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Presidio Announces May - August Events, 2017

Presidio of San Francisco (April 14, 2017) – The Presidio Trust is pleased to announce its summer schedule of free, public programs, May through August, 2017. The following are key highlights, followed by a chronological schedule of all events.

Focus on Kids and Families

This May, the Presidio ramps up free activities for kids and families, beginning with **KQED Family Fun Day** on Saturday, May 13, hosted by everyone's favorite monkey, Curious George! At the Presidio Officers' Club, **Creative Family Fun** drop in craft-making continues every Saturday and Sunday. **Presidio Picnic**, co-sponsored by the Presidio Trust and Off the Grid Markets, runs every Sunday on the Main Parade Ground, featuring lawn games, bike riding, and international food trucks, while the similar **Presidio Twilight** runs on Thursday evenings, complete with fire pits, cabanas, and live music, starting May 18. **Presidio Family-Friendly Bike Rides** roll out from the new **Presidio Visitor Center** every first and third Saturday morning in May, June, and July. Additional family fun at the Presidio comes in the form of outdoor movies, star gazing parties, bike-riding lessons for kids, an annual **Kite Festival**, and much more (see below for the complete event listings).

Special Celebrations

This summer, the Presidio presents several special celebrations beginning with San Francisco's largest **Memorial Day** commemoration, with a grand march, a ceremony honoring the U.S. armed forces, and a community picnic. **Pasados del Presidio** (June 23-24) commemorates the founding of the Presidio and celebrates the people of early California with activities for kids, music, dancing, and a procession by descendants of the original founding families of the Juan Bautista de Anza Expedition (1775-1776). In addition, the Presidio joins the **Golden Gate Audubon Society Centennial Celebration**, with events from guided bird watching and chalk art walks to a free exhibit on Bay Area birds beginning July 10 at the Tides Thoreau Center. This summer the Presidio also joins a city-wide celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the **Summer of Love** by hosting a variety of programs.

EXCLUSION Exhibition

The newly-opened exhibition, [*EXCLUSION: The Presidio's Role in World War II Japanese American Incarceration*](#), is on view through March 2018 at the Presidio Officers' Club. Learn about the Presidio's little-understood role in the incarceration of 120,000 Japanese Americans, and the choices - both personal and political - that led to this dark chapter in American history. Viewers will have the chance to reflect on what we have learned that help us address present-day issues of mass incarceration, immigration reform, and racial profiling.

Cultural Programs

The spring series of cultural programs at the Presidio Officers' Club wraps up in May. [Presidio Dialogues](#) (lectures, film screenings, panels, and performances) are held on Thursdays at 6 pm, and [Presidio Sessions Concerts](#) are held on Fridays at 6 pm, in partnership with San Francisco Friends of Chamber

Music. The offerings are rich in variety, ranging from the poetry of Youth Speaks to the sultry rhythms of Argentinean tango. The intimate **Presidio Book Club**, on select Saturdays, is reimagined as an inclusive public program that anyone can take part in, whether or not they've read the book. In a special signature event, the Grammy-winning **Kronos Quartet** returns for an intimate concert exploring music from all over the world and sounds from all corners of the imagination, August 12 (see listings below).

ONGOING SUMMER EVENTS

Event: *EXCLUSION: The Presidio's Role in World War II Japanese American Incarceration*

Date: Exhibition runs through March 2018, Tuesday to Sundays, 10 am – 6 pm

Place: Presidio Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Avenue, Presidio of San Francisco

Phone: (415) 561-4400

Price: Free

During World War II, the Presidio of San Francisco—the Army's Western Defense Command—played a pivotal role in the unjust incarceration of 120,000 Japanese Americans, purportedly in the name of national security. This special exhibition invites visitors to investigate the choices—both personal and political—that led to this dark chapter in American history, and to reflect on what we have learned that helps us address present-day issues of mass incarceration, immigration reform, and racial profiling.

Link: www.presidio.gov/exclusion

Event: Presidio Picnic

Date: Every Sunday, March-October 2017

Time: 11 am to 4 pm

Place: Main Parade Ground, 103 Montgomery Street, on the Presidio's Main Post

Phone: (415) 561-4323

Price: Free

San Francisco's largest community picnic blends the best of the international food scene with the best of this national park. Enjoy music, kids' activities, gourmet food trucks and more. Drop by the new Presidio Visitor Center to plan your day in the park. Co-sponsored by the Presidio Trust and Off the Grid Markets.

Link: www.presidio.gov/presidio-picnic

Event: Presidio Twilight

Date: Every Thursday, May 18 to October

Time: 5 pm to 9 pm

Place: Main Parade Ground, 103 Montgomery Street, on the Presidio's Main Post

Phone: (415) 561-4323

Price: Free

Celebrate summer evenings with lantern-lit dining cabanas, blanket-side cocktail service, fire pits, live music, and views of the sun setting over San Francisco Bay.

Link: www.presidio.gov/events

Event: Live Archaeology Dig at the Presidio

Date: Every Friday and Saturday, April 22 through May 27 AND June 30 to October 21;

Archaeology Lab Tours every Wednesday at 1:00 pm

Time: 10 am to 2 pm

Place: Presidio Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Avenue, San Francisco

Phone: (415) 561-4400

Price: Free

Witness archaeology in action! Presidio archaeologists are working on a long-term research project to excavate *El Presidio de San Francisco*, the Spanish-colonial site buried just below the ground in front of the Presidio Officers' Club. Stop by to check out their recent discoveries and ask questions.

Link: www.presidio.gov/events/live-archaeology-dig-2017-05-5

MAY EVENTS

Attention Calendar Editors: Although our events are free, we advise patrons to register via the web links in the case that space is limited. Please check our website for the most up-to-date listings.

