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Summer at the Presidio, June – August, 2018 Enjoy the great outdoors, picnics, interpretive programs and more

Presidio of San Francisco (April 27, 2018) – The long days of summer invite outdoor adventures and a chance to enjoy all that San Francisco’s urban national park has to offer. Explore the park’s 25 miles of bikeways and 24 miles of hiking trails, picnicking with San Francisco’s best views and kicking a ball or relaxing on a “share chair” on the Main Parade lawn. Learning about ecology, history, art or archaeology is fun through the park’s interpretive walks, exhibitions, or museums. Additionally, the Presidio and its partners offer a multitude of family-friendly activities for the school break, such as climbing, swimming, trampoline jumping, bowling, and golfing, plus free programs both indoors and out.

Outdoor Events

Through the summer, Presidio archeologists provide an inside look into *El Presidio de San Francisco* to visitors at the **Live Archaeology Dig** every Friday and Saturday June 29 through October 20. At the neighboring state-of-the-art [Archaeology Lab](#), tours are offered every Wednesday at 1 pm, followed by open lab hours for exploration and the chance to speak with the archeologists about their processes. The annual **Presidio Kite Festival** returns on Saturday June 16 from noon to 5 pm, with partner Highline Kites. The free all-day event features a free build your own kite booth, hands-on learning from kite experts, a kite art exhibition, giant kites, mega team flying, Taiko drummers, and food trucks. More family fun comes with the YMCA’s **Y Bike Learn to Ride** programs, **Family-friendly Bike Rides**, and **Family Movie Night in the Park** sponsored by District 2 supervisor Catharine Stefani, screening *Paddington 2* on June 8.

Cultural Celebrations

Pasados del Presidio, June 29-30, marks San Francisco’s Birthday by honoring the heritage of early American cultures at the Presidio—Ohlone, Spanish, and Mexican—and the founding of *El Presidio de San Francisco* in 1776. **Afternoon Fun For Kids** on Friday June 29, from noon to 3 pm offers hands-on activities like tortilla-making, adobe brick-making, music and dance by Ballet Folklorico Mexicano and more, with our partners at the National Park Service. That evening at 7 pm it’s all about the grownups with the **Pasados del Presidio Dance Party** celebrating Mexican-American musical heritage with the award winning Dr. Loco’s Rockin’ Jalapeño Band. Learn traditional dance moves from Yismari Ramos of Calidance, and indulge in cocktails available for purchase from Arguello Restaurant (cash bar).

On Saturday June 30 at 10:30 am, [Los Californianos](#), descendants of the original founding families of the Juan Bautista de Anza Expedition (1775-76), return to the Presidio to recognize the journey of their ancestors for **San Francisco’s Birthday**. The public program includes formal remarks, a procession by the Amigos de Anza horse mounted riders, and a roll call of the people who made the original 1200+ mile

trek from Sonora/Mexico. Two 60-minute **Guided History Tours** (June 30 from 1 pm and 3 pm) focus on the park's rich Spanish and Mexican heritage. Learn about the early expeditions of people and animals to this area of California and the indigenous world they encountered; the adobe walls of the Spanish fort; Spanish cannons; and the foundations of the original Presidio. Meet at the Welcome Desk at the Presidio Officers' Club.

Cultural Dance Performances at Presidio Picnic

San Francisco's favorite family picnic, [Presidio Picnic](#), offers the ultimate Sunday spread: blending the national park setting with the international cuisine reflective of our diverse Bay Area cultures. New this season, Picnic celebrates a different cultural heritage each month, with ethnic dance performances on the 4th Sunday of the month. Complementing Juneteenth Independence Day's commemoration of the ending of slavery on United States soil, the **Alafia Dance Ensemble** will demonstrate the beauty of African Haitian dance on June 24, 2018. **China Dance Theatre** will celebrate Chinese ethnic and folk dance on July 22, and on August 26, the **Parangal Dance Company** will perform Philippine regional dances in traditional attire honoring Phillipines' National Heroes Day. Presidio Picnic runs each Sunday from 11 am – 4 pm through October 21. On Thursday evenings, **Presidio Twilight** will light up the main post with fire-pits, cabanas, delicious selections from mobile food vendors, live music, lawn games, and sweeping views of the sun setting over the Golden Gate Bridge. Presidio Picnic and Presidio Twilight are offered by the [Presidio Trust](#) in a partnership with [Off the Grid](#).

