

# March 2020

## Orange County Calendar of Events

### **Irvine Park Railroad Anniversary Celebration Feb. 29-Mar. 1**

To celebrate their 24th year of business and to show appreciation to all their loyal customers Irvine Park is rolling back to their original 1996 prices during their anniversary weekend, including \$2 train rides! The anniversary celebration will also feature other \$2-\$4 activities and concessions.

Irvine Regional Park, Orange [www.irvineparkrailroad.com](http://www.irvineparkrailroad.com)

### **3K Walk for Horses Mar. 1**

The Free Rein Foundation rescues horses and then works with them in Equine-Assisted therapy programs for kids, vets, and adults. Meet the rescued horses and take photos! Scavenger hunt map for the entire course! Food, drinks, activities, and booths will be available! Gifts and prizes!

8-10am / Huntington Central Park Equestrian Center [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com)

### **Hoag Classic Mar. 4-8**

Massive galleries file into Newport Beach Country Club to lend a level of excitement that has established this tournament as the finest stop on the PGA TOUR Champions.

1600 East Coast Highway, Newport Beach

949-660-1001 / [www.hoagclassic.com](http://www.hoagclassic.com)

### **Boca de Oro Festival of Literary Arts & Culture Mar. 7**

Free writing and arts and crafts workshops, panel discussions, author talks and performances throughout Downtown Santa Ana. This year's theme, "The Spirit of Transformation" with the nine Greek muses was illustrated in a stunning poster by Santa Ana Illustrator and Artist Barbie Godoy.

10am-10pm / Downtown Santa Ana [www.bocadeoro.org](http://www.bocadeoro.org)

### **Littlest Angel Guild's Pursesally Yours Mar. 7**

"Fly Away to Neverland" Island where buying designer purses never gets old. Enjoy a delightful day bidding on stunning one-of-a-kind designer purses and wondrous auction items to raise funds for the kids and families of CHOC Children's. New and vintage handbags for sale.

10am-3pm / Disney Grand California Hotel & Spa, Anaheim

714-509-8690 / <https://foundation.choc.org>

### **Orange County Beach Bocce Championships Mar. 7**

Hosted by The Boys and Girls Clubs of Capistrano Valley. Lunch, drinks and event t-shirt provided for all registered players.

8am / Doheny State Beach, Dana Point [www.bgccapo.com](http://www.bgccapo.com)

### **Art in the Park Mar. 7**

Featuring interactive art exhibits, DIY projects, live performances and more! Furthering the City's efforts to "Reimagine" Garden Grove, the Art in the Park event is a collaboration with the Garden Grove Unified School District, showcasing their First Impressions Student Art Exhibit.

11am-2pm / Village Green Park [www.ggcity.org](http://www.ggcity.org)

### **Festival of Whales Mar. 7-8 & 14-15**

Celebrates the return of the once-endangered California Gray Whale with a leviathan-size event. In addition to whale watching, the festival includes a kick-off parade, Sand Sculpting, Ocean Awareness Day, musical entertainment, on-the-water Concert, Whale of a Block Party, Art Shows, Pancake Breakfast, BBQs, Kids Interpretive Crafts, Classic Car Exhibits, Lectures/Seminars at multiple venues including the Ocean Institute, Historic Walking Tours, Paddling Events, Sailing/Rowing/Kayak/SUP Demos.

See website for schedule. / Dana Point Harbor

949-472-7888 / [www.festivalofwhales.com](http://www.festivalofwhales.com)

### **CRY OC - Holi By The Sea Mar. 8**

Open to all - just be ready to get very colorful and enjoy amazing Bollywood music by Fusion Sounds! ALL proceeds support underprivileged children.

11am-3pm / Bolsa Chica State Beach

714-512-6499 / <https://events.cryamerica.org>

### **Cherry Blossom Festival Mar. 13-15**

A FREE day of fun filled with Japanese food, music, dance, cultural performances, and games and crafts for the kids. This festival is in support of the over 30 year student exchange relationship Huntington Beach shares with their sister city of Anjo, Japan.

