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Celebrate Spring Break at Balboa Park's Spring Fling Food Truck Festival April 15–19, 12:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.

SAN DIEGO — Balboa Park becomes one of Southern California's hottest spring break destinations this year when the Balboa Park Conservancy launches the newest installment of its wildly popular food truck event series, the Spring Fling Food Truck Festival. From April 15 to 19, more than a dozen of San Diego's most popular food trucks will line the El Prado walkway from 12 noon to 7:00 p.m. Live bands and dancers will perform on the Plaza de Panama stage starting at 4:00 p.m., and various park and community organizations will host free hands-on activities for families on select dates (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. On all five days of the festival (April 15–19), the Balboa Park Visitors Center in the House of Hospitality building is holding prize drawings for a chance to win a Family 4-Pack of general admission tickets to various Balboa Park museums and attractions.

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

Parking and Transportation

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 25% off one ride to or from the park (max savings of \$5 total) with code [SFFTF19](#) from April 15 to 19. (Limited quantity available; restrictions apply.) 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 acts 4:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. unless noted otherwise

April 15: **Theo and the Zydeco Patrol** — Theo Bellow's tasty musical gumbo of up-tempo deep southern tunes delivers a swinging good time.

April 16: **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.

April 17: **Flavor Company Dance Entertainment** — Dance Party! Flavor Company dances through the decades to Latin rhythms, Afro/Soca, disco, pop, jive/swing, and the awesome 80s.

April 18: **Bayou Brothers** — A special dance floor will be rolled out for the Bayou Brothers's special blend of foot-stomping Cajun, zydeco, and blues.

April 19: **Tavo & Mariachi 3.0** — Led by Tavo Alcosar of Jarabe Mexicano, the unique mariachi-style band performs an eclectic mix of Mexican folk, Tex-Mex, Latin rock, and reggae-cumbia music.

Activities in the Plaza de Panama

On specific days and times as noted

City of San Diego Parks and Recreation Department (April 15–19, 2 p.m.–7 p.m.) — In honor of International Mud Day on June 29, families can take part in a “muddy” activity making seed bombs with native wild flower seeds.

Fab Trailers Vintage Photo Booth (April 16–19, 2 p.m.–7 p.m.) — Festival goers can capture the moment and share snazzy photos of how much fun they're having on spring break with friends and family.

Police Fingerprinting for Kids (April 19, 12 noon–4:00 p.m.)— The SDPD's Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol 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.

FROM (April 19, 4:00 p.m.–8:30 p.m.) — The first on-the-go, DIY greeting card service of its kind will help festival goers make thoughtful and creative cards for loved ones using recycled materials from the back of a 40-year-young bright green postal Jeep named Al Green.

San Diego Model Railroad Museum (April 19, 12 noon–6 p.m.) — Free hands-on demonstration teaches kids what makes arches so strong.

Special Museum/Attraction Hours

Fleet Science Center: Open until 7 p.m., Mon.–Fri., 4/15 to 4/19. Beer and wine available at the Fleet’s Cravelogy Café.

Japanese Friendship Garden: Open until 7 p.m., Mon.–Fri., 4/15 to 4/19.

San Diego Natural History Museum: Open until 4:30 p.m., Mon.–Fri., 4/15 to 4/19. Rooftop bar serving beer, wine and grab-and-go menu. All ages welcome with theNat admission.

Spanish Village Art Center: Select art studios open until 6 p.m.

The San Diego Museum of Art: Open until 7 p.m. on Tuesday (4/16) and Thursday (4/18), until 8 p.m. on Friday (4/19). \$5 after 5pm on Friday. Closed on Monday and Wednesday.

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



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