Free Programs at the Presidio Officers' Club

On Saturday, June 9 at 7 pm, the Presidio Trust and InterMusic SF will present a special signature concert featuring internationally renowned violinist, composer, and Grammy Award-winner **Mads Tolling**, who brings the music of the 1960s Mad Men Era to the Presidio with his own innovative flair. The program features esteemed vocalist **Paula West** and will highlight jazz standards, famous movie themes, and classic hits. The intimate **Presidio Book Club** continues to meet at the Officers' Club on Saturdays from 1 pm – 3 pm in June and July, offering an inclusive public discussion that anyone can take part in—whether or not they've read the book. Drop in for **Creative Family Fun** activities and crafts based on the Presidio's natural and cultural heritage, with a different theme every week. For kids of all ages, Saturdays from 11 am to 3 pm.

Special exhibition [Exclusion: The Presidio's Role in World War II Japanese American Incarceration](#), has been extended through spring of 2019. Since its opening in April 2017, *Exclusion* has seen record visitation from over 50,000 visitors, investigating the choices—both personal and political—that led to this dark chapter in American history. **Guided Tours** from the Presidio Officers' Club include the Presidio Officers' Club itself, the neighboring Archaeology Lab, Andy Goldsworthy Art Walk, and Tours of General DeWitt's Office. **The Presidio Experience Tour** leaves from the Presidio Visitor Center and National Park Rangers also offer education tours there. See the calendar below and our website for more details. www.presidio.gov/events.

Please see the calendar listings below and our website for the most up-to-date information:
www.presidio.gov/events

Attention Calendar Editors: (photos are available upon request)

Ongoing Events

Exclusion: The Presidio's Role in World War II Japanese American Incarceration

Date: Every Tuesday to Sunday, through spring 2019

Time: 10 am to 5 pm

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

Phone: 415-561-4323

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. 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 to address present-day issues of mass incarceration, immigration reform, and racial profiling. In collaboration with the [Fred T. Korematsu Institute](#) and the [National Japanese American Historical Society \(NJAHS\)](#).

Link: <https://www.presidio.gov/events/exclusion-the-presidios-role-in-world-war-ii-japanese-american-incarceration-2018-06-1>

Live Archaeology Dig

Date: Every Friday + Saturday from Friday, June 29 through Saturday, October 20

Time: 10 am to 2 pm

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

Phone: 415-561-4323

Price: Free

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 see archaeology in action and ask questions.

Link: <https://www.presidio.gov/events/live-archaeology-dig-2018-06-1>

Archaeology Lab Tours & Open House

Date: Every Wednesday, ongoing, year-round.

Time: Guided tours from 1 pm to 2 pm, Open Lab 2 pm to 4 pm

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

Phone: 415-561-4323

Price: Free

At the Presidio's **Archaeology Lab**, one-hour tours offer a chance to learn about the Presidio's archaeological process and current and past excavations by visiting the state-of-the-art lab and collections facility where the Presidio's artifacts are cleaned, catalogued, studied, and curated. Stay after for Open Lab Hours to see the behind-the-scenes workings of an archaeology lab and talk to the archaeologists while they work.

Link: <https://www.presidio.gov/events/archaeology-lab-tour-and-open-house-2018-06-6>

Presidio Twilight

Date: Every Thursday through September 20

Time: 5 pm to 9 pm

Place: Main Parade Ground, Montgomery St, San Francisco, CA

Phone: 415-561-4323

Price: Entrance is free, food available for purchase

San Francisco's largest community campfire includes lantern-lit dining cabanas, fire pits, live music, lawn games, delicious international selections from innovative mobile food vendors from around the Bay Area, and views of the sun setting over San Francisco Bay. Presidio Twilight is presented by the [Presidio Trust](#) in a partnership with [Off the Grid](#).