Event: Presidio Dialogues: Restoring Treasures of the Silent Screen

Date: Thursday, May 4

Time: 6 pm

Place: Presidio Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Avenue, San Francisco

Phone: (415) 561-4400

Price: Free

Join film restorer Robert Byrne for a sneak peek into the rescue of three long-lost treasures, all of which premiere at the San Francisco Silent Film Festival this June. The Three Musketeers (1921), Silence (1926) and fragments of a previously lost feature provide a tantalizing glimpse of one of the silent screen's greatest icons. Robert Byrne specializes in the restoration of early and silent era motion pictures, and also serves as President of the Board of Directors for the San Francisco Silent Film Festival.

Presented in association with the [San Francisco Silent Film Festival](http://www.sfsilentfilmfestival.com).

Link: www.presidio.gov/events/presidio-dialogues-restoring-treasures-of-the-silent-screen

Event: Presidio Sessions: Kasey Knudsen Sextet

Date: Friday, May 5

Time: 6 pm

Place: Presidio Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Avenue, San Francisco

Phone: (415) 561-4400

Price: Free

Saxophonist, composer, and educator [Kasey Knudsen](http://www.kaseyknudsen.com) has been commissioned by the California Jazz Conservatory's Emerging Artist Series, by Intersection for the Arts, and by the de Young Museum. She leads her own trio and sextet, and co-leads the ensembles the Schimscheimer Family Trio and the Holly Martins. Knudsen's ensembles navigates her knotty modern jazz compositions with fire and grace. She is a faculty member of Sonoma State University, Stanford Jazz Workshop, Lafayette Jazz Workshop, and the California Jazz Conservatory.

Kasey Knudsen, saxophone; Henry Hung, trumpet; Rob Ewing, trombone; Doug Stuart, bass; Dahveed Behroozi, piano; Eric Garland, drums

Link: www.presidio.gov/events/presidio-sessions-kasey-knudsen-sextet

Event: Creative Family Fun Craft Making: Japanese Carp Kites

Date: Saturday and Sunday, May 6 + 7

Time: 11 am to 4 pm

Place: Presidio Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Avenue, San Francisco

Phone: (415) 561-4400

Price: Free

Japanese Carp Kites: During World War II, Japanese-Americans worked as interpreters at Crissy Field. Celebrate Japanese culture, and Children's Day, by making traditional carp kites.

Link: www.presidio.gov/events/creative-family-fun-japanese-carp-kites

Event: Presidio Family-Friendly Bike Ride

Date: Saturday, May 6 and May 20

Time: 10 am to 11 am

Place: Presidio Visitor Center, 210 Lincoln Boulevard

Phone: (415) 561-4323

Price: Free

Join a Park Ranger and Presidio Trust guide for a gentle 4-mile bike ride. Roll through the history and nature of the Presidio at a family-friendly pace that's fun for all! Rent a bike from Sports Basement or bring your own. Registration is requested.

Link: www.presidio.gov/events/presidio-family-friendly-bike-ride-2017-05-6

Event: Y Bike Learn to Ride Program

Date: Sunday, May 7

Time: 11 am to 2 pm

Place: Main Post, Corner of Anza and Owen

Phone: (415) 561-4323

Price: Free

Get your kids riding on two wheels with free, safe, and friendly instruction from the Presidio Community Y. Bikes and equipment are provided. All ages are welcome; no reservations required. Co-sponsored by the Presidio Community Y and the Presidio Trust.

Link: www.presidio.gov/events/ybike-learn-to-ride-program-2017-05-7

Event: Presidio Dialogues: Youth Speaks Presents...

Date: Thursday, May 11

Time: 6 pm

Place: Presidio Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Avenue, San Francisco

Phone: (415) 561-4400

Price: Free

The Youth Speaks Collective (YSC) is a team comprised of some of the most powerful young poets in the organization, as well as the Bay Area. They will present an hour-long performance featuring three poets and a DJ. The Youth Speaks Collective invites the audience to bring their own poems, songs, or creative content to the space so that audience members can share their work in the closing open mic. Youth Speaks is one of the world's leading presenters of spoken word performance, with a focus on education and youth development. Its vision is to shift the perceptions of youth by combating illiteracy, isolation, alienation and silence, creating a global movement of brave new voices, bringing the noise from the margins to the core.

Presented in association with [Youth Speaks](#).

Link: www.presidio.gov/events/presidio-dialogues-youth-speaks-presents

Event: Presidio Sessions: Vajra Voices

Date: Friday, May 12

Time: 6 pm

Place: Presidio Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Avenue, San Francisco

Phone: (415) 561-4400

Price: Free

The women's vocal ensemble [Vajra Voices](#) sings medieval to modern music in a clear, sweet, and strong style inspired by Hildegard von Bingen. Praised by the *San Francisco Chronicle* for performances of "heartfelt elegance," Vajra Voices debuted at the prestigious early music gathering, the Berkeley Festival and Exhibition of Early Music, in 2010. The ensemble's recording *O Eterne Deus: Music of Hildegard von Bingen* was released on the Music & Arts label this year. Vajra Voices has collaborated on performances with many artists in the Bay Area, most notably choreographers Janice Garrett and Charles Moulton, and Oakland Ballet Company. Allison Zelles Lloyd, Amy Stuart Hunn, Lindsey McLennan Burdick, Juliana Urban, sopranos; Cheryl Shafer Moore, Celeste Winant, mezzo sopranos; Karen R. Clark, director/contralto; Shira Kammen, medieval harp & Vielle

Link: www.presidio.gov/events/presidio-sessions-vajra-voices

Event: Presidio Stargazing Party

Date: Saturday, May 13

Time: 7 pm to 9:30 pm

Place: Main Parade Ground, 103 Montgomery Street, San Francisco

Phone: (415) 561-4323

Price: Free

Presidio Stargazing Parties are perfect for families and people of all ages interested in seeing the universe through a telescope. The SFAA brings telescopes and amateur astronomers to guide you, unveiling some of the night sky's most interesting astronomical beauties. See the moon, planets, nebulae and galaxies up close and learn some of the constellations at a star tour.

