



Weekend Events: June 2-5

Looking for something fun to do this weekend? There's always something going on in America's Finest City.

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Welcome to your weekend, San Diego. Dog-friendly events, craft beer, live music and more await you. Get out there and enjoy America's Finest City.

Thursday, June 2

Free or Cheap Things to Do in San Diego



Taste 4 Sports Gala

6 p.m. to 9 p.m., San Diego Hall of Champions

This 9th annual fundraiser goes down at the San Diego Hall of Champions (2131 Pan American Plaza) in Balboa Park Thursday night in support of sports programs. The gala features food and wine from 25 restaurants, personal chefs, caterers and wineries, plus raffles, live music and silent and live auctions. Notable local and sports figures will be in attendance, including San Diego native and NBA Hall of Fame player Bill Walton, as well as players and coaches with the San Diego Sockers team. Reservations are \$60 per person.

Dog Days of Summer at Petco Park

3:30 p.m., Petco Park

Grab your pup and take in a ballgame Thursday night at this dog-friendly event as the Padres take on the Mariners. The Balboa Gate to the grassy Park at the Park area inside Petco Park opens at 3:30 p.m. to patrons and their pooches. Each four-legged baseball fan will need to be accompanied by a human and will need to remain on a leash. Dogs must be pre-approved for this event via the

Padres website. The “tail-gate” party in the designated dog area will include vendors showcasing new pet products, free samples and contests including “Pet and Pet Parent Look-Alike” and “Best Pet Trick.” At 5:15 p.m., there will be a pet parade on the field, too.

San Diego's Top Breweries



Macallan Scotch Pairing Dinner

6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Olive Lawn at Estancia La Jolla

Enjoy the ultimate nightcap under the stars with this scotch pairing, four-course dinner on the Olive Lawn at Estancia La Jolla. Scotch experts will pour the finest single malts from Macallan – serve neat, of course – paired with dishes like scallops, venison and pork belly. Live music will top off the evening. Cheers. Tickets to this 21+ event are \$90 per person and space is limited, so make reservations in advance.

'Barkyard' BBQ at Backyard Kitchen & Taps

6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Backyard Kitchen & Tap in Pacific Beach

The Pacific Beach hotspot, Backyard Kitchen & Tap (832 Garnet Ave.), will kick off the summer with this pet-friendly, family-friendly “Barkyard” BBQ featuring

housemade treats, doggie gift bags and drink specials. The event will include fun activities and raffles that will benefit local dog rescue organizations.

Friday, June 3

San Diego County Fair Opens

4 p.m., Del Mar Fairgrounds

It's back! The annual San Diego County Fair opens Friday for its 26-day summer run. This year, the theme is "Mad About the Fair," inspired by a magical and whimsical combination of Lewis Carroll's "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" and the steampunk and cosplay movements. Organizers say this year's fair, which runs through July 4, will be like one big, wild, Mad Hatter-style tea party. Looking to hit the fair on the cheap? Check out our round-up for fair deals and discounts.

Suja Rock 'n' Roll Marathon: Health & Fitness Expo

11 a.m. to 7 p.m., San Diego Convention Center (Halls D & F)

Get the low-down on everything related to health and fitness at this two-day expo ahead of the 2016 Suja Rock 'n' Roll San Diego marathon. The free expo is open to the public and will feature the latest running technologies, fitness apparel, health and nutrition info and interactive displays. Rock 'n' Roll runners can pick up their race packets here, too. The expo continues Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the same location.

14th Annual Beer & Sake Festival

7 p.m. to 10 p.m., Harrah's Resort Southern California in Valley Center

The 14th Annual Beer & Sake Festival will go down smoothly at Harrah's Resort Southern California (777 Harrah's Rincon Way) Friday night. The food and drink event – which features samples from several local restaurants and tastes of more than 100 varieties of sake and local craft beers – also includes art booths, a silent auction, a raffle and fun entertainment, including live music, a tuna-cutting demonstration, a sake barrel race and a cosplay competition. The fest serves as a fundraiser to support The Japan Society of San Diego and other

educational programs. Tickets start at \$40 per person. Snag a deal via NBC 7's The Goods [here](#).

Craft Beer & Bites

5 p.m. to 9 p.m., SILO in Makers Quarters

Sip on beers from more than 20 local breweries and enjoy bites from a roster of gourmet food trucks under the stars at the 6th annual Craft Beer & Bites event at SILO in Makers Quarter (753 15th St., near F Street). The outdoor tasting event will benefit the San Diego Brewers Guild, and will also feature games (life-size Jenga, anyone?), local artisan vendors and live music – all in the cool community space in the heart of downtown San Diego. Tickets are \$40 at the door and don't include food but do include a beer tasting glass and pours from breweries such as Stone Brewing, Karl Strauss Brewing Company, Societe Brewing Company, Mike Hess Brewing Co. and Modern Times Beer, to name a few.

