farm Education Station. Following each story is a meet & greet with one of our ambassador animals.

## SANTA ANA ZOO CONSERVATION EDUCATION THEATRE

### SUPER SUNDAY STORY TIME

Sunday 11:30am 3-8yrs

### LEER LUNES STORY TIME (IN SPANISH)

Monday 11:30am 3-8yrs

### WILD WEDNESDAYS

Wednesday 11:30am 3-8yrs

We welcome guest readers and traditional storytellers who can speak/read in multiple languages. Please email Terri Hernandez [TERNANDEZ2@SANTA-ANA.ORG](mailto:TERNANDEZ2@SANTA-ANA.ORG) if you would like to be a guest reader.

## E.C.O. PARK POP - UP

The Zoo E.C.O. (Empowering Communities Outside) Park Pop-Up program invites families to reconnect with their local park through nature play, interactive activities, and conversations with Zoo staff. Explore the world through the eyes of different animals and learn all we can about radical reptiles! Pop-ups will visit the same park two consecutive Fridays, provide a nature-based activity each week, and offer animal meet and greets.

*No registration required.*

<b>Mariposa Park</b> 2/2/24 & 2/9/24	2:00pm - 3:30pm	All ages
<b>Lillie King Park</b> 2/16/24 & 2/23/24	2:00pm - 3:30pm	All ages
<b>Morrison Park</b> 3/1/24 & 3/8/24	2:00pm - 3:30pm	All ages
<b>Friendship Park</b> 3/15/24 & 3/22/24	2:00pm - 3:30pm	All ages
<b>French Park</b> 3/29/24 & 4/5/24	2:00pm - 3:30pm	All ages
<b>Ed Caruthers Park</b> 4/12/24 & 4/19/24	2:00pm - 3:30pm	All ages
<b>Adams Park</b> 4/26/24 & 5/3/24	2:00pm - 3:30pm	All ages
<b>Windsor Park</b> 5/10/24 & 5/17/24	2:00pm - 3:30pm	All ages
<b>Cesar Chavez Campesino Park</b> 5/24/24 & 5/31/24	3:00pm - 4:30pm	All ages

## NATURE IN ACTION

Discover the nature around you through activities, animal meet and greets, and talks with Zoo staff. Learn from Santa Ana Zoo staff about nature, animal behavior, and how animals adapt to ever-changing environments. *Registration is required.*

### Garfield Community Center

2/7/24	1:30pm - 2:30pm	7-10 yrs
2/14/24	1:30pm - 2:30pm	7-10 yrs
2/21/24	1:30pm - 2:30pm	7-10 yrs

### El Salvador Center

3/6/24	1:30pm - 2:30pm	7-10 yrs
3/13/24	1:30pm - 2:30pm	7-10 yrs
3/20/24	1:30pm - 2:30pm	7-10 yrs

### Salgado Center

4/3/24	2:30pm - 3:30pm	7-10 yrs
4/10/24	2:30pm - 3:30pm	7-10 yrs
4/17/24	2:30pm - 3:30pm	7-10 yrs



## Animal Spotlight: **BEETLES**

They may not be as musically inclined as the Beatles, but these beetles are still rock stars! Recently, the zoo acquired some of the largest insects in the world: *South American hercules beetles* and *African goliath beetles*.

Both the hercules and goliath beetles take their names from the fact they can lift many times their own bodyweight and may have impressive wrestling matches over mates. It takes over a year and a half for the beetles to hatch from an egg and grow as a larva before emerging from a pupal form (similar to what a butterfly does) into an adult. Once an adult, the beetles live approximately 6-8 months.

*The hercules beetles measure up at almost five inches in length, but don't worry: they feed on rotting wood or a commercial jelly mixture and soft fruit.*

You can find these beetles by visiting the Exploration Outpost at the Santa Ana Zoo or by attending an ECO Park Pop-up program at your local park.

Once inspired by the beetles, make sure to visit the Children's Zoo area at the Santa Ana Zoo where you can pretend to be a beetle yourself and do the Dung Beetle Roll. This play area educates visitors about the important role of beetles as decomposers and highlights dung beetles specifically. You can push oversized balls around the maze and use the giant "dung balls" as a photo opportunity. This is the only play area of its kind and the envy of other zoos. We look forward to seeing you at our Santa Ana Zoo!