Bad weather cancels. Check www.sfaa-astronomy.org for updates.

Link: www.presidio.gov/events/presidio-stargazing-party-05-13-2017

Event: Creative Family Fun Craft Making: Avian Adventures

Date: Saturday and Sunday, May 13 + 14

Time: 11 am to 4 pm

Place: Presidio Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Avenue, San Francisco

Phone: (415) 561-4400

Price: Free

May 13 is International Migratory Bird Day. The Presidio is home to many different types of birds. Come celebrate the diversity of our avian friends by making a bird-themed craft.

Link: www.presidio.gov/events/creative-family-fun-avian-adventure-05-13

Event: KQED Family Fun Day at the Presidio Officers' Club

Date: Saturday, May 13

Time: 10:30 am to 2 pm

Place: Presidio Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Avenue, San Francisco

Phone: (415) 561-4400

Price: Free

Join the Presidio Trust and KQED for a family fun day at the Presidio Officers' Club with special guest Curious George, from the PBS animated television series. Drop in for imaginative craft-making based on the Presidio's natural and cultural heritage at Creative Family Fun. Learn about our wildlife from the Ranging Rover Truck and discuss ways that you too can be involved in your park!

Link: www.presidio.gov/events/kqed-family-fun-day-at-the-presidio-officers-club-05-13

Event: 1960s Takeover of "Presidio Picnic"

Date: Sunday, May 14

Time: 11 am to 4 pm

Place: Main Parade Ground, 103 Montgomery Street, San Francisco

Phone: (415) 561-4323

Price: Free

San Francisco's favorite family picnic blends the best of the international food scene with the best of the national park. At this event, put on your tie-dye and celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Summer of Love with classic rock, 1960s-era cocktails, and the chance to make free flower crowns in the Presidio Adventure Zone tent. Co-sponsored by the Presidio Trust and Off the Grid Markets.

Link: www.presidio.gov/presidio-picnic

Event: Presidio Astrolecture Series: Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star

Date: Tuesday, May 16

Time: 7:30 pm

Place: Presidio Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Avenue, San Francisco

Phone: (415) 561-4400

Price: Free

Ann Marie Cody, NASA Ames Research Center, works with the Kepler Space Telescope team on the K2 mission. She'll talk about the Universe and its rocky and gaseous bodies. How did these planet systems form and evolve toward their present configurations? The answer to this question lies in the study of their formation environments: dusty disks surrounding young stars. The onset of the K2 mission is enabling an unprecedented search for exoplanets at ages of a few to 100 million years. Dr. Cody will show how Kepler is illuminating the conditions surrounding planet formation by providing high-precision time series data on young stars and their protoplanetary disks, and discuss a recently discovered transiting planet around a newborn star in the Scorpius region.

Link: www.presidio.gov/events/astrolecture-series-twinkle-twinkle-little-star-how-the-kepler-space-telescope-is-revealing-the-birthplaces-of-planets

Event: Presidio Dialogues: Tyrus Wong - A Celebration

Date: Thursday, May 18

Time: 6 pm

Place: Presidio Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Avenue, San Francisco

Phone: (415) 561-4400

Price: Free

Oscar-nominated writer-director Ronnie del Carmen (Pixar's *Inside Out*) and filmmaker Pamela Tom celebrate the life and work of Tyrus Wong through reminiscences, images, and film clips. Painter, muralist, lithographer, designer and kite maker Tyrus Wong worked for decades in Hollywood as a film production illustrator for Disney and Warner Brothers, most notably as the lead artist on Disney's 1942 classic, *Bambi*. He was the subject of major retrospective exhibitions in Los Angeles, San Francisco, and New York, was named a Disney Legend, and featured in Pamela Tom's award-winning documentary *Tyrus* (2015). He passed away in December 2016 at the age of 106. Presented in association with the [Walt Disney Family Museum](http://www.waltdisney.com).

Link: www.presidio.gov/events/presidio-dialogues-tyrus-wong-a-celebration

Event: Presidio Outdoor Family Movie Night: Walt Disney's *Moana* (2016, Rated PG)

Date: Friday, May 19

Time: 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm: Food Trucks 5:30 pm, Movie shorts 7:30 pm, Film 8 pm

Place: Main Parade Ground, 103 Montgomery Street, San Francisco

Phone: (415) 561-4323

Price: Free

Bring a blanket and enjoy a movie night in the great outdoors! Sponsored by Supervisor Mark Farrell, in partnership with the Presidio Trust and the Presidio Y. Visit the website for the film selections.

