

ClubFest 2003: Get Ready to Relax and Enjoy The Food, Fun and Good Times!

■ Fresh air, good food and a space as big as the great outdoors await you at the second annual Club family party. It's members only, so say goodbye to last year's large crowds. Register early!



Plenty to see and do at Calamigos Ranch including games, hayrides and face painting.



Hold onto your hat, partners: ClubFest 2003 is headin' for the ranch and ready to round up some great family fun!

ClubFest 2003, the annual party for Club members and their families, is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 5, at Calamigos Ranch, nestled in the hills above Malibu. There will be lots of fresh air, green grass and sunshine for everyone: Space will be strictly limited to ensure everyone has plenty of room to enjoy the great outdoors.

For 2003, ClubFest will be members only. When we launched the Club at last year's ClubFest, we invited all City employees and their families, and the response was overwhelming. (We remember how long the lines were.) This year, it's Club members only, so it's going to be more comfortable, more relaxing ... and more about you.

There will be a small charge to attend ClubFest 2003 (prices are below). This is not just some small picnic: With food, fun and great raffle prizes, this is a big deal! Each

ticket has a value of \$35, but Club members are being asked to chip in just \$4 each (slightly more for other members of the family). It will be a great event ... at a huge discount.

Admission prices double after Sept. 1, so make sure to buy your tickets early. And no tickets will be available the day of the event. All tickets must be purchased in advance.

Registration information is at the end of this article.

"This is the beginning of a tradition for The Club," says David Muraoka, a Club board member and part of the ClubFest committee that planned the event. "We had many goals in creating this year's ClubFest, and choosing Calamigos Ranch accomplished them all: an intimate setting, a more relaxed and

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Have Fun ... But Are You Protected Against Injury?

■ The Club introduces short-term disability insurance. Protect you and your family from your unexpected non-work-related injury.

You work hard. You play hard. You enjoy your weekends. You like to get things done. And that's great.

But are you protected? What happens to your paycheck if you hurt yourself while not at work? If you break your foot helping your brother move? Separate your shoulder playing pickup football in the park?

Bruise an eye climbing rocks in the desert? And furthermore, what does your family do if you can't work temporarily? Even a brief medical leave can put your paycheck at risk.

Maybe you haven't thought about it. Well, the Club has. Introducing short-term disability insurance, provided through your City Employees Club of Los Angeles. The plans have all the quality and affordability you've come to expect from the Club.

Don't stop living. Get protected. "Disabilities don't wait for you to get insured," says John Hawkins, chief operating officer of the Club. "They can happen anytime."

"We know our Club members lead very active lives. We want to help them enjoy every minute of their free time, without worrying about getting injured. That's why we're excited to offer this protection to our members."

Short term disability insurance from the



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Join in the Fun at ClubFest 2003

ClubFest

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manageable pace, a sense of community and camaraderie, an event that's great for families, and an event that will have everyone looking forward to ClubFests for years to come.

"And we wanted to make sure we have fun."
That won't be a problem!



Register Early Partner!

Registration information

What: ClubFest 2003

Where: Calamigos Ranch, above Malibu

When: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5

Who: Club members and their immediate family only. Families will be limited to 5 members

Cost: \$4 for Club members, \$7 each for other adult guests (13 and older), \$3 each for children 12 and under; free for children 3 and younger.

Sign up early: All admission prices double after Sept. 1.

How to register: Registration forms will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Complete a registration form and mail it in or drop it off (with payment) at the Club Office, World Trade Center, 350 S. Figueroa St. Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90071

Registration forms are available: at the Club office; at the Club's Website (www.cityemployeesclub.com) (Adobe Acrobat required for downloading); and in this issue of *Alive!*

No tickets will be available the day of the event. All tickets must be purchased in advance.

Note: The Club will do everything it can to gather submissions, but it cannot be responsible for lost or misdirected mail.

Check out the fantastic things you'll be able to do at ClubFest 2003:

Food, Food and More Food!