10:30am-5:30pm / Central Park Bandstand, Huntington Beach

714-500-4994 / [www.occbfest.com](http://www.occbfest.com)

### **St. Patrick's Day @ Old World Village Mar. 13-17**

Come on down and celebrate a meal with us. Irish Stew and Corned Beef & Cabbage served with carrots, onions, potatoes, and horse radish. Old World also has full line of imported German beers on tap!

11am-9pm / Old World German Restaurant [www.oldworld.ws](http://www.oldworld.ws)

### **Multicultural Fair at Sage Hill School Mar. 14**

This colorful, fun-filled event showcases and celebrates Sage Hill school's—and the community's—amazing cultural diversity. Taste home-cooked delicacies from virtually every nation represented at Sage Hill; enjoy musical and dance performances; bid on baskets of themed goodies; browse the ethnic bazaar; and plenty of entertainment for the kids.

11am-4pm / Wilkins Town Square, Newport Coast

949-219-0100 / [www.sagehillschool.org](http://www.sagehillschool.org)

### **#La Habra Races Mar. 14**

Annual 5K Run/Walk with 1K Kiddy Run & 50-YD. Diaper Dash. All participants in these two races will receive participation medals, the 1K Kiddy Run will also include timing and finish line management, and the top three male and female runners will receive awards at the awards presentation.

6-9am / La Habra Marketplace Shopping Center

562-383-4200 / [www.lahabracity.com](http://www.lahabracity.com)

## Parenting OC's Summer Opportunities Jamboree Mar. 14

This year, Jamboree will have special guests, games and many new exhibitors featuring family travel destination spots, summer camps, and school information.

10am-3pm / Discovery Cube Science Center, Santa Ana  
714-630-4510 x6 / [www.parentingoc.com/jamboree](http://www.parentingoc.com/jamboree)

## El Presidente Ball Mar. 14

Journey back to the late 1800s of early California and let the Fiesta Association show you how "the West was fun" at this western style dinner dance. Enjoy some great food and old-fashioned fun while dancing under the stars (weather permitting) to live country-western style music.

6-10pm / El Adobe de Capistrano, SJC [www.swallowsparade.com](http://www.swallowsparade.com)

## Annual Irish Festival on the Green Mar. 14

OC favorite Cillian's Bridge will be on the stage, OC Herding, BFOC Irish Dance, inflatables for the kids, Euro Bungee, dart and axe throws, free crafts and games, face painting and so much more. Food, beer and drinks are available for purchase. There will be a judged Irish costume contest at 2pm sharp. 11am-5pm / Village Green: 24932 Veterans Way, Mission Viejo  
949-830-2151 / [www.mvactivities.com](http://www.mvactivities.com)

## Buena Park: Walk Your Way with SLDC Mar. 15

Speech and Language Development Center (SLDC) is holding an annual 1 mile walk with Peanuts Characters, an interactive sensory kids zone, and a resource fair for parents. Every walker gets a commemorative medal and slice of boysenberry pie.

7am-12pm / Knott's Berry Farm [www.sldcwalkyourway.org](http://www.sldcwalkyourway.org)

## Swallows Day Fiesta Grande Mar. 18

This night of Old West entertainment consists of four contests are rolled into one! Best Dressed Old West Man, Best Dressed Old West Woman, Best Belt Buckle, and the Hairiest Man (best moustache and/or beard). So don your finest Old West outfit, belt buckle or facial hair! and enter one or more of the contests. There is a \$5 entry fee (pay when you arrive) per category for each contestant entered.

6-9pm / Swallow's Inn, SJC [www.swallowsparade.com](http://www.swallowsparade.com)

## Knowledge & Health Fair Expo Mar. 18

Market your agency's services and resources to more than 300 seniors in the community.

10am-1pm / Costa Mesa Senior Center [www.costamesaca.gov](http://www.costamesaca.gov)

## The Muckenthaler Cultural Center Spring Family Arts Night 2020 Mar. 19

Join us as we open our art studios for your budding artist to get to see our space and meet some of our on-staff artists. Kids of all ages can come and enjoy as they get their hands dirty trying ceramics, drawing, and painting along with a multitude of other artistic crafts.