Link: www.presidio.gov/events/outdoor-family-movie-night-05-19

Event: Presidio Sessions: Redwood Tango Ensemble

Date: Friday, May 19

Time: 6 pm

Place: Presidio Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Avenue, San Francisco

Phone: (415) 561-4400

Price: Free

Redwood Tango Ensemble is a sextet dedicated to both traditional Argentine tango music and original tango compositions by leader and bandoneonist Charles Gorczynski. The ensemble's arrangements are inspired by the styles of Anibal Troilo, Juan D'Arienzo, Carlos DiSarli, Osvaldo Pugliese and other master orchestras in tango, which has made Redwood Tango popular among the dance communities in the Bay Area and on tour. The ensemble was the featured orchestra for Chicago Tango Week 2013 and 2015, and has performed for milongas in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Portland, Seattle, Chicago, Montreal, London, NYC and dozens of cities in between. Charles Gorczynski, bandoneon; Kendra Vernon and Celia Harris, violins; Anton Estonial, cello; Elyse Weakley, piano; Daniel Fabricant, double bass

Link: www.presidio.gov/events/presidio-sessions-redwood-tango-ensemble

Event: Creative Family Fun Craft Making: Say It with Signal Flags

Date: Saturday and Sunday, May 20 + 21

Time: 11 am to 4 pm

Place: Presidio Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Avenue, San Francisco

Phone: (415) 561-4400

Price: Free

For National Maritime Day we are celebrating the amazing maritime history of the Presidio. Naval ships in San Francisco Bay used a whole alphabet of signal flags to send messages to each other. Come learn how to spell your own name in signal flags.

Link: www.presidio.gov/events/creative-family-fun-say-it-with-signal-flags-05-20

Event: Presidio Book Club: Scott McGaugh, *Surgeon in Blue: Jonathan Letterman, The Civil War Doctor Who Pioneered Battlefield Care*

Date: Saturday, May 20

Time: 1 pm to 3 pm

Place: Presidio Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Avenue, San Francisco

Phone: (415) 561-4400

Price: Free

Presidio Trust historian Barbara Berglund leads a discussion of Scott McGaugh's, *Surgeon in Blue: Jonathan Letterman, The Civil War Doctor Who Pioneered Battlefield Care* (Arcade Publishing, 2013). Learn about the namesake of the Presidio's Letterman Army Medical Center and Letterman Digital Arts Center. Jonathan Letterman revolutionized combat medicine as chief medical officer of the Army of the Potomac. This best-selling biography recounts Letterman's life from his small-town Pennsylvania beginnings to his trailblazing wartime years and his subsequent life as the medical examiner of San Francisco. This title is available for purchase at the [Presidio Visitor Center](http://www.presidio.gov/visitor-center).

Link: www.presidio.gov/events/presidio-book-club-05-20-2017

Event: Presidio Sessions: Rova Saxophone Quartet

Date: Friday, May 26

Time: 6 pm

Place: Presidio Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Avenue, San Francisco

Phone: (415) 561-4400

Price: Free

[Rova Saxophone Quartet](#) explores the synthesis of composition and collective improvisation, creating exciting, genre-bending music that challenges and inspires. Rova is one of the longest standing groups in a musical movement that has its roots in a broad spectrum of influences including postbop, free jazz, avant-rock, and 20th century new music, drawing equal inspiration from the visual arts and from traditional and popular styles from across the globe. Rova began in 1978, collaborating early on with such like-minded colleagues Henry Kaiser, Fred Frith, John Zorn. Recent projects have included Electric Ascension, a re-imagining of John Coltrane's monumental work.

Bruce Ackley, soprano sax; Steve Adams, alto sax; Larry Ochs, tenor sax; Jon Raskin, baritone sax

Link: www.presidio.gov/events/presidio-sessions-rova-saxophone-quartet

Event: Memorial Day Commemoration

Date: Monday, May 29

Time: 10:30 am to 2 pm

Place: Presidio Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Avenue, San Francisco and San Francisco National Cemetery

Phone: (415) 561-4323

Price: Free

The Presidio Trust, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the City of San Francisco invite you to be part of the official City and County of San Francisco 149th Memorial Day Observance. The annual ceremony at the Presidio, established in 1868, is the largest Memorial Day commemoration event on the West Coast. The ceremony will remember and honor the one million Americans killed while serving in the United States armed forces. The program will connect the public to the remarkable commitment and sacrifices made by active duty military personnel, veterans and their families.

Schedule

10:30 am: Grand March with Veterans (Begins at the Presidio Officers' Club)

11 am to Noon: Formal Ceremony with Military Dignitaries, Veteran Speakers, and Live Music (at San Francisco National Cemetery at the Presidio)

Noon: 21-Gun Salute by the U.S. Army's Pacific Division 75th Training Command (Pershing Square, opposite the Presidio Officers' Club)

Noon to 2 pm: Community Picnic, Food for Purchase, Community Service, Kids Crafts (Main Parade Ground)

Link: www.presidio.gov/events/memorial-day-commemoration

JUNE EVENTS

Event: Creative Family Fun Craft Making: Mexican Metal Art

Date: Saturday and Sunday, June 3 + 4

Time: 11 am to 4 pm

Place: Presidio Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Avenue, San Francisco

Phone: (415) 561-4400

Price: Free

The Presidio was under Mexican control from 1822-1846. To celebrate the Presidio's Mexican heritage, join us in making a repujado craft. Repujado is a traditional Mexican art form where metal is raised and decorated to create beautiful designs.

Link: www.presidio.gov/events/creative-family-fun-mexican-metal-art-06-03

Event: Volunteer at National Trails Day

Date: Saturday, June 3

Time: 9 am to 1 pm

Place: Presidio Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Avenue, San Francisco

Phone: (415) 561-4323

Price: Free

Participate in a day of stewardship along Presidio trails and pathways. Activities will include maintaining trails, tending trees, caring for landscape beds along garden pathways, and restoring native habitat. All ages are welcome. Sponsored by Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, the Presidio Trust, and the National Park Service.

Link: www.presidio.gov/events/presidio-park-stewards-ggnpc-2017-06-03

Event: Presidio Family-Friendly Bike Ride

Date: Saturday, June 3 + 17

Time: 10 am to 11:30 am

Place: Presidio Visitor Center, 210 Lincoln Boulevard

Phone: (415) 561-4323

Price: Free

Join a Park Ranger and Presidio Trust guide for a gentle 4-mile bike ride. Roll through the history and nature of the Presidio at a family-friendly pace that's fun for all! Rent a bike from Sports Basement or bring your own. Registration is requested.