Link: www.presidio.gov/presidio-twilight

2018 Presidio Picnic

Date: Sundays, through October 21, 2018

Time: 11 am to 4 pm; Cultural Dance Performances the 4th Sunday at 12 noon and 2 pm

Place: Main parade ground, Sheridan Avenue, San Francisco

Phone: 415-561-4323

Price: Entrance is free, food available for purchase

San Francisco's favorite family picnic, Presidio Picnic, returns to the Main Post with the ultimate Sunday spread: blending the national park setting with the cuisine reflective of the diverse Bay Area cultures. This season, Picnic celebrates a different cultural heritage each month, with international cuisine every Sunday, and ethnic dance entertainment the 4th Sunday of the month. Come gather with community, and stay to discover all that the Presidio has to offer. Presidio Picnic is presented by the [Presidio Trust](#) in a partnership with [Off the Grid](#).

Link: <https://www.presidio.gov/presidio-picnic>

<https://offthegrid.com/event/presidio-picnic>

June

Volunteer at National Trails Day

Date: Saturday, June 2

Time: 9 am to 1 pm

Place: Presidio Transit Center, 215 Lincoln Blvd., 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 welcome. Co-sponsored by the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, the Presidio Trust, and the National Park Service. To register, visit www.presidio.gov/volunteer.

Y Bike Learn to Ride Program

Date: Sunday June, 3

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 YMCA. Bikes and equipment are provided. All ages are welcome; no reservations required. Co-sponsored by the Presidio Trust.

Link: <https://www.presidio.gov/events/ybike-learn-to-ride-program-2018-06-3>

Family Film Night: Featuring *Paddington 2***Date:** Friday, June 8**Time:** 5:30 pm to 9 pm**Place:** Presidio YMCA, 63 Funston Street, San Francisco**Phone:** 415-561-4323**Price:** Free

Bring a blanket and enjoy a free family movie night! Sponsored by Supervisor Catherine Stefani, in partnership with the Presidio Trust and the Presidio Y. Food trucks, Bubbles, Face Painting 5:30 pm; cartoon Shorts 6:30 pm, Film at 7 pm.

Link: <https://www.presidio.gov/events/movie-night-in-the-park-featuring-paddington-2>**Family-Friendly Bike Ride****Date:** Saturday, June 9**Time:** 10 am to 11:30 am**Place:** Meet at Presidio Visitor center, 1705 Lincoln Blvd., San Francisco, CA**Phone:** 415-561-4323**Price:** Free

Join Presidio Trust guides 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 required as well as a bike helmet. Appropriate for ages 8 and up.

Link: <https://www.presidio.gov/events/presidio-family-friendly-bike-ride-06-09>**Guided Art Hike: Andy Goldsworthy in the Presidio****Date:** Saturday, June 9 2018**Time:** 10:30 am to 1 pm**Place:** Presidio Officers Club, 50 Moraga Ave, San Francisco**Phone:** 415-561-4323**Price:** Free

This guided hike visits the park's four installations by the world-renowned artist: *Spire* (2008), *Wood Line* (2010), *Tree Fall* (2013), and *Earth Wall* (2014). The three-mile hike is moderate with a few uphill stretches and surfaces that include sand and rocky areas. Rain or shine. Registration is required.

Link: <https://www.presidio.gov/events/guided-art-hike-andy-goldsworthy-in-the-presidio-06-09>**Creative Family Fun: Groovy Gardens****Date:** Saturday, June 9**Time:** 11 am to 3 pm**Place:** Presidio Officers Club, 50 Moraga Ave, San Francisco**Phone:** 415-561-4323**Price:** Free

Drop in every Saturday between 11 am to 3 pm for fun activities, crafts, and learning based on the Presidio's natural and cultural heritage, featuring a different theme every week! Come celebrate National Gardening Week by decorating your very own pot and sowing your own vegetable seed to grow and tend at home!

