

REC AND PARKS

Lotus Festival Blooms Again

Annual festival returns after downsizing last year due to the economy.

The 32nd annual Lotus Festival, co-sponsored by Rec and Parks, is set for Saturday and Sunday, July 10-11, at Echo Park Lake near Dodger Stadium. (Dates coincide with the blooming of the lotus flower.) Admission is free.

The festival attracts an estimated 100,000 people.

The Lotus Festival develops, promotes and creates an atmosphere of understanding in which Asian and Pacific Islander communities in Southern California are brought together for two days of cultural sharing. The festival also seeks to preserve and enlighten the public with a sampling of distinctly different and unique Asian and Pacific Islander culture and traditions through cultural displays, art, music, dance and food.

Opening ceremonies at noon July 10 begin the celebration of the 32nd Lotus Festival, which includes live music, dance and entertainment from a variety of performers representing many of the diverse countries of Asia and the Pacific Islands. This year, the festival will highlight the people and cultures of China.

Asian and Pacific Islander personalities from the media and its communities will act as hosts during this two-day event. Artisans-at-work will be on hand to demonstrate their skills on the beautifully decorated Flower Island Pavilion. Their artwork illustrates their spirit, tradition and pride of the Asian and Pacific Islander handiwork. This includes: paper-cutting, hand painted scrolls, calligraphy, plant and flower expertise, fish, birds and other Asian artifacts.

The Health Fair will feature educational lectures on holistic fitness. Other services to be provided include: free screenings, health information and referrals.

The Community Services will feature a variety of organizations offering free information, assistance and referrals in areas of employment, social services, immigration, legal services, education, housing and translating.

The boutiques will offer Asian and Pacific Islander items and gifts for sale including clothing, jewelry, artwork, hand-made crafts, incense, body oils and much more.

The international food booth area will provide Asian and Pacific Islander cuisine that will feature enticing delicacies and exotic beverages which are traditional to the Asian and Pacific Island Cultures.

Information:
www.laparks.org/calendar/lotus/lotus.htm



Local Asian-Pacific Islander culture is part of the festival.

Blind Childrens Center



A MODEL PROGRAM



BLIND CHILDRENS CENTER SERVICES INCLUDE:

Teacher of the Visually Impaired

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the pet club

Your friend is waiting for you!



The City Employees Club partners with Animal Services each month to showcase some of the pets that are available for adoption.

This Month's Pets For Adoption:

daisy

Daisy is a two-year-old female short hair Calico. She is very friendly, loves people and gets along well with other cats. Daisy would love to graduate to a new family this summer!
ID #A1110894 - South Los Angeles Animal Care Center.



china

China is a two-year-old female short hair black and white cat. She is extremely friendly and affectionate and will roll over for a belly rub. Bring this love bug home!
ID# A11106205 - South Los Angeles Animal Care Center.



hamilton

Hamilton is a five-year-old white neutered male terrier mix who was left tied to the door at the Animal Care Center. He is friendly but timid. He would like to be an only dog and is looking for someone to spoil with his love.
ID# A1110909 - South Los Angeles Animal Care Center.



della

Della is an eight-month-old black and white female Cairn terrier mix. She likes affection but is somewhat afraid of humans; her defense mechanism seems to be licking.
ID# A1112394 - South Los Angeles Animal Care Center.



midnight

Midnight is a two-year-old spayed female black short hair rabbit. She is sweet and gentle and likes to have her ears scratched.
ID# A1008907 - South Los Angeles Animal Care Center.



Meet Your New Hope coordinator!



All of the animals are available for adoption at the South Los Angeles Animal Care Center, 3612 11th Ave., LA 90018.
Tomika Johnson is the New Hope Coordinator; call her at (213) 485-0117.

Don't miss Animal Services' special Father's Day Discount Adoption Days, June 15 - 20 at all six Animal Care Centers and mobile adoption sites! Dogs \$78.50; cats, \$50.50 (includes spay/neuter surgery and microchip). For more information, please visit www.laanimalservices.org.