Link: www.presidio.gov/events/presidio-family-friendly-bike-ride-2017-06-17

Event: YBike Learn to Ride Program

Date: Sunday, June 4

Time: 11 am to 2 pm

Place: Main Post, Corner of Anza and Owen

Phone: (415) 561-4323

Price: Free

Get your kids riding on two wheels with free, safe, and friendly instruction from the Presidio Community Y. Bikes and equipment are provided. All ages are welcome; no reservations required. Co-sponsored by the Presidio Trust.

Link: www.presidio.gov/events/ybike-learn-to-ride-program-2017-06-4

Event: Creative Family Fun Craft Making: Russian Paper Pals

Date: Saturday and Sunday, June 10 + 11

Time: 11am to 4 pm

Place: Presidio Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Avenue, San Francisco

Phone: (415) 561-4400

Price: Free

June 12 is Russia Day and we will be making Russian-themed paper people. Russian settlers at Fort Ross often traded with the Spanish colonists at El Presidio de San Francisco.

Link: www.presidio.gov/events/creative-family-fun-russian-paper-pals-06-10

Event: Presidio Stargazing Party

Date: Saturday, June 15

Time: 7 pm to 9:30 pm

Place: Main Parade Ground, Presidio of San Francisco

Phone: (415) 561-4323

Price: Free

Presidio Stargazing Parties are perfect for families and people of all ages interested in seeing the universe through a telescope. The SFAA brings telescopes and amateur astronomers to guide you, unveiling some of the night sky's most interesting astronomical beauties. See the moon, planets, nebulae and galaxies up close and learn some of the constellations at a star tour.

Bad weather cancels. Check www.sfaa-astronomy.org for updates.

Link: www.presidio.gov/events/presidio-stargazing-party-06-15-2017

Event: Presidio Kite Festival

Date: Saturday, June 17

Time: 12 noon to 5 pm

Place: Main Parade Ground, 103 Montgomery Street, San Francisco

Phone: (415) 561-4323

Price: Free

Let your imagination soar at this colorful, family-friendly festival featuring all things kite. The artistry, diversity, and fun of modern flying will take your breath away! The free, all-day event features a free "build you own kite" booth, hands on learning from kite experts, a kite art exhibition, giant kites, mega team flying, Taiko drummers, and food trucks. Offered in partnership with [Highline Kites](#).

Link: www.presidio.gov/events/presidio-kite-festival-2017

Event: Creative Family Fun Craft Making: Terrific Tile Painting

Date: Saturday and Sunday, June 17 + 18

Time: 11 am to 4 pm

Place: Presidio Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Avenue, San Francisco

Phone: (415) 561-4400

Price: Free

Come learn about the ceramics that the Spanish used in the Presidio long ago and paint your own majolica-style tile, a centuries-old tradition in Mexico.

Link: www.presidio.gov/events/creative-family-fun-terrific-tile-painting-06-17

Event: Presidio Book Club: Barbara Berglund's, *Making San Francisco American: Cultural Frontiers in the Urban West, 1846-1906*

Date: Saturday, June 17

Time: 1 pm to 3 pm

Place: Presidio Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Avenue, San Francisco

Phone: (415) 561-4400

Price: Free

Presidio Trust historian Barbara Berglund leads a discussion of her own book, *Making San Francisco American: Cultural Frontiers in the Urban West, 1846-1906* (University Press of Kansas, 2007). Explore San Francisco's rapid evolution from Mexican outpost to crown jewel of America's western empire through its cultural frontiers where contests over race, class, and gender shaped a new social order: restaurants, hotels, and boardinghouses; the Barbary Coast, Woodward's Gardens, and the Pacific

Museum of Anatomy and Science; Chinatown's tourist terrain; the Mechanics' Institute's annual fairs; and the 1894 California Midwinter International Exposition.

Link: www.presidio.gov/events/presidio-book-club-07-22-2017

Event: Presidio Astrolecture Series: The Earliest and the Brightest

Date: Tuesday, June 20

Time: 7:30 pm

Place: Presidio Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Avenue, San Francisco

Phone: (415) 561-4323

Price: Free

Nathan Whitehorn of U.C. Berkeley will discuss how the 3rd-generation South Pole Telescope, deployed in February at Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station and observing in the millimeter band, and the IceCube Neutrino Observatory, completed in 2011 at the same site, provide insight into fundamental questions unanswered: What were the first luminous objects to form? What powers the universe's biggest explosions? How do omnipresent dark matter and dark radiation like neutrinos affect the history of the cosmos? What is the origin of cosmic particles seen at energies a hundred million times what we can produce on Earth?

Link: www.presidio.gov/events/astrolecture-series-the-earliest-and-the-brightest-the-distant-and-high-energy-universe-from-the-south-pole

PASADOS DEL PRESIDIO – A special celebration to commemorate the founding of the Presidio and celebrate the people of Early California.

Event: Pasados del Presidio: Afternoon Fun for Kids

Date: Friday, June 23

Time: 12 noon to 3 pm

Place: Presidio Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Avenue, San Francisco

Phone: (415) 561-4400

Price: Free

Ever wonder what Early California was like? Watch history come to life! Kids can enjoy hands-on activities, storytelling, living history, a visit with Juanito the Donkey, archaeology, pottery making, and more. Afternoon music and dance by Ballet Folklórico Mexicano. Food available for purchase.