Link: <https://www.presidio.gov/events/creative-family-fun-groovy-gardens>**Mads Tolling and the Mads Men, Featuring Paula West**

Date: Saturday, June 9

Time: 7 pm to 8:30 pm

Place: Presidio Officers Club, 50 Moraga Ave, San Francisco

Phone: 415-561-4323

Price: Free, registration is required

Internationally renowned violinist, composer, and two-time Grammy Award-winner Mads Tolling is celebrating the music of the 1960s Mad Men Era with his own distinctive style and innovative flair. The program features esteemed vocalist Paula West, and will highlight jazz standards, famous movie themes, and classic hits. Presented in partnership with InterMusic SF.

Link: <https://www.presidio.gov/events/mads-tolling-the-mads-men-featuring-paula-west>

Creative Family Fun: High Flying Flags

Date: Saturday, June 16

Time: 11 am to 3 pm

Place: Presidio Officers Club, 50 Moraga Ave, San Francisco

Phone: 415-561-4323

Price: Free

June 14th is Flag Day in the United States. Here at the Presidio, we have had many flags fly over what is now the National Park. Join us to learn about the unique flags around the world and create your own billowing banner inspired by a flag that is meaningful to you.

Link: <https://www.presidio.gov/events/creative-family-fun-high-flying-flags>

Presidio Kite Festival

Date: Saturday, June 16

Time: 12 pm to 5 pm

Place: Main Parade Ground, Montgomery St., San Francisco, CA

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 all-day event features a free build your 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. Registration is appreciated but not required. Free kites are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration does not guarantee a seat in the kite-making tent.

Link: <https://www.presidio.gov/events/presidio-kite-festival-06-16>

Presidio Book Club

Date: Saturday, June 16

Time: 1 pm to 3 pm

Place: Presidio Officers Club, 50 Moraga Ave, San Francisco

Phone: 415-561-4323

Price: Free

Contested Eden: California Before the Gold Rush (University of California Press, 1998), Ramón A. Gutiérrez and Richard J. Orsi, editors. Commemorate San Francisco's birthday and the founding of the Presidio by exploring Native American and Californio societies, European voyages of discovery in and around the Pacific, the changing natural environment, and the Mexican American War through this richly illustrated collection of essays by leading scholars of early California.

Link: <https://www.presidio.gov/events/presidio-book-club-contested-eden-california-before-the-gold-rush>

Presidio Experience Tour

Date: Thursday, June 21

Time: 1 pm to 3 pm

Place: Presidio Visitor Center, 210 Lincoln Blvd., San Francisco

Phone: 415-561-4323

Price: Free

Get to know the Presidio during this two hour, in-depth experience. Start with a scenic shuttle ride around the park, filled with illuminating stories about the Presidio's past and present. Then enjoy a guided tour of the Presidio Museum at the Officers' Club for a deeper dive into the diverse people and world events that have shaped the Presidio since 1776. Registration is required at www.presidio.gov/events.

Link: <https://www.presidio.gov/events/presidio-experience-tour-06-21>

Creative Family Fun: Solstice Suncatchers

Date: Saturday, June 23

Time: 11 am to 3 pm

Place: Presidio Officers Club, 50 Moraga Ave, San Francisco

Phone: 415-561-4323

Price: Free

Join us to celebrate the longest day of the year and the beginning of summer by making beautiful suncatchers to hang up and enjoy!

