

Fourth of July in Orange County

WHERE TO GO!

Communities throughout Orange County have patriotic celebrations planned to recognize Independence Day. Here's a round-up of a few of our favorites.

BALBOA

Enjoy a 4th of July Fireworks cruise. You will spend the first hour or so cruising through the beautiful Newport Harbor among hundreds of other boats all celebrating the Spirit of America. After sunset you will have a front row seat to one of the largest 4th of July fireworks displays in Southern California. **Information: 949.675.0551 or cruisewestportbeach.com/4thofjuly.html**

DANA POINT

Start out early in the morning if you're planning an Independence Day celebration at Doheny State Beach as this is the busiest day of the year. At 9 p.m., tune your radio to KSBR 88.5FM, look toward the skies over Doheny State Beach and experience this patriotic extravaganza. The fireworks are synchronized to a captivating musical score, if you haven't heard the music with the fireworks, you're only getting half the experience!

Free shuttles will make round trips from Dana Hills High School to Dana Point Harbor from 10 a.m. to 11:30 p.m., with the last shuttle leaving the Harbor at 11 p.m. Locals are encouraged to bike or walk to their favorite viewing spot to avoid the annual parking difficulties. **Information: 949.248.3530 or danapoint.org**

LADERA RANCH

Known for one of the best fireworks displays in South Orange County, LARCS will present a fun-filled day of activities at Founders Park located at 28275 Avendale Boulevard, Ladera Ranch. Fireworks begin around 9 p.m.

MISSION VIEJO

Held yearly on Olympiad Road and in the area adjoining Lake Mission Viejo, this event provides a classic Fourth of July celebration for the city of Mission Viejo. Rides and games enhance an exciting carnival atmosphere

for all ages. Free entertainment includes music, dance and comedy for the enjoyment of children and adults. The event culminates at dusk in a spectacular fireworks display. **Information: 949.830.7066 mvactivities.com**

PACIFIC SYMPHONY: SYMPHONIC SPRINGSTEEN

Celebrate the Fourth with this high-energy tribute to "The Boss," America's most iconic singer-songwriter. Enjoy seasoned world-class musicians famous for recreating Bruce Springsteen's marathon, party-like shows. And no July 4th evening is complete without the holiday traditions of a salute to the U.S. Armed Forces and patriotic favorites, before closing with a brilliant fireworks finale. **Information: pacificsymphony.org**

SAN CLEMENTE

At approximately 9 p.m. the City continues its annual tradition with a spectacular firework display from the Municipal Pier. The fireworks display can also be seen from many beaches and hilltop areas in and around San Clemente. The end of the Pier will close at noon on July 3rd for preliminary preparation and the entire Pier will close on July 4th at 8 a.m. **Information: 949.361.8264 or san-clemente.org**

SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO

Live entertainment kicks off at 6 p.m. at the main stage with local band Family Style. Come early and bring the kids to the Fourth of July Carnival which opens at noon and will shut down briefly during the fireworks display at 9 p.m. All rides require the purchase of a wrist band or individual tickets. Street parking is available along Camino del Avion with additional parking in the Sports Park Complex. No personal fireworks or barbecues will be permitted. Bring your chairs and blankets, canopies are welcome in the back portion of the sports park. **Information: 949.403.5911 or sanjuancapistrano.org**