Link: www.presidio.gov/events/pasados-del-presidio-afternoon-fun-for-kids

Event: Pasados del Presidio: San Francisco's Birthday

Date: Saturday, June 24

Time: 10:30 am to 12 noon

Place: Pershing Square, Across from the Presidio Officers' Club

Phone: (415) 561-4400

Price: Free

Descendants of the original founding families of the Juan Bautista de Anza Expedition (1775-1776) return to the Presidio to recognize the journey of their ancestors and the founding of *El Presidio de San Francisco*.

Link: www.presidio.gov/events/pasados-del-presidio-san-franciscos-birthday

Event: Pasados del Presidio: Music By Los Cenzontles

Date: Saturday, June 24

Time: 2 pm to 4 pm

Place: Presidio Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Avenue, San Francisco

Phone: (415) 561-4400

Price: Free

In commemoration of Pasados del Presidio, Los Cenzontles (The Mockingbirds) will perform acoustic traditional music from a variety of Mexican regions including the son Jarocho of Veracruz, pirekuas of Indigenous Michoacan, boleros, corridos and rancheras. [Los Cenzontles](#) is a band, a non-profit organization, a music academy, a community space for youth and families, and a hub for Latino artists – all working together to amplify our Mexican roots in the Bay Area and beyond. The organization was recognized by National Public Radio, and founder and director Eugene Rodriguez received the *Fanfare Award* from the SF Conservatory of Music in February 2017.

Link: www.presidio.gov/events/pasados-del-presidio-music-by-los-cenzontles

Event: Creative Family Fun Craft Making: A-maize-ing Corn Husk Dolls

Date: Saturday and Sunday, June 24 + 25

Time: 11am to 4 pm

Place: The Presidio Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Avenue, San Francisco

Phone: (415) 561-4400

Price: Free

Travel back in time and learn how to make a corn husk doll, just as the Spanish colonist children at El Presidio did.

Link: www.presidio.gov/events/creative-family-fun-a-maize-ing-corn-husk-dolls-06-24

-end of Pasados celebration events-

JULY EVENTS

Event: Presidio Family-Friendly Bike Ride

Date: Saturday, July 1 + 15

Time: 10 am to 11:30 am

Place: Presidio Visitor Center, 210 Lincoln Boulevard on the Main Post

Phone: (415) 561-4323

Price: Free

Join a Park Ranger and Presidio Trust guide for a gentle 4-mile bike ride. Roll through the history and nature of the Presidio at a family-friendly pace that's fun for all! Rent a bike from Sports Basement or bring your own. Registration is requested.

Link: www.presidio.gov/events/presidio-family-friendly-bike-ride-2017-07-1

Event: YBike Learn to Ride Program

Date: Sunday, July 2

Time: 11 am to 2 pm

Place: Presidio Main Post, Corner of Anza and Owen

Phone: (415) 561-4323

Price: Free

Get your kids riding on two wheels with free, safe, and friendly instruction from the Presidio Community Y. Bikes and equipment are provided. All ages are welcome; no reservations required. Co-sponsored by the Presidio Trust.

Link: www.presidio.gov/events/ybike-learn-to-ride-program-2017-07-2

Event: Creative Family Fun Craft Making: Balancing Butterfly Mobiles

Date: Saturday & Sunday, July 8 & 9

Time: 11 am to 4 pm

Place: Presidio Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Avenue, San Francisco

Phone: (415) 561-4400

Price: Free

The Presidio is home to many beautiful butterflies, from Monarchs to the Green Hairstreak butterfly. Come learn about the Presidio's different butterflies by making your own mobile and then get out in the park to find some of our flying friends.

Link: www.presidio.gov/events/creative-family-fun-balancing-butterfly-mobiles-07-08

Golden Gate Audubon Centennial Events

Event: Watch Artists Draw Birds in the Presidio

Date: Saturday, July 8

Time: 10 am to 1 pm

Place: Main Post and Tennessee Hollow

Phone: (415) 561-4323

Price: Free

Watch as Bay Area nature artists create beautiful sidewalk chalk art featuring birds of the Presidio. Visit www.presidio.gov/events for details.

Event: Golden Gate Audubon Society Centennial Exhibit

Date: Weekdays July 10 to September 29

Time: 9 am to 5 pm

Place: Tides Thoreau Center Gallery at the Presidio, 1012 Torney Ave, San Francisco

Phone: (415) 561-4323

Price: Free

A traveling, educational exhibit celebrating Golden Gate Audubon Society's 100th anniversary will be on display at Tides Thoreau Center Galleries. The free exhibit is focused on Bay Area birds and Golden Gate Audubon's achievements on their behalf. For details visit www.thoreau.org.

Event: Presidio Guided Hikes – Birds + Bird Art Treasure Hunt

Date: Wednesdays: July 12, August 9, September 13. **Time:** 2 pm to 4 pm

Saturdays: July 15, August 12, September 16. **Time:** 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Place: Main Post and Tennessee Hollow

Phone: (415) 561-4323

Price: Free

Join us for a two-mile, family-friendly guided hike led by volunteer Presidio art docents, Presidio trail ambassadors, and Audubon birders to view birds in the Presidio and enjoy chalk art created by local nature artists. Registration is required at www.presidio.gov/events.

Links: www.presidio.gov/events/guided-hikes-birds-bird-art-treasure-hunt-7-12

www.presidio.gov/events/guided-hikes-birds-bird-art-treasure-hunt-07-15

-end of Audubon Centennial events-

Event: Creative Family Fun Craft Making: Flower Power Pendants

Date: Saturday & Sunday, July 15 & 16

Time: 11 am to 4 pm

Place: Presidio Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Avenue, San Francisco

Phone: (415) 561-4400

Price: Free

This summer marks the 50th anniversary of the Summer of Love. Come celebrate the spirit of the 1960s by making your own necklaces with super groovy pendants.

