

Fiesta de la Gente planned at UCSD

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A Fiesta for the enjoyment of everyone in San Diego County has been planned for Saturday, May 24, by the Associated Students at the University of California, San Diego, and the Oceanids, the faculty wives' club.

Food and game booths, cultural exhibits, Mexican entertainers and a kite-flying contest will provide a lively and fun-filled day for young and old at the Fiesta de la Gente.

The Fiesta will begin at 1:00 p.m. with the opening of the booths in Revelle Plaza at UCSD. The food booths will feature such popular Mexican foods as enchiladas, tacos, tamales, tostados and Spanish rice prepared by Old Town's famous La Casa Blanca and Mexican candies, sweet breads and corn on the cob prepared by UCSD's Coffee Hut.

The game booths will provide a great variety of games for young people and adults. Games of Mexico, such as Peso Pitch, the Heel Toss, Bolero and Aros, as well as traditional American games, such as Balloon Darts, Fish Pond and a Dunking Booth, will be central attractions.

Exhibits include a special photographic study of Mexican faces, ceramics, paintings, sculptures, banners and kites. Demonstrations will be presented on candlemaking, silkscreening, weaving and making pottery.

All of the booths, of course, will be decorated in the Fiesta theme and all participants will be costumed in traditional Mexican dress. Pesos will be the only money accepted by the booth workers and vendors, so an exchange booth will be available.

Throughout the afternoon, Oscar Amezcua and the Mariachis will stroll through the plaza playing requests by the guests--in Spanish. Translators will be on hand to help the gringos.

A performance by the Estudiantina de la Paz, a children's singing group from Tijuana, will be presented at 2:00 p.m., and the Ballet Folklorico will perform at 4:00 p.m.

Hundreds of balloons will fill the sky at 3:00 p.m., when a ceremony is held for the official breaking of the pinatas.

Culminating the Fiesta de la Gente will be a concert by the Baja Marimba Band at 8:00 p.m. in the UCSD Gymnasium. Oscar Amezcua, Magic Violin and the Ballet Folklorico will also appear in this evening performance which is sure to appeal to all age levels. Tickets will be sold prior to the date of the performance.

Everyone is invited to the Fiesta de la Gente, which is certain to provide an exciting day for all who attend.