18th Annual San Diego LGBT Film Festival

Times vary (Friday through Sunday), The Observatory - North Park

Celebrate the best of the best in LGBT-themed movies with the 18th Annual San Diego LGBT Film Festival at The Observatory in North Park. The three-day film festival kicks off Friday at 7 p.m. with the Opening Night screening of "Kiss Me, Kill Me" followed by a party. On Saturday, LGBT shorts and other films begin at 11 a.m., with the last screening scheduled at 10 p.m. On Sunday, films start at 11 a.m., and the closing film, "Flatbush Luck," screens at 7 p.m. This event is hosted by FilmOut San Diego, an organization that works to educate and entertain San Diego through LGBT-themed films and celebrate those important, diverse contributions to our community. Tickets to this film fest range between \$10 and \$30 per film.

Saturday, June 4

Brew & Food Festival

3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Waterfront Park

The Brew & Food Festival at Waterfront Park will showcase around 200 beers from more than 70 local breweries, paired with samples from more than 20 of San Diego's top-notch chefs including Bracero's Javier Plascencia, Chad White and Justin Kingsley Hall. More food will be served in areas dubbed "Gastropub Grottos." Sip, savor and repeat as live music fills the air. Proceeds from this popular waterfront festival will benefit the San Diego Coastkeeper in its toast-worthy mission to protect and restore fishable, swimmable and drinkable waters in San Diego County. General admission tickets start at \$45 per person. NBC 7's The Goods is selling a limited amount of discount tickets for \$32 here.

Art Around Adams

12 p.m. to 8 p.m., Adams Avenue

Craft, live music and commerce will rule at this summer celebration in the Adams Avenue District. This two-mile community gathering and art walk includes unique galleries and exhibits at businesses around Adams Avenue, plus stages curated just for the event featuring local artists. Stroll the route or take a complimentary shuttle around the area, and check out vendors, one-by-one. The Inslider Food Truck will be selling scrumptious sliders at this event, so bring some cash and your appetite. Art Around Adams is free and open to all ages.

Suja Rock 'n' Roll 5K

7 a.m. to 9 a.m., Balboa Park

Lace up those sneakers – or snag a spot as a spectator on the sidelines – for the 2016 Suja Rock 'n' Roll 5K in San Diego on Saturday. The course, which includes lots of live music and entertainment, starts at 6th Avenue and Palm Street at Balboa Park and ends at Balboa Drive and Olive Street at Balboa Park. If you're planning on cheering on your favorite Rock 'n' Roll runner, check out this [website](#) for details on the best areas along the route for spectators.

NextGen Fest

12 p.m. to 7 p.m., Aurora Campus in Carlsbad

Head over to Aurora Campus in Carlsbad (1920 Palomar Point Way) for this free celebration of filmmaking, entrepreneurial workshops, art, STEM, young musicians, street performers, street food and networking. This community festival is open to all, and will include a speech from Brian Smith, the founder of Ugg Boots.

Sunday, June 5

Suja Rock 'n' Roll Marathon & Half Marathon

6:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Balboa Park & Waterfront Park

The Suja Rock 'n' Roll Marathon and Half Marathon returns to San Diego on Sunday, featuring runners and lots of live music. The race starts at 6:15 a.m. sharp at 6th Avenue and Quince Street at Balboa Park. The Finish Line is at Waterfront Park along the Embarcadero, the site of a fun post-race party featuring concerts that run through 2:30 p.m., including headliner Gavin DeGraw, scheduled to perform from 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. The Finish Line concerts are free and open to the public. An awards ceremony for marathon runners is scheduled from 10:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Waterfront Park, too. Again, if you're planning to attend the race as a spectator, check out this website for tips on where to snag a good viewing spot.

Booze Brothers Burgers & Beer Cook-Off

3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Booze Brothers Brewery in Vista

Booze Brothers Brewery in Vista (2545 Progress St.) will host this cook-off Sunday to find the best burger in San Diego. Competitors of all skill levels will have one hour to grill their best, most creative burger to be paired with their favorite Booze Brothers brew. Judges will score the dishes, and the winner will be awarded swag, bragging rights and free entry into the San Diego Burger Battle (<http://www.sandiegoburgerbattle.com/>), which goes down in San Marcos in August.

Lady Antebellum at the San Diego County Fair

7:30 p.m., Heineken Grandstand Stage at Del Mar Fairgrounds

Grammy-winning trio Lady Antebellum (“Bartender,” “Need You Now”) takes the Heineken Grandstand Stage at the San Diego County Fair Sunday. Tickets start at \$36 per person.

San Diego Cactus & Succulent Society Summer Show & Sale

