

Year-round free activities at UCSD

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Dear Editor,

I hope you will find the attached listing of year-round free activities at the University of California, San Diego, of interest to your readers. None of the items occur on a specific date, so the entire list could be used any time of the year, or several items selected from it.

UCSD does, of course, additionally provide a monthly calendar listing of the many lectures, plays, musical performances and special activities held on the campus.

Thank you in advance for your interest.

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TEN-PLUS FREE ACTIVITIES AT UCSD

1. The UCSD Visitors Program offers 90-minute campus tours. Call 534-4414 for reservations and information.
2. The Stuart Collection of outdoor sculpture is available for self-guided tours. Guide book available at the Gilman Information Pavilion. For group tours of 15 or more, call 534-2117.
3. The Geisel Library offers exhibits from its Special Collections section for the public to view. Call 534-3336 for hours and information.
4. The San Diego Supercomputer Center offers public tours for groups up to 20 every Friday. Call 534-5000 for reservations.
5. UCSD's Scripps Institution of Oceanography opens the national historic Old Scripps Building, built in 1910 and designed by famed architect Irving Gill, one day a year for public tours. Call 534-3624 for information on the date.
6. The Chargers football team holds practice mid-July to mid-August on UCSD's North Campus Recreation Field. For information call 455-1976.

7. The University Art Gallery exhibits a number of shows of both known and emerging artists. Call 534-2864 for shows and hours. The Mandeville Annex Gallery shows the works of undergraduate Visual Arts students (534-2252) and the Visual Arts Graduate Gallery displays the work of graduate students (534-2862).

8. The Grove Gallery features exhibitions of various crafts, including sculptures, neon, glass, jewelry and pottery. Call 534-2021.

9. The UCSD Theatre Department offers a number of free, student cabaret performances during the academic year. Call 534-3793 for a schedule.

10. The UCSD Music Department holds a number of free concerts and recitals during the year. For information call 534-4830.

11. The UCSD Bookstore holds free "author events" monthly during which authors discuss literature and autograph their books. Call 534-7323 for schedule.

12. A wide variety of public lectures is available. Call 534-UCSD.

FREE ACTIVITIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO

The University of California offers a number of free, year-round pleasures for community residents and visitors to enjoy on its 1,200 acres of coastal woodland. Visitors are invited to succumb to such escapes as listening to a talking tree or attending a student cabaret performance; touring a supercomputer center or visiting a number of gallery exhibits. All free.

JOIN A TOUR

The UCSD Visitors Program offers 90-minute walking tours--cooled by ocean breezes and shade trees--of the UCSD campus at 2 p.m. on the second, fourth and fifth Sunday of each month. A mini-bus tour is available at 2 p.m. the first and third Sundays of the month, with wheelchair accessibility on request. Tour guides provide information on the history and unique features of the campus. Reservations are necessary and may be made by calling 534-4414.

PICNIC AT 'STONEHENGE'

The Stuart Collection of outdoor sculpture on the UCSD campus is world-famed for its unique collection of site-specific works by leading contemporary artists. The collection ranges from Richard Fleischner's La Jolla Project of stone architectural forms on a sweeping green lawn, fondly referred to as "Stonehedge" by students, to Elizabeth Murray's 12-foot bright Red Shoe hidden in a eucalyptus grove. There's Alexis Smith's 560-foot long Snake Path winding downhill from a terrace at Geisel Library; Niki de Saint Phalle's Sun God, which has become a place of celebration for students; Terry Allen's Trees, including a talking tree, a music tree and a silent tree, and some eight other sculptures. For a self-guided tour, pick up a guide book at the Gilman Information Pavilion. For group tours of 15 or more, call 534-2117.

MEET THE CAT IN THE HAT

The Geisel Library, which contains the world's largest Dr. Seuss original materials in its Special Collections section, offers changing exhibits year-round for the public to view. These may range from manuscripts of 20th century scientists to a poetry collection to Spanish Civil War posters. The public may study and use books in the library; takeout is by membership card. And if a break from books is needed, the top floor of the library is open for dramatic views of San Diego County from ocean to mountains. Call 534-3336 for information.

BEAM INTO THE FUTURE

The San Diego Supercomputer Center offers public tours for groups up to 20 every Friday. The 45-minute tours include a visit through the supercomputer room and visualization lab and a talk on the history of the center, its capabilities, and current research projects. Free parking is available. Call 534-5000 for reservations.

RETRACE HISTORY

At UCSD's Scripps Institution of Oceanography, the national historic Old Scripps Building, built in 1910 and designed by San Diego architect Irving Gill, is open one day a year for free public tours. For information on the date call 534-3624. The public may use the SIO library; for information on hours call 534-3837.

PREVIEW THE CHARGERS

The public can watch the Chargers football team in practice, mid-July to mid-August, on the North Campus Recreation Field. For information call 455-1976.

VIEW ART

The University Art Gallery exhibits a number of shows during the academic year, focusing on contemporary art. In the past 20 years the gallery has exhibited the works of both known and emerging artists--faculty, local and from around the world. Regular hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday; check for limited summer hours. Call 534-2864.

The Mandeville Annex Gallery shows the work of undergraduate Visual Arts students during the academic year, noon to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Call 534-2252.

The Visual Arts Graduate Gallery displays the work of graduate students and is open during the academic year, noon to 5 p.m. Call 534-2862.

CATCH NEW CRAFTS

The Grove Gallery features exhibitions of various crafts, including sculptures, neon, glass, jewelry and pottery, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. Call 534-2021.

ATTEND A PLAY

The UCSD Theatre Department offers a number of free, student cabaret performances throughout the year. Call 534-3793 for a quarterly schedule. Also, free admission for performance ushers is available, 534-3793 for information.

HEAR MUSICAL WORKS

The UCSD Music Department offers a number of free concerts and recitals, including-- twice a year-- graduate composition students presenting new works in New Music Forums, and graduate performance students presenting a variety of works from all periods in the Performers Forum. Once a quarter undergraduate performance students offer a variety of works from all periods, and at the end of each quarter recitals are given by voice, piano, violin and viola students. The UCSD Gospel Choir presents a free Martin Luther King concert annually. For information call 534-4830.

BROWSE BOOKS

The UCSD Bookstore, largest in San Diego County, offers more than 150,000 titles for the public, as well as students and faculty, to browse through. Free "author events" are offered every month during which authors--volleyball players to philosophers--discuss literature and autograph their books. The bookstore also contains the largest "Dr. Seuss" shop in San Diego. Call 534-7323.

LISTEN TO LECTURES

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NOTE: Although the above listed activities are free, there is a UCSD parking fee.