Link: <https://www.presidio.gov/events/creative-family-fun-solstice-suncatchers>

Alafia Dance Ensemble at Presidio Picnic

Date: Sunday, June 24

Time: 11 am to 4 pm; performances at 12 noon and 2 pm

Place: Main Parade Ground, Sheridan Avenue, San Francisco

Phone: 415-561-4323

Price: Entrance is free, food available for purchase

San Francisco's favorite family picnic, Presidio Picnic, returns to the Main Post with the ultimate Sunday spread: blending the national park setting with the cuisine reflective of the diverse Bay Area cultures. This season, Picnic celebrates a different cultural heritage each month, with international cuisine every Sunday, and ethnic dance entertainment the 4th Sunday of the month. Come gather with community, and stay to discover all that the Presidio has to offer. The Presidio celebrates Juneteenth Independence Day with a morning of Afro-Haitian dance presented by the [Alafia Dance Ensemble](#) of the [City College of San Francisco](#) (CCSF) dance program on June 24. Presidio Picnic is presented by the [Presidio Trust](#) in a partnership with [Off the Grid](#).

Link: <https://www.presidio.gov/presidio-picnic>

<https://offthegrid.com/event/presidio-picnic>

Pasados Del Presidio: Afternoon Fun for Kids

Date: Friday, June 29

Time: Noon to 3 pm

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

Phone: 415-561-4323

Price: Free

KIDS! Join us to see Early California history come to life. Enjoy hands-on activities, a tortilla-making demonstration, and more. Music and dance is offered by Ballet Folklórico Mexicano. Presented in partnership with the National Park Service - celebrating 50 years of our National Scenic and Historic Trails.

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

Pasados del Presidio: Dance Party

Date: Friday, June 29

Time: 7pm to 10 pm (doors open at 6:15 pm, Dance Lesson at 6:30 pm)

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

Phone: 415-561-4323

Price: Free

Dance and celebrate Mexican-American musical heritage with the award winning Dr. Loco's Rockin' Jalapeño Band. Learn traditional dance moves from dancers Yismari Ramos and Dennis Bain, and enjoy cocktails for purchase from Arguello Restaurant (cash bar).

Link: <https://www.presidio.gov/events/pasados-del-presidio-dance-party>

Pasados del Presidio: San Francisco's "Birthday"

Date: Saturday, June 30

Time: 10:30 am to Noon

Place: Pershing Square, across from the Presidio Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Avenue, San Francisco

Phone: 415-561-4323

Price: Free

Descendants of the original founding families of the Juan Bautista de Anza Expedition (1775-76) return to the Presidio to recognize the journey of their ancestors and the founding of El Presidio de San Francisco. The program includes formal remarks, a procession by the Amigos de Anza horse mounted riders, and a roll call of the people who made the original 1200+ mile trek from Sonora/Mexico.

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

Pasados del Presidio: Guided History Tours

Date: Saturday, June 30

Time: Start at 1 pm, and 3pm

Place: Meet at the Welcome Desk in the Presidio Officers' Club

Phone: 415-561-4323

Price: Free

Our 60-minute guided tours will surprise you with behind-the-scenes Presidio stories and artifacts focusing on the park's rich Spanish and Mexican heritage. Hear about Juan Bautista Anza, the man who founded the Presidio. Learn about the people and animals who traveled in the Anza expedition, view the adobe walls of the original Spanish fort, see Spanish cannons, and watch archaeologists uncover the foundations of the Spanish colonial settlement that was *El Presidio de San Francisco*.

Link: <https://www.presidio.gov/events/pasados-del-presidio-special-guided-tours>

Creative Family Fun: Terrific Tile Painting

Date: Saturday, June 30

Time: 11 am to 3 pm

Place: Presidio Officers Club, 50 Moraga Ave, San Francisco

Phone: 415-561-4323

Price: Free

If you lived in El Presidio after the Spanish arrived in 1776, you might have eaten your meals on Majolica bowls and plates. Draw inspiration from these beautiful ceramics and design your own Terrific Tile!

Link: <https://www.presidio.gov/events/pasados-del-presidio-creative-family-fun-terrific-tile-painting>

July

Y Bike Learn to Ride Program

Date: Sunday, July 1

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 YMCA. Bikes and equipment are provided. All ages are welcome; no reservations required. Co-sponsored by the Presidio Trust.

