

2010 Special Events



Paths of the Padres Feb. 27-Apr. 25

This very popular guided tour is offered by San Luis Reservoir State Recreation Area. It consists of a boat trip and five mile hike that retraces the trail taken by Spanish missionaries and soldiers who came this way in 1805. Space is very limited and dates are tentative so it is important to contact them at (209) 826-1197 for more information and reservations.



May Day Spring Fair Apr. 28-May 2

This five day County Fair has its roots in the early days of Los Banos' history. Today you will find live entertainment, midway games and carnival rides, tractor pull, destruction derby, FFA/4-H animals, displays and auctions, great food and drink.



Basque Picnic May 16

This day-long event pays tribute to the Basque heritage- an important part of our community. Mass is celebrated at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph's Church. A traditional lunch of barbecued lamb, lamb stew, beans, green salad and all the trimmings is served from noon to 2 pm at the Los Banos Fairgrounds, followed by dancing and traditional Basque games. For more information contact Mary Zabalbeascoa at (209) 826-6288.



Portuguese Celebration May 23

The Portuguese people represent another large segment of our community. This celebration involves a parade that ends at the DES Hall where a traditional meal of sopas is served. There is also an auction and other afternoon events at the Los Banos Fairgrounds. For more information contact Luis Oliveira at (209) 826-5667.



Buffalo Soldier Day May 26

Reconstructing the 1903 Buffalo Soldier Trail from the Presidio of San Francisco to Sequoia National Park is of national significance. This 16 day Historical Trail Project returns the Cavalry to Los Banos on day 7 of the trip with several activities planned for their overnight stay. www.losbanosbuffalosoldiers.org



Old Fashioned 4th of July July 4

If you are looking for a great fireworks show then we have just what you are looking for. But we do more than that. We offer an afternoon filled with games, entertainment, food and fun leading up to the big show that begins about 9 pm at the Los Banos Fairgrounds. Bring your lawn chairs and your family for a perfect celebration of our nation's independence. For more information call the Chamber office at (209) 826-2495.



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