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Chinese Moon Festival at Overfelt Gardens

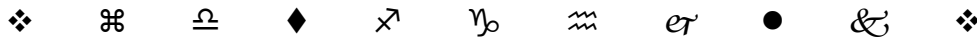
General Information for Participants

The setting of the Chinese Moon Festival is the Chinese Cultural Garden at Overfelt Gardens and follows the park's educational mission of *quiet enjoyment of nature and community renewal*. This family oriented event is fun for all ages and relies on the volunteer participation of 200 teens. This year we've added another dimension to our theme - "community as extended family," and *your* participation is very important. We present arts and craft activities that reflect our creative traditions, performances that tell us who we are, and exhibits that inform our desire to know about the world we live in. Our target audience is the "Child and Family" and our main theme is "Under Heaven, One Family."

Participants of this event are local non-profit, government, community, student service organizations and families. But on occasion, we consider non-customary groups who wish to participate within the parameters of event traditions, guidelines and park rules. Chinese Moon Festival does not accept commercial or for profit/marketing-only activities. However, we are pleased to discuss sponsorship and support from such organizations, individuals and businesses interested in supporting this event. We are a *Festival of Art and Learning for the Child and Family*.

We encourage students, youth, family and community groups to share and articulate subjects of their interests that are appropriate to our audience and learning activities. We seek to know our neighbors and welcome cultural, artistic, literary, performance-based, environmental, wildlife and science, exhibits, workshops, demonstrations and activities interesting to the families of our diverse neighborhood. We are interested in experiences that nurture character, leadership, the ability to communicate and the opportunity for young people and individuals to become engaged community participants in a common dialogue.

Please visit www.chineseculturalgarden.org to see if our venue is appropriate for your group or activity. Participation is by invitation only. You can call or submit inquiries to Sylvia Lowe at 258-3231, sylvialowe@earthlink.net, or Valeri Heyberger, at 251-3323, Valeri.Heyberger@sanjoseca.gov with a brief description of your desired presentation or activity.



REMINDERS... & TIPS

- Chinese Moon Festival is an enjoyable afternoon of interactive cultural and creative activities. We offer an eclectic array of workshops lead by youngsters, community organizations and information displays of interest to families and community members.
- Bring family and friends. Wear sunblock. Hotdogs and drinks will be offered for sale.
- Games and giveaways should be appropriate for families with young children.
- If possible, please refrain from using candy as giveaways prior to the last half hour of the event.
- Please do not feed park wildlife.
- Dogs and other pets are not allowed in the park, nor bicycles, roller skates, scooters, or motorized vehicles etc.
- The themes of Overfelt Gardens are the life of water, environmental awareness, quiet contemplation in nature, and cultural education.

The park is open 7 days a week from 10 a.m. to sunset, except on certain holidays. Call the park office for more information at (408) 251-3323 or 258-3231. You can visit www.chineseculturalgarden.org to learn more.