Link: <https://www.presidio.gov/events/ybike-learn-to-ride-program-2018-07-1>

Creative Family Fun: Find your Trail!

Date: Saturday, July 7

Time: 11 am to 3 pm

Place: Presidio Officers Club, 50 Moraga Ave, San Francisco

Phone: 415-561-4323

Price: Free

Join us to get to know the trails of the Presidio by making collages of what you might find while you're out exploring! You can also take our quiz to find out "what trail are you?" to see where you should go to first!

Link: <https://www.presidio.gov/events/creative-family-fun-find-your-trail>

Family-Friendly Bike Ride

Date: Saturday, July 14

Time: 10 am to 11:30 am

Place: Meet at Presidio Visitor Center, 1705 Lincoln Blvd., San Francisco, CA

Phone: 415-561-4323

Price: Free

Join Presidio Trust guides 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 required as well as a bike helmet. Appropriate for ages 8 and up.

Link: <https://www.presidio.gov/events/presidio-family-friendly-bike-ride-07-14>

Guided Art Hike: Andy Goldsworthy in the Presidio

Date: Saturday, July 14

Time: 10:30 am to 1 pm

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

Phone: 415-561-4323

Price: Free

The Presidio is home to the largest collection of Andy Goldsworthy art on public view in North America. This guided hike visits the park's four installations by the world-renowned artist: *Spire* (2008), *Wood Line* (2010), *Tree Fall* (2013), and *Earth Wall* (2014). This three-mile hike is moderate with a few uphill stretches and surfaces that include sand and rocky areas. Rain or shine. Registration is required.

Link: <https://www.presidio.gov/events/guided-art-hike-andy-goldsworthy-in-the-presidio-07-14>

Creative Family Fun: Shark Shenanigans

Date: Saturday, July 14

Time: 11 am to 3 pm

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

Phone: 415-561-4323

Price: Free

July 14th is Shark Awareness Day! Come and celebrate by making your own shark costume. Make a splash when posing in front of our ocean backdrop. And remember-fish are friends, not food.

Link: <https://www.presidio.gov/events/creative-family-fun-shark-shenanigans>

Tour of General Dewitt's Office

Date: Saturday, July 14

Time: 10 am to 12 pm

Place: Presidio Officers Club, 50 Moraga Ave, San Francisco

Phone: 415-561-4323

Price: Free, registration is required

Join Presidio Trust Historian Barbara Berglund Sokolov and National Park Service Ranger James Osborne for a rare glimpse into General John DeWitt's office, where he made the decision to imprison Japanese American citizens and non-citizens without due process. Meet inside the Presidio Officers' Club at 10 am. We will then take a ten-minute walk on paved surfaces to the office site. The walk and the office are accessible. Reservations not required. For additional information call the Presidio Visitor Center at (415) 561-4323.

Presidio Experience Tour

Date: Thursday, July 19

Time: 1 pm to 3 pm

Place: Presidio Visitor Center, 210 Lincoln Blvd., San Francisco

Phone: 415-561-4323

Price: Free

Get to know the Presidio during this two hour, in-depth experience. Start with a scenic shuttle ride around the park, filled with illuminating stories about the Presidio's past and present. Then enjoy a guided tour of the Presidio Museum at the Officers' Club for a deeper dive into the diverse people and world events that have shaped the Presidio since 1776. Registration is required.

Link: <https://www.presidio.gov/events/presidio-experience-tour-07-19>

Creative Family Fun: The Great Presidio Band Stand

Date: Saturday, July 21

Time: 11 am to 3 pm

Place: Presidio Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Ave., San Francisco

Phone: 415-561-4323

Price: Free

When the Presidio was an army base, there were hundreds of musicians stationed here, some of whom participated in the Presidio Army Band. Create instruments for your own jam band using our recycled materials, or bring something of your own from home!