Link: www.presidio.gov/events/creative-family-fun-flower-power-pendants-07-15

Event: Summer of Love Dance

Date: Saturday, July 15

Time: 7 pm to 10 pm (Doors open at 6:30 pm)

Place: Presidio Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Avenue, San Francisco

Phone: (415) 561-4400

Price: Free

Cruise back to the days of Flower Power and the Haight/Ashbury scene with *Electric Headband*. Playing your favorite 1960s tunes, the group is a revival of San Francisco's most popular bands: The Grateful Dead, Jefferson Airplane, Big Brother & the Holding Company, Carlos Santana, and more. Get your groove on with a henna tattoo or face painting by [Yogis Henna and Face Painting](#), choose 1960s-themed props and get your photo snapped in a classic [Glass Coat Photo Booth](#), and enjoy fab food and drink for purchase from [Arguello](#) restaurant.

Part of the [city-wide Summer of Love 50th Anniversary Celebration](#).

Link: www.presidio.gov/events/summer-of-love-dance-2017

Event: Presidio Astrolecture Series: Jupiter and Its Moons - Recent Discoveries

Date: Tuesday, July 18

Time: 7:30 pm

Place: Presidio Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Avenue, San Francisco

Phone: (415) 561-4323

Price: Free

Imke de Pater is a Professor in the Department of Astronomy at UC Berkeley, and a world-renowned planetary scientist. She'll address the fact that despite the fact that Jupiter has been observed for decades from the ground and in situ by spacecraft, we still do not know its bulk composition nor do we understand its global atmospheric dynamics well. The sensitivity upgrade to the Very Large Array (VLA), combined with novel data reduction techniques, has enabled us to produce detailed longitude-resolved maps of Jupiter's atmosphere at different wavelengths. Since at these wavelengths the main source of opacity is ammonia gas, our maps provide a 3D picture of ammonia gas in Jupiter's atmosphere, within and below the planet's visible cloud layers. These maps reveal upward and downward motions within the turbulent atmosphere, and bear a striking resemblance to visible-light images taken by amateur astronomers and Hubble.

Link: www.presidio.gov/events/astrolecture-series-jupiter-and-its-moons-recent-discoveries

Event: Presidio Outdoor Family Movie Night

Date: Friday, July 21

Time: 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm: Food Trucks 5:30 pm, Movie shorts 7:30 pm, Film 8 pm

Place: Main Parade Ground, 103 Montgomery Street, San Francisco

Phone: (415) 561-4323

Price: Free

Bring a blanket and enjoy a movie night in the great outdoors! Sponsored by Supervisor Mark Farrell, in partnership with the Presidio Trust and the Presidio Y. Visit the website for the film selection.

Link: www.presidio.gov/events/outdoor-family-movie-night-07-21

Event: Creative Family Fun Craft Making: Soar in for Paper Planes

Date: Saturday & Sunday, July 22 & 23

Time: 11 am to 4 pm

Place: Presidio Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Avenue, San Francisco

Phone: (415) 561-4400

Price: Free

Crissy Field is a former U.S. Army airfield where many different types of planes took off and landed. Come design your own paper planes; you can even take them down to Crissy Field and see how they fly.

Link: www.presidio.gov/events/creative-family-fun-soar-in-for-paper-planes-07-22

Event: Presidio Book Club: David Talbot's *Season of the Witch*

Date: Saturday, July 22

Time: 1 pm to 3 pm

Place: Presidio Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Avenue, San Francisco

Phone: (415) 561-4400

Price: Free

Presidio Trust historian Barbara Berglund leads a discussion of David Talbot's, *Season of the Witch: Enchantment, Terror, and Deliverance in the City of Love* (Free Press, 2012). Commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Summer of Love and explore its aftermath with this vivid and sweeping history of events and people – from the diggers and the hippies, to Patty Hearst and Jim Jones, to the Milk-Moscone murders and the AIDS epidemic -- that shook and reshaped the city from 1967 to the 1982. Part of the city-wide Summer of Love 50th Anniversary Celebration. This title is available for purchase at the [Presidio Visitor Center](#).

Link: www.presidio.gov/events/presidio-book-club-07-22-2017

Event: Creative Family Fun Craft Making: Mark Your Mark with Nature Stamps

Date: Saturday & Sunday, July 29 & 30

Time: 11 am to 4 pm

Place: Presidio Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Avenue, San Francisco

Phone: (415) 561-4400

Price: Free

Nature in the Presidio is filled with so many interesting patterns and shapes. What happens when you add ink to those patterns and put them to paper? Come find out by making nature stamps with us.

Link: www.presidio.gov/events/creative-family-fun-make-your-mark-with-nature-stamps-07-29

AUGUST EVENTS

Event: Joel Selvin: Summer of Love

Date: Thursday, August 3

Time: 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Place: Presidio Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Avenue, San Francisco

Phone: (415) 561-4400

Price: Free

Renowned music critic and author Joel Selvin, whose weekly column ran in the *San Francisco Chronicle* from 1972 to 2009, shares first-hand reflections on the music, politics, and wild times of a magical chapter in San Francisco history. Presidio Trust historian Barbara Berglund opens the evening with a presentation on the Presidio during the Summer of Love, as the military post met the epicenter of the counterculture.

In addition to his decades with the *San Francisco Chronicle*, Joel Selvin has published articles in *Rolling Stone*, the *Los Angeles Times*, *Billboard*, *Melody Maker*, and has written liner notes for dozens of recorded albums. He has appeared in documentaries about the music scene and has occasionally taken the stage himself as a rock and roll singer. His many books covering various aspects of pop music include *Summer of Love: The Inside Story of LSD, Rock & Roll, Free Love and High Times in the Wild West*; *The Haight* with photographer Jim Marshall (named one of the ten best rock books of the year by *Rolling Stone* magazine); the No. 1 *New York Times* best-seller, *Red: My Uncensored Life In Rock*, which Selvin co-wrote with Sammy Hagar; and most recently *Altamont: The Rolling Stones, The Hells Angels, And The Inside Story Of Rock's Darkest Day*.

