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Holiday Food Truck Festival Brings Five Full Days of Holiday Fun to Balboa Park December 26–30, 12:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.

SAN DIEGO — 12/5/2018 — The Balboa Park Conservancy gives San Diego residents and out-of-town visitors another great opportunity to celebrate the holidays under Balboa Park's dazzling holiday light display. For five days and evenings between Christmas and New Year's Day (December 26–30), the annual Holiday Food Truck Festival will once again serve up gourmet food from 15 of San Diego's top food trucks, along with free live entertainment and fun activities for families.

Food trucks will be in the park beginning at 12 noon, with live entertainment and other activities starting at 2:00 p.m. (see schedule below). There will also be a rotating selection of games and activities on the Plaza, including giant checkers, hula hoops, bowling, cornhole, and giant tumbling blocks.

The Holiday Food Truck Festival is a great time to visit Balboa Park's many cultural attractions. The adjacent San Diego Museum of Art is keeping its doors open until 7:00 p.m. on December 26–27 and 29–30, and until 8:00 p.m. on December 28, with special \$5 admission, 5:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m. (Friday only). The Fleet Science Center and its Craveology café hours are 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. during the festival.

For a listing of food trucks for each date and other event details, visit <https://balboaparkconservancy.org/holiday/>. *Performers and activities are subject to change. Inclement weather may force the cancellation of certain Holiday Food Truck Festival dates. For updates, check the website or call the Balboa Park Visitors Center at [\(619\) 239-0512](tel:6192390512).*

Transportation and Parking

Visitors arriving by car should park in the Inspiration Point parking lot at the corner of Park Blvd. and President's Way and ride the free tram, which runs 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., into the park. Attendees can avoid traffic hassles altogether by using Lyft, the event's official ridesharing partner. All Lyft app users can receive 20% off two rides (up to \$5 off each ride) with code [HFTF2018](#) from December 26 to 30, for all rides to and from the park.* Families are also encouraged to take public transit to Balboa Park. *Rapid 215* provides a direct connection

between downtown San Diego and the park. Purchase unlimited rides all day on buses and trolleys for only \$5 on the [Compass Cloud app](#) at any time prior to boarding.

Entertainment Schedule

All performances 4:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted

Dec. 26 — **LP and Vinyl:** The talented quartet of Leonard Patton, Danny Green, Justin Grinnell, and Julien Cantelm perform jazz-infused pop and R&B tunes.

Dec. 27 — **Gator by the Bay/Bon Temps Social Club Presents the Bayou Brothers:** A special dance floor will be rolled out for the Bayou Brothers's special blend of foot-stomping Cajun, Zydeco, and Blues.

Dec. 28 — **San Diego Children's Choir:** Young voices sing holiday-themed tunes at 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. **Flavor Company Dance Entertainment** gets everyone into the holiday spirit with their fun, interactive dances at 4:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m.

Dec. 29 — **Carmen Murray Jazz Trio:** Jazz drummer prodigy Carmen Murray returns to the Plaza stage with her talented young trio to perform jazz favorites and standards.

Dec. 30 — **Theo and the Zydeco Patrol:** Theo Bellow's tasty musical gumbo of up-tempo deep southern tunes help ring in the new year.

Prize Drawings

Visitors can enter a special prize drawing at the Balboa Park Visitors Center all five days, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., December 26–30, for a chance to win a Family 4-Pack of general admission tickets to the following Balboa Park museums and the Balboa Park Carousel:

- Fleet Science Center
- Japanese Friendship Garden
- Museum of Photographic Arts
- San Diego Natural History Museum (theNat)
- San Diego Model Railroad Museum
- San Diego Museum of Man
- The San Diego Museum of Art

Special Activities

On specific days and times as noted

AT&T: On December 26–30, families can enjoy interactive activities while learning about AT&T's "It Can Wait" (no texting while driving) campaign and AT&T products and services.

The Prado Restaurant: On December 27, 28, and 29, 12:00 p.m.–6:30 p.m., the Prado Restaurant is offering a special all-ages event area in the House of Hospitality courtyard, featuring live music, a bar, and hot cocoa and apple cider.

Fab Trailers Vintage Photo Booth: Festival revelers can capture their special night in the park with visiting friends and family beginning at 2:00 p.m. (December 26–30).

FROM Mail Truck: On December 28 to 30, 2:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m., the first on-the-go, DIY greeting card service of its kind helps festival-goers make thoughtful and creative holiday cards for loved ones using recycled materials from the back of a 40-year-old bright green postal Jeep.

Japanese Friendship Garden: From noon to 4:30 p.m., December 27, the Japanese Friendship Garden is presenting a fun, hands-on activity for families.

Police Fingerprinting for Kids: From noon to 4:00 p.m., December 28–29, the SDPD’s Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol (RSVP) unit is offering a free child fingerprinting service. Parents will be provided with their child’s fingerprint identification card that can be used to assist law enforcement personnel in locating their child in the event the child is reported lost or missing.

San Diego Natural History Museum: The museum’s rooftop café will be open 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (last call at 4:30) for an alfresco dining option for anyone purchasing general museum admission. The all-ages venue serves beer, wine, and non-alcoholic drinks as well as grab-and-go food options.

XEWT Channel 12: On December 26, noon to 7:00 p.m., families can participate in interactive games for kids.

The Holiday Food Truck Festival is a program of the Balboa Park Conservancy in partnership with the City of San Diego Department of Parks and Recreation.



* Lyft Code Details: Limited quantity available. 20% off 2 rides. Max savings of \$5 per ride. Discount applies to fare and Prime Time charges only. Valid between Dec. 26, 2018, and Dec. 30, 2018 11:59pm. Pickup or drop-off must be within the coverage area. Cannot be combined with other ride credit or offers. Subject to Lyft's [Terms of Use](#).

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