Link: <https://www.presidio.gov/events/creative-family-fun-shark-shenanigans>

Presidio Book Club

Date: Saturday, July 21

Time: 1 pm to 3 pm

Place: Presidio Officers Club, 50 Moraga Ave., San Francisco

Phone: 415-561-4323

Price: Free

America's Cold War: The Politics of Insecurity (Belknap Press, 2009), by Campbell Craig and Fredrik Logevall. On the 65th anniversary of the end of the Korean War, expand your understanding of the successes, failures, and legacies of the Cold War between the United States and the U.S.S.R that spurred conflicts in Korea and Vietnam and dominated world affairs during the half century following World War II.

Link: <https://www.presidio.gov/events/presidio-book-club-americas-cold-war-the-politics-of-insecurity>

China Dance Theatre at Presidio Picnic

Date: Sunday, July 22

Time: 11 am to 4 pm; performance at 12 noon and 2 pm

Place: Main Parade Ground, Sheridan Avenue, San Francisco

Phone: 415-561-4323

Price: Entrance is free, food available for purchase

San Francisco's favorite family picnic, Presidio Picnic, returns to the Main Post with the ultimate Sunday spread: blending the national park setting with the cuisine reflective of the diverse Bay Area cultures. This season, Picnic celebrates a different cultural heritage each month, with international cuisine every Sunday, and ethnic dance entertainment the 4th Sunday of the month. Come gather with community, and stay to discover all that the Presidio has to offer. On July 27, a celebrated Bay Area dance company, the [China Dance Theatre](#), will offer the rich heritage of Chinese ethnic and folk dance at the Presidio.

Presidio Picnic is presented by the [Presidio Trust](#) in a partnership with [Off the Grid](#).

Link: <https://www.presidio.gov/presidio-picnic>

<https://offthegrid.com/event/presidio-picnic>

Creative Family Fun: Towering Trees, the Redwoods

Date: Saturday, July 28

Time: 11 am to 3 pm

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

Phone: 415-561-4323

Price: Free

Drop in every Saturday between 11 am to 3 pm for fun activities, crafts, and learning based on the Presidio's natural and cultural heritage, featuring a different theme every week! Redwoods are the world's tallest tree's and we are lucky enough to have them right here in the Presidio! Make your own redwood tree to take home and learn more about what makes them super special in the park!

Link: <https://www.presidio.gov/events/creative-family-fun-the-great-presidio-band-stand>

August

Creative Family Fun: Luminous Lighthouses

Date: Saturday, August 4

Time: 11 am to 3 pm

Place: Presidio Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Ave., San Francisco

Phone: 415-561-4323

Price: Free

Join us in celebrating National Lighthouse Day by making your very own light-up lighthouses and learning about all of the important Bay-Area Lighthouses!

Link: <https://www.presidio.gov/events/creative-family-fun-luminous-lighthouses>

Y Bike Learn to Ride Program

Date: Sunday, August 5

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 YMCA. Bikes and equipment are provided. All ages are welcome; no reservations required. Co-sponsored by the Presidio Trust.

Link: <https://www.presidio.gov/events/ybike-learn-to-ride-program-2018-08-5>

Family-Friendly Bike Ride

Date: Saturday, August 11

Time: 10 am to 11:30 am

Place: Meet at Presidio Visitor Center, 1705 Lincoln Blvd., San Francisco

Phone: 415-561-4323

Price: Free

Join Presidio Trust guides 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 required as well as a bike helmet. Appropriate for ages 8 and up.

Link: <https://www.presidio.gov/events/presidio-family-friendly-bike-ride-08-11>

Guided Art Hike: Andy Goldsworthy in the Presidio

Date: Saturday, August 11

Time: 10:30 am to 1 pm

Place: Presidio Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Ave., San Francisco

Phone: 415-561-4323

Price: Free

This guided hike visits the park's four installations by the world-renowned artist: *Spire* (2008), *Wood Line* (2010), *Tree Fall* (2013), and *Earth Wall* (2014). The three-mile hike is moderate with a few uphill stretches and surfaces that include sand and rocky areas. Rain or shine. Registration is required.