Part of the [city-wide Summer of Love 50th Anniversary Celebration](#).

Link: www.presidio.gov/events/joel-selvin-summer-of-love

Event: Creative Family Fun Craft Making: Luminous Lighthouses

Date: Saturday & Sunday, August 5 + 6

Time: 11 am to 4 pm

Place: Presidio Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Avenue, San Francisco

Phone: (415) 561-4400

Price: Free

August 7 is National Lighthouse Day. Get prepared for the fun event by making your own lighthouse with us. Then take your lighthouse over to Point Bonita in the Marin Headlands and check out their lighthouse!

Link: www.presidio.gov/events/creative-family-fun-luminous-lighthouses-08-05

Event: YBike Learn to Ride Program

Date: Sunday, August 6

Time: 11 am to 2 pm

Place: Presidio Main Post, Corner of Anza and Owen

Phone: (415) 561-4323

Price: Free

Get your kids riding on two wheels with free, safe, and friendly instruction from the Presidio Community Y. Bikes and equipment are provided. All ages are welcome; no reservations required. Co-sponsored by the Presidio Trust.

Link: www.presidio.gov/events/ybike-learn-to-ride-program-2017-08-6

Event: Creative Family Fun Craft Making: Tile Your Turtle

Date: Saturday & Sunday, August 12 + 13

Time: 11 am to 4 pm

Place: Presidio Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Avenue, San Francisco

Phone: (415) 561-4400

Price: Free

The western pond turtles are thriving at Mountain Lake. Come celebrate these wonderful creatures by making your own mosaic of them.

Link: www.presidio.gov/events/creative-family-fun-tile-your-turtle-08-12

Event: Kronos Quartet Concert

Date: Saturday, August 12

Time: 7 pm

Place: Presidio Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Avenue, San Francisco

Phone: (415) 561-4400

Price: Free

Kronos Quartet returns for an intimate concert that explores music from all over the world and sounds from all corners of the imagination. The performance features new and recent works written for Kronos' *Fifty for the Future*, an education and legacy project that is commissioning contemporary repertoire for string quartet. Participating artists include Philip Glass, Laurie Anderson, Rhiannon Giddens, Zakir Hussain, and Wu Man.

For more than 40 years, the Grammy-winning Kronos Quartet and their nonprofit – the Kronos Performing Arts Association – have been re-imagining and redefining what a string quartet can be. Kronos has performed thousands of concerts worldwide, commissioned over 900 works, received more than 40 awards, collaborated with many of the world's most accomplished composers and performers, and released over 60 recordings, including soundtracks for such films as *Requiem for a Dream*, *The Fountain*, *Dracula*, and the AIDS documentary *How to Survive a Plague*. Kronos' celebrated career has prompted *The New York Times* to declare that they have “broken the boundaries of what string quartets do,” and recent performances have been lauded for “remaining as geographically, politically and spiritually feisty as ever” by the *Los Angeles Times* and for “elevating a concert of music to a spiritual trip through our common humanity” by *The Globe and Mail*. In association with [KRONOS PRESENTS](#), a program of Kronos Performing Arts Association.

Link: www.presidio.gov/events/kronos-quartet

Event: Presidio Astrolecture Series: Unveiling the Dark Universe: A Tale of Fish Tanks, Wine Glasses and the Smallest Dark Matter Clumps

Date: Tuesday, August 15

Time: 7:30 pm

Place: Presidio Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Avenue, San Francisco

Phone: (415) 561-4323

Price: Free

What is “dark matter?” This is a question that has preoccupied astrophysicists for many decades. Observations show that 80% of the matter in our universe is in this mysterious, invisible form. In this talk, Dr. Yashar Hezaveh, a Hubble Fellow at the Kavli Institute for Particle Astrophysics and Cosmology at Stanford University, discusses how ALMA, the world's most sophisticated radio telescope, is used to observe some of the most distant galaxies of our universe to learn new things about dark matter. On their 12 billion light year journey to us, light rays from these galaxies pass near other galaxies. As this happens, the dark matter halos of the intervening galaxies, large and small, bend their trajectories, causing the images here on the Earth to look distorted, like images in a funhouse mirror.

Link: www.presidio.gov/events/astrolecture-series-unveiling-the-dark-universe-a-tale-of-fish-tanks-wine-glasses-and-the-smallest-dark-matter-clumps

Event: Creative Family Fun Craft Making: Build Your Bridge

Date: Saturday & Sunday, August 19 + 20

Time: 11 am to 4 pm

Place: Presidio Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Avenue, San Francisco

Phone: (415) 561-4400

Price: Free

Do you know the length of the Golden Gate Bridge? Come learn the answer and other fun bridge facts as you design your very own San Francisco bridge.

Link: www.presidio.gov/events/creative-family-fun-build-your-bridge-08-19

Event: Creative Family Fun Craft Making: Egg-Citing Critters

Date: Saturday & Sunday, August 26 + 27

Time: 11 am to 4 pm

Place: Presidio Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Avenue, San Francisco

Phone: (415) 561-4400

Price: Free

The Presidio is full of exciting and interesting animals. Come to the Presidio Officers' Club to create your own egg-citing critter and learn about all the different animals that call the Presidio home.

Link: www.presidio.gov/events/creative-family-fun-egg-citing-critters-08-26

Photos available upon request.

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