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Six Flags Fright Fest and New Operating Calendar

It's back! **Six Flags Discovery Kingdom** is gearing up for the season's scariest Fright Fest ever, featuring "Thrills by Day" and "Fright by Night," beginning this Saturday, September 28.

The family-friendly daylight hours will be full of thrilling rides and spooky fun-filled shows, but beware. As the sun sets, the park transforms into the dark and daring, with new haunted attractions around every corner. New this year will be the Total Darkness Maze and more zombies than ever before.

Brave explorers can try to escape the hair-raising haunted houses, mind-menacing mazes or visit a number of scare zones, including: Massacre Mine, Cirkus Bezerkus, Arsenic and Arania's Nightmare Manor, Slaughterhouse Pig Farm, Captain Bloat's Shipwreck of Horror, Scrapyard of the Dead, Bloodbath Bayou and the Last Ride.



In addition to the **Fright Fest** activities, Six Flags Discovery Kingdom announced that guests can now enjoy their favorite rides and attractions more often as the park will expand its operating calendar year-round in 2014. Traditionally, the park closed following its "Holiday in the Park" event and re-opened prior to Spring Break. The new operating times will include holidays and weekends, January through March.

"With the region's mild temperatures, being open all year means guests have even greater opportunity to enjoy Discovery Kingdom's wildlife and wilder rides," said Don McCoy, park president. "In addition to our summer daily operating schedule, we will now be open on weekends year-round - further cementing Six Flags Discovery Kingdom as the premier destination for affordable, thrilling entertainment."

SCC and Brandman University

In an effort to help ensure the prospect of a more advanced degree, **Solano Community College** (SCC) and **Brandman University** are collaborating together to offer an Early Advantage Educational Partnership (EAP) program.

The EAP warrants SCC students who participate in this program guaranteed acceptance to Brandman University upon completion of their associate's degree. Additionally, these students will have access to enhanced cooperative academic and student services,



including advising services, information sessions, technology support and educational plans.

Brandman, a part of the Chapman University System, is a high-quality, non-profit, affordable, private education option that offers SCC students transferable coursework, and waives all application and transfer fees for students in the program. SCC students will be able to continue on their college path without interruption, complete degrees in less time, stay local, and even work full-time while attending school.

Those who are interested in learning more about the EAP program may call (707) 863-0990 or visit their [webpage](#). Brandman University's Fairfield campus is located at 4820 Business Center Drive, Suite 100 in Fairfield.

SolTrans Marketing Campaign

SolTrans, the public transit service for Vallejo and Benicia, is looking to increase its ridership for residents within the community, and is anticipating extending its services to Mare Island.

While Mare Island served as a federal naval base, the need and accessibility for Mare Island was minimal and limited. Now, as Mare Island is home to schools, businesses and other recreational activities, the need for public transit is increasing.

Currently, SolTrans does not provide any form of public transportation to Mare Island, but is gathering information to analyze the potential interest and feasibility for new service to the Island. SolTrans staff have developed a ridership survey to gather data from individuals who frequent the Island, including Touro University students, faculty and staff, as well as Mare Island residents, property owners, employees, employers and other visitors.

Three separate ridership surveys (**employee and student, employer, and general public**) have been prepared and are available online until Friday, September 27.



Survey participants will be entered for a chance to win a 10-ride Multi-Zone pass upon completion of the survey. Surveys should be submitted via [email](#) or mailed in to Ward Stewart, Re: Mare Island Travel Survey, 311 Sacramento Street, Vallejo, CA 94590.

In addition to the Mare Island ridership survey, SolTrans will have informational booths at the upcoming California Maritime Academy Career and Community Partner Expo on October 17, as well as the Florence Douglas Senior Center Health and Information Fair on October 28. The "Hub Signage Program" is another way that SolTrans is trying to increase awareness, standardizing informational signs and technology in major hubs to help passengers navigate around the region with ease.

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Vallejo Rotary's Annual ROCKTOBERFEST

The **Vallejo Rotary Club** is pleased to announce its 3rd Annual **ROCKTOBERFEST** Fundraising event for local programs and club services.

Attendees will enjoy an all-you-can-eat/all-you-can-drink celebration featuring great German/American food and various festive drinks. German dancers from the Golden Gate Bavarian Club will be performing and providing games.

In between the dancing and games, guests will be entertained by **Harvey and the Wallbangers**, a Motown, classic rock and modern rock band.

Food items include sausages, sauerkraut, potato salad, apple strudel and more. Drink items will include domestic beer, German ales and a variety of local wines.

The 3rd Annual **ROCKTOBERFEST** will be held on Friday, October 4, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Dan Foley Cultural Center, located at 1461 N. Camino Alto.

Tickets are \$40 per person available by calling "DK" at (707) 342-2304 or Kathe at (707) 567-4650. Join the Vallejo Rotary Club for a fun filled evening to raise money for Vallejo Rotary's community projects.

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