Link: <https://www.presidio.gov/events/guided-art-hike-andy-goldsworthy-in-the-presidio-06-09>

Creative Family Fun: Hooked on Books

Date: Saturday, August 11

Time: 11 am to 3 pm

Place: Presidio Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Ave., San Francisco

Phone: 415-561-4323

Price: Free

Come and celebrate Booklover's Day by creating your own bookmark to use as you explore your favorite books! Stay and visit our mini-library.

Link: <https://www.presidio.gov/events/creative-family-fun-hooked-on-books>

Presidio Experience Tour

Date: Thursday, August 16

Time: 1 pm to 3 pm

Place: Presidio Visitor Center, 210 Lincoln Blvd., San Francisco

Phone: 415-561-4323

Price: Free

Get to know the Presidio during this two hour, in-depth experience. Start with a scenic shuttle ride around the park, filled with illuminating stories about the Presidio's past and present. Then enjoy a guided tour of the Presidio Museum at the Officers' Club for a deeper dive into the diverse people and world events that have shaped the Presidio since 1776. Registration is required.

Link: <https://www.presidio.gov/events/presidio-experience-tour-08-16>

Creative Family Fun: Honeybee Helpers

Date: Saturday, August 18

Time: 11 am to 3 pm

Place: Presidio Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Ave., San Francisco

Phone: 415-561-4323

Price: Free

There are 64 native bee species that can be found here at the Presidio. Learn about the different pollinators that populate the park, decorate your own Honeybee buddy, and find out the buzz on how honeybees communicate – through dancing!

Link: <https://www.presidio.gov/events/creative-family-fun-honeybee-helpers>

Creative Family Fun: Animal Adventures

Date: Saturday, August 25

Time: 11 am to 3 pm

Place: Presidio Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Ave., San Francisco

Phone: 415-561-4323

Price: Free

Make and decorate your very own animal binoculars to go out and explore the park and the animals that live here! Also learn about different types of animals with a guessing game.

Link: <https://www.presidio.gov/events/creative-family-fun-animal-adventures>

Parangal Dance Company at Presidio Picnic

Date: Sunday, August 26

Time: 11 am to 4 pm; performances the 4th Sunday at 12 noon and 2 pm

Place: Main Parade Ground, Sheridan Avenue, San Francisco

Phone: 415-561-4323

Price: Entrance is free, food available for purchase

San Francisco's favorite family picnic, Presidio Picnic, returns to the Main Post with the ultimate Sunday spread: blending the national park setting with the cuisine reflective of the diverse Bay Area cultures.

This season, Picnic celebrates a different cultural heritage each month, with international cuisine every Sunday, and ethnic dance entertainment the 4th Sunday of the month. Come gather with community, and stay to discover all that the Presidio has to offer. [The Parangal Dance Company](#) pays tribute to Philippine heritage by presenting ethnic attire, music, and dance on August 27 in honor of the Philippine's National Heroes Day. Presidio Picnic is presented by the [Presidio Trust](#) in a partnership with [Off the Grid](#).

Link: <https://www.presidio.gov/presidio-picnic>
<https://offthegrid.com/event/presidio-picnic>

About the Presidio and the Presidio Trust

The Presidio Trust is a federal agency that manages the Presidio of San Francisco, a national park at the heart of the 82,000-acre Golden Gate National Recreation Area. In partnership with the National Park Service and the non-profit Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, the Presidio Trust brings alive the park's historic, natural, and recreational assets for the inspiration, education, health, and enjoyment of all people at no cost to taxpayers. Spanning nearly 1,500 acres in a spectacular setting at the Golden Gate, the Presidio is defined by its history, spectacular views, natural habitats, and beautiful open spaces. It is home to 3,000 residents and 200 tenant organizations, many of which welcome and serve the public. The Presidio Trust is focused on welcoming all to the national park experience, protecting and enhancing the environment, and operating in service to the public. Learn more at www.presidio.gov.

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