

Bring Your Family to Mira Mesa Street Fair 2017!

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Enjoy entertainment on two stages, a Fun Zone with giant inflatables, children's activities, and a variety of food and beverages at the 19th Annual Mira Mesa Street Fair, hosted by the Mira Mesa Town Council, Saturday, October 7, 2017, 10am to 5pm, on Camino Ruiz from Mira Mesa Blvd. to New Salem Street. A Mira Mesa tradition since 1999, in recent years the Street Fair has been in September, but this year returns to its original date on the first Saturday in October.

The food court will have an international flair, with Filipino, Chinese, Japanese, and Salvadoran cuisine, as well as all-American bacon-wrapped hot dogs. Street Fair treats will include ever-popular kettlecorn, lemonade and shaved ice.

Browse the crafters and other vendors' booths to shop for something special, and visit the displays by community groups, schools, churches, businesses, and military to find out about things to do, places to go, and people to get acquainted with in Mira Mesa. Visit the Scripps Mesa Fireworks booth and help the non-profit group's volunteers kick off this year's fundraising campaign for the local 4th of July fireworks display, which are set off from Mira Mesa High School and viewed not only from Mira Mesa Community Park but also from a number of locations around Mira Mesa and Scripps Ranch. Learn about Mira Mesa High School's award-winning wrestling program at the MMHS Wrestling Boosters booth. Do you enjoy really fresh vegetables? Farm Fresh to You will have a booth, talking to people about their CSA (community supported agriculture) program, which makes monthly deliveries of organic vegetables from farms to homes.

Discover Mira Mesa's wild backyard at the Friends of Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve booth. Do you like bowling? One of Mira Mesa's oldest businesses, Mira Mesa Lanes, is again participating in this year's Street Fair. Mira Mesa Presbyterian Church's booth will feature a ring toss game, and Christ the Cornerstone Church and Academy is likely to offer a craft activity as well as information about the church and school. The Mira Mesa Girl Scouts are also planning an interactive booth with information and activities. Boy Scouts of America Rancho Mesa District will have a booth, too. Street Fair sponsor Z90 will be there, and San Diego Miramar College will have a booth. Mira Mesa's newest service club, the Mira Mesa Lions Club, will have a booth, as will the Mira Mesa Women's Club, which traces its roots to the earliest days of Mira Mesa in the 1970s, but welcomes new members and is still going strong.

Among the crafters and retail vendors scheduled to participate in this year's Street Fair are: Peter An Li of 10 Hands Gift House, with handmade jewelry boxes, collectible rocks wood plaques, and toys; Corinne Cramer's "9 of Clubs Creations" offering a variety of unique handmade jewelry - necklaces, bracelets, and earrings created with materials such as gold, silver, freshwater pearls, and Swarovski crystal; Jin Yao of Alpha, with jewelry, hats, scarves, and wood toys; and Jennifer Glenn with LulaRoe clothing for adults and children - tops, dresses, skirts, and leggings.

Mira Mesa's elected officials at various levels will have booths where you can talk with them and/or their representatives. At press time, booths are planned by the offices of State Assemblymember Brian Maienschein, State Senator Toni Atkins, and Congressman Scott Peters.

Look through a solar telescope supplied by a San Diego Astronomy Association volunteer. See an armed combat vehicle, or climb to the top of a giant earth mover for a bird's eye view of the Street Fair below you! Discover treasures at bargain prices at the Friends of the Mira Mesa Library's fabulous book sale in the library meeting room.

Learn about Mira Mesa past and present at the "big top" information tent with displays and volunteers from the Mira Mesa Town Council, Recreation Council, and Community Planning Group. The Mira Mesa Branch

Library/Friends of the Library will also have information about library programs and a “satellite” book sale in the community tent.

This year’s food vendors are:

Kona Ice Little Sandiego
Finest City Kettlecorn
Doggos Gus – Bacon wrapped hot dogs, Salvadoran pupusas
Gabinas – Filipino food: Lumpia, pancit, chicken & pork bbq skewers, chicken adobo, turon, steamed white rice, bottled water and soda
Momo Bing – Chinese savory street crepes
E & Drink – Chinese food
Gaja (Green Egg Co.) – Japanese food: Japanese pancake, rice bowl, spam roll, fried shrimp tempura, meat ball, shrimp roll, fried squid, lemonade
Gnarly Nachos – build your own nachos and tater tots

Street Fair map, vendors list and Vulcan Music Stage and Community Stage schedules are in the Sept-Oct 2017 Mira Mesa Living and at www.miramesatowncouncil.org.