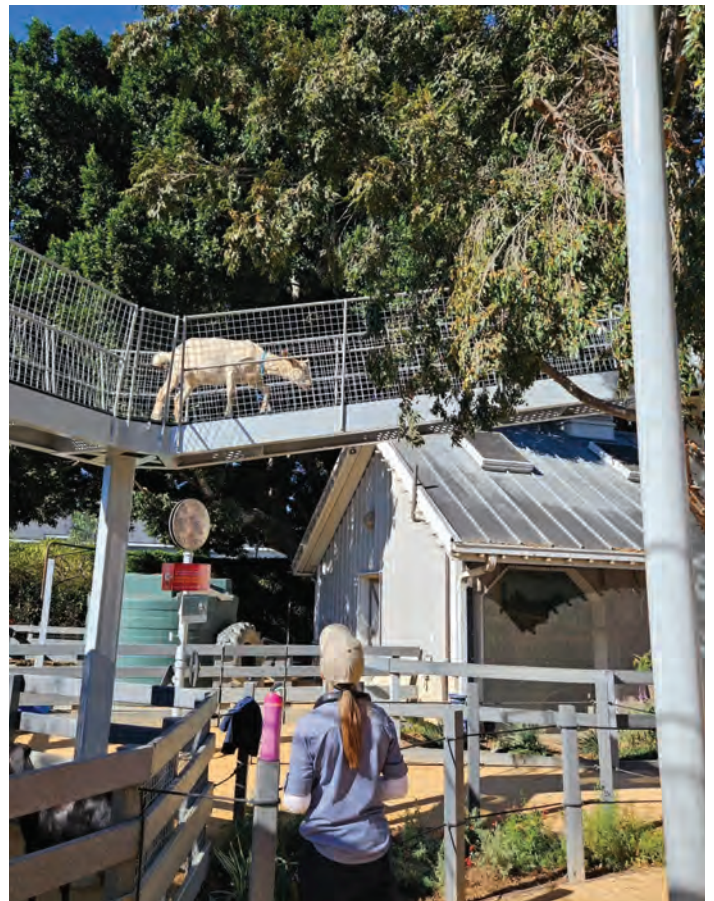
# NEW FARM INTERACTION YARD

## Calling all Kids!

Bring your kids to play with our kids, the goats that is, in their new home, the Crean Family Farm Interaction Yard! The Zoo has a strong tradition of guest interaction with goats, from the original Farm of the 1960s, to the Crean Family Farm which opened in 2004 and the newly renovated Interaction yard which the goats moved into in November 2023.

Today, guests of all ages are invited to come inside the Interaction Yard, meet the goats and enjoy this new space. Goats have access to the entire yard including a Billy Goat tractor, the ladder to their own private goat trails. Who knew goats love to climb? Climbing, jumping and balance are special skills unique to goats that have remained through thousands of years both in the wild and in human care. Our goats have loved getting to know their new space and we know you will too!

Zoo guests can meet the goats daily during regular zoo hours. The Interaction Yard will be open for guests to enter with Staff supervision as the weather and health of our goats allows. Look for new friends to visit the Interaction Yard too!



# Rainforest Maze Renovation Update

**RUN THROUGH THE RAINFOREST AND LEARN A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THIS AMAZING HABITAT!**

The Rainforest Adventure Maze recently got a re-do with a brand new set of banners and exciting interactive elements. Work your way through the maze by answering a series of questions but look out! There may be danger around the corner of a wrong answer! As you traverse the layers of the rainforest, be on the lookout for noisy birds, colorful butterflies, and smelly scents that will guide you to the exit where you have a final spin for your mystery animal.



*Plant Corner:*

## Knifeleaf Acacia

Acacias are an iconic variety of plants representing more than 1,000 species spread across the globe. Depending on the species, acacias may be stately trees or small shrubs with leaves that look delicate and fern-like. Many acacias have sharp thorns to deter predators, but some animals have long tongues that can carefully navigate between the thorns to grasp the leaves. A variety of acacia species grow at the zoo both in public and non-public areas. We use the plants for shade, screening, and as a favorite food for some of the animals like the camels.

Besides being a great climate-adapted plant for Southern California that requires little water when fully established, they also have beautiful flowers. Represented here are the profuse yellow blossoms on our knife leaf acacia, *Acacia cultriformis* that open in late winter and early spring. This species stays under 15 feet in height and has small triangular leaves. They are great as a screening shrub, small tree, and make excellent cut branches for floral arrangements. The next time you are on a train ride at the zoo, look for the bright yellow flowers on our acacias.

# Party for the Planet

Sunday, May 29, 2024  
11:00am – 3:00pm



Come celebrate with the Zoo! Party for the Planet combines Earth Day and Endangered Species Day with informational and activity stations for all ages. Discover a new species, learn how you can help conserve water and other resources, and connect with local organizations that are doing their part too! The Zoo will be full of fun activities, all included with Zoo Admission.

*Party for the Planet takes place on Santa Ana Residents' Day. Free admission for Santa Ana Residents on the third Sunday of every month. Proof of residency required.*



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(714) 647-5340

Orange County Fire Authority

(714) 573-6000

Water Bill – Finance

(714) 647-3320

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Main Library

(714)647-5250

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## RECREATION INFORMATION

Parks & Recreation – General Info

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Garfield Center

(714) 571-4288

El Salvador Center

(714) 647-6558

Jerome Center

(714) 647-6559

Memorial Center

(714) 571-4242

Roosevelt Walker Center

(714) 647-5220

Mudline

(Updated following inclement weather)

(714) 571-4201

Reservations Office at Centennial

(714) 571-4225

Salgado Center

(714) 571-4267

Santa Ana Senior Center

(714) 647-6540

Southwest Senior Center

(714) 647-5306

## ZOO INFORMATION

Zoo – Recorded Info

(714) 836-4000

General Information Line

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Friends of the Zoo (FOSAZ)

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*Family at Park  
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