All you can eat, served from covered wagons, giant cast-iron kettles and six-foot iron grills

- Shredded roast beef smothered in barbecue sauce
- French rolls
- Barbecued chicken
- Fresh grilled corn
- Hot dog bar with chili and all the fixins
- Potato salad
- Crispy California garden salad
- Seasonal fruit salad
- Unlimited soda, lemonade, iced tea and coffee
- Unlimited popcorn
- Unlimited ice cream bars, Popsicles and juice bars

Entertainment

- Horseshoes
- Ping-pong
- Tetherball
- Paddle boats
- Swimming pool with lifeguards
- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Moonbounce
- Prize bingo (adult and children)
- A clown
- Coloring activities for the kids
- Music
- Dunk tank
- Face painters
- Petting zoo
- Foam machine
- Hayrides
- "Sumo" wrestling
- The famous "Orbotron"
- Pony rides
- Merry-go-round
- Puppet show



Raffles

Enter to win amazing prizes! The raffle prizes will be detailed in the next few issues of *Alive!*

Calamigos Ranch: Happy Trails!

There is nothing like Calamigos Ranch in all of Southern California: It's 120 acres (that's as much as Disneyland) of open space and comfortable facilities made just for good food, lots of activities, and great family fun. It's the perfect place to get away from the hustle and bustle of the city for an afternoon. Nestled into the hills above Malibu, Calamigos Ranch has been family-owned for decades. It's the perfect place for Club families to come and have a great time.

Don't Horse Around: Register Today

"We are delighted that so many people had a great time at the first ClubFest, and told us they wanted to have another," says Danna McDonough, Club CEO. "We recognized that the crowds were huge, and so we addressed that this year.

"It's really going to be a treat for Club members to bring their families into the fresh air, eat lots of good food and have a great time. "See you there!"

Members Speak Out

LACERS Clarifies Window Period Issue in Earlier Letter

The May 2003 issue of *Alive!*, Members Speak Out, included a letter from Cathy Lozano regarding the Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System's (LACERS) role in the communication process about the recent benefit extension of the 50/30 window period. LACERS takes pride in its open communication to its 40,000 members. It has been a goal of LACERS to present all available retirement information to its members so that they can make informed decisions.

However, LACERS does not create or negotiate retirement benefits, but only administers benefits once approved. The decision on benefit changes, such as the 50/30 window, rests in the union/management negotiation process. LACERS has no authority and is not involved in these negotiations. LACERS was officially notified on May 9, 2003, upon conclusion of these negotiations. At present, the 50/30 window is scheduled to expire on September 30, 2003. Anyone wishing to take advantage of this benefit must apply at least 30 days before their effective retirement date.

At this point in the process, the unions have communicated the recent negotiations to its membership, and members are now voting on the proposed benefit enhancement settlement.

— Robert Aguillo Jr.
General Manager, Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System



San Pedro Nature Preserve Brings Back Memories

Thank you for your story entitled "Quiet Amid the Urban Sprawl: A Nature Preserve in the City Is Born" [May 2003].

The story interested me because I lived for many years in San Pedro, California, and traveled the hillsides many times, enjoying the ocean scenery and the beautiful hills. This development is so interesting and beautiful.

I retired from the Los Angeles Harbor Dept. in San Pedro in 1977. Since 1980, I have lived in Oregon, but I have pleasant memories of San Pedro, Palos Verdes Hills, and the Port of Los Angeles. Thank you so much for this most interesting story.

— Florence Larson, North Bend, Oregon

White Point Nature Preserve

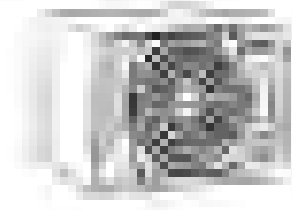


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Class members enjoy the classic music of the 1950s and 1960s. This is a great way to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the City Employees Club of Los Angeles. The concert will be held at the Calamigos Ranch on October 1st. Tickets are \$10.00. For more information, please contact the Club Office at 350 S. Figueroa St., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90071. Phone: 213-688-4642.

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