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Extra!!!

Tuesday Night's Baseball Game Possibly "Historic"

In San Francisco, there is a "surge of interest" in baseball games being played this week, including the game on Tuesday night against the Atlanta Braves which we will be attending. Last Thursday night, SF Giant's star, Barry Bonds, hit two homeruns in Wrigley Field in a game against the Chicago Cubs. The homeruns put Bonds two homeruns away from tying Hank Aaron's record of 755 homeruns, one of baseball's most hallowed records. History could be witnessed in Tuesday night's game at AT&T Park where Bonds could tie or break Aaron's record. Games this week are close to being sold out. Tickets for those games are the hottest item in town. On the internet, tickets are selling for an average of \$80 and as much as \$500. Luckily, we are still selling tickets for Tuesday night's game for \$10. But, today from 12-2 p.m. or 4:30-5 p.m. is the last opportunity that you will have to buy a ticket...unless we run out. Also, what better day to break a record than on your birthday? Tuesday is Bond's birthday!



Certificate of Completion

Record your successful completion of ESL 4, 8, 9 and/or N9 with a certificate of completion (one per student). Certificates are printed on parchment, affixed with a gold seal, and signed by the Program Director. Certificates are suitable for framing and can be shown to friends, family, school administrators, and employers to signify your hard work and accomplishment. Certificates are available for a fee of \$5 (unframed).

Requesting a certificate:

Requests for a certificate should be submitted at the table in the front of the Wheeler SELI office, Monday, July 23, through Thursday, July 26, 12-2 p.m. and 4:30-5 p.m. only. **Cash only. Exact change please.**

Teachers will explain the request form in class early this week.

Picking up your certificate:

See next week's newsletter for details.

Please note:

Certificates are standard US letter size, that is, 8 1/2" x 11." This is NOT a standard size in other countries. If you think you may not be able to purchase a frame of the correct size in your own country, you may want to purchase a frame here in Berkeley. A flyer listing possible places to buy a frame on or near campus will be given to you when you request a certificate.

Save the Date

Learn about American culture by attending an extracurricular activity:



July 24, 2007

San Francisco Giants vs Atlanta Braves

Join us at AT&T Park in San Francisco to watch two professional major league teams play "America's favorite pastime" - baseball. Be with us to cheer in the stands if No. 25, Barry Bonds, hits homeruns No. 755 and 756!



July 27, 2007

Oakland Museum of California

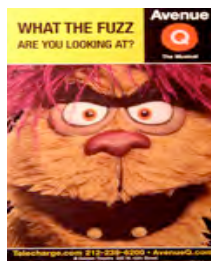
View two special exhibitions: "Yosemite: Art of an American Icon" and "The Edge: Where California Culture, Critters, and Environment Collide." Also, view the permanent collection which includes artifacts from the Gold Rush!



August 3, 2007

Napa Valley Wine Tasting and Tours

Explore the fountains, pools, and sculptures at "architecturally-acclaimed" and museum-like Artesia Vineyards and Winery. View panoramic vistas of Napa Valley. Also visit Ceja Vineyards (a "boutique" winery) and St. Supéry Vineyards.



August 8, 2007

Avenue Q

Missed it on Broadway? Then, come with us to see the Tony Award-winning musical in San Francisco at the Orpheum Theatre. Going to a musical was one of the most popular extracurricular activities last summer!



Berkeley
On Your
Own

21th Annual Berkely Kite Festival and West Coast Kite Championships
July 28-29, 2007, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. · Cesar Chavez Park, Berkeley Marina

Details of Upcoming Events

San Francisco Giants vs. Atlanta Braves

Learn more about America's favorite pastime!

Date: Tuesday, July 24, 2007

Time: 7:15 p.m.

Place: AT&T Park, San Francisco

Cost: Tickets: \$10 cash in advance

BART: \$6.50 (round-trip)

Food: You decide.

This Week!

Sign up: Sign up is required! Please sign up and purchase your tickets in the SELI office, at the table in the lobby outside of 112 Wheeler. Tickets may be purchased on Monday, July 23, between 12-2 p.m. and 4:30-5 p.m. ONLY. **Exact change is required.**

Transportation: We will take BART to get to the baseball park. A group of students and teachers will meet at 6 p.m. the Downtown Berkeley BART on the day of the game. The game starts at 7:15 p.m., but everyone should be in the seats by 7:00 p.m. to see all the things that go on before the game, including the national anthem and the first pitch.

AT&T Park can get very cold at night, so even if the afternoon is warm, be sure to bring a warm sweatshirt or jacket. Dress in layers.

Team colors: The San Francisco Giants' colors are orange, black, and white. (We don't care what the colors are of the Atlanta Braves!) It can be fun to dress in the colors of the team that you favor, but it is certainly not required.

Oakland Museum of California

Learn more about California history and view two special exhibits. The first, "The Edge: Where California Culture, Critters, and Environment Collide," explores the interactions and boundaries between Californians and their natural environment. The second, "Yosemite: Art of an American Icon" includes a variety of historical and contemporary art that showcases the beauty of California's most famous national park. The permanent exhibit includes artifacts from the Gold Rush.

Date: Friday, July 27, 2007

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Place: Oakland Museum of California

This Week!

Transportation: Meet at 11 a.m. at Downtown Berkeley BART. We will take the 11:17 a.m. Fremont-line BART train to Lake Merritt BART Station. The Museum is a short walk from the BART station.

Cost: Ticket: \$1

BART \$2.80 (round trip)

Cash only and exact change

You can eat in the cafeteria, but it does not accept ATM or credit cards.

Sign up: Sign up in the SELI office, at the table in the lobby outside of 112 Wheeler. Sign up on Monday, July 23, through Thursday, July 26, between 12-2 p.m. and 4:30 - 5 p.m. only.

Special Notes: Flash photography, pens and backpacks are not allowed in the Museum. Bring pencil and paper to take notes. Lockers are available to store backpacks, but require 25 cent deposit.

Contact: Joyce PODEVYN at jpodevyn@yahoo.com

"Very Berkeley"

Explore Berkeley On Your Own: **"Asian Ghetto"**

Located on Durant Avenue across the street from La Burrta and Top Dog, the student-dubbed "Asian Ghetto" is constantly bustling. With over 11 restaurants to choose from, whatever you are craving is likely to be found amidst the conversation and clutter of Berkeley's much-loved "Asian Ghetto." Featuring a slew of Asian cuisines, delicious Italian calzones from top-rated Gypsy's, and a late-night donut fix from Kingpin's Donuts (open until 3 a.m.), it is no wonder that students flock to this unique food court at all hours of the day and night.



Napa Valley Wine Tasting and Tour

We will visit three wineries: Artesia Vineyards and Winery, Ceja Vineyards, and St. Supéry Vineyards. We will touch grapes in the fields, taste selections of different wine, and go to gift shops. Don't forget to swirl your wine!

Date: Friday, August 3, 2007

Time: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Place: Artesia Vineyards and Winery
Ceja Vineyards,
St. Supéry Vineyards

Cost: Transportation and tasting and entry fees: \$60

Sign up: Sign up and pay the \$60 fee in the SELI office, at the table in the lobby outside of 112 Wheeler. Sign ups and payments may be made Monday, July 23, through Thursday, July 26, between 12-2 p.m. and 4:30 - 5 p.m. only. **Cash only. Exact change please. You must be 21 years of age to attend.** Please bring your passport or California driver's license. We will not sell a tour to you if you do not show identification.

Meet at 9 a.m. at the West Crescent bus pick-up near Center and Oxford Streets.