5:30-7:30pm / 1201 West Malvern Avenue, Fullerton  
714-738-6595 / [www.themuck.org](http://www.themuck.org)

## Saint Joseph's Day at the Mission Mar. 19

Live mariachi music, community presentations, Special Guest "Swallows Speakers", Mission Basilica School performances, ringing of the historic bells and History of St. Joseph's Day and Swallows Legend.

Mission San Juan Capistrano 9 [www.missionsjc.com](http://www.missionsjc.com)

## Swallows Day Parade & Mercado Mar. 21

This is the nation's largest non-motorized parade. The Mercado is a Street Fair and Market Place where you can eat, drink, and shop at over 100

booths. It is THE place to be after the parade! Listen and dance to the music of The Working Cowboy Band, a traditional country music band.

Downtown San Juan Capistrano [www.swallowsparade.com](http://www.swallowsparade.com)

## Huntington Beach Cruisers Meet Mar. 21

A popular gathering of beach cruising vehicles manufactured through 1967, featuring nomads, woodies, VW Transporters, convertibles, steel wagons and other beach cruisin' vehicles of the era. In addition, vintage longboard collections will be on display with event-themed vendors next to Pier Plaza.

7am-3pm / Downtown Huntington Beach [www.hbcruisers.com](http://www.hbcruisers.com)

## Jack's Surfboards Pro Mar. 26-29

Watch as the top surfers of the world compete to qualify for the World Surfing League. There will be a live webcast on World Surf League as well as live contest updated on Jack's Surfboards social media accounts. Jack's Surfboards shop will have event merchandise at its location on Main Street.

8am-5pm / Huntington Beach Pier - Southside  
[www.worldsurfleague.com](http://www.worldsurfleague.com)

## Springtime Eggstravaganza Mar. 27

A sensational day for your little one and their friends to come out for a morning of crafts and activities! Bring your baskets and camera and be prepared to SCRAMBLE for eggs, play some games, dye and decorate eggs, dance, and meet the Easter bunny! For ages 3-5.

10am-12pm / Tierra Grande Park, San Clemente  
949-361-8200 / [www.san-clemente.org](http://www.san-clemente.org)

## Ocean Institute FEST 2020-Culinary Music Festival Mar. 27-28

Guests will experience an all-inclusive Waterfront Food Festival featuring the best restaurants of Orange County. Executive Chefs will present the crown jewel of each of their menus. Explore unique craft cocktails. Musical Guest and Entertainment by LA's Hottest 'LIVE 61'

6-11pm / 24200 Dana Point Harbor Drive  
949-496-2274 / [www.ocean-institute.org](http://www.ocean-institute.org)

## Run Seal Beach Mar. 28

You won't want to miss this scenic race, through Old Town Seal Beach, featuring historic landmarks and amazing views of the beautiful Pacific Ocean. This one of a kind course takes you along the San Gabriel river, past stunning homes on the famous "Gold Coast" and our iconic wood pier.

7:30-9:30am / Seal Beach Community Center [www.runsealbeach.com](http://www.runsealbeach.com)

## OC Yoga Festival Mar. 28-29

Enjoy yoga, meditation, sound healing, workshops, talks, live music, vendors and more! Your ticket will give you access to yoga classes and workshops located in Pier Plaza.

9am-4pm / Huntington Beach Pier Plaza [www.ocyogafestival.com](http://www.ocyogafestival.com)

## Glitterfest Mar. 29

A collection of creative folks who express their talent through mixed media art. It includes handmade jewelry, sculpture, primitive dolls, paper whimsy and much, much more!

10am-3pm / Spring Field Conference Center, Fullerton  
714-573-1025 / [www.glitterfest.com](http://www.glitterfest.com)

## Family Music and Arts Festival Mar. 31-Apr. 8

This nine day event will be amped up with music, dancing, art and more at Kidstock Music & Arts Festival. This family friendly festival will have your creative talents flowing and frolicking through our Traveling Exhibit and Museum.

Pretend City Children's Museum, Irvine [www.pretendcity.org](http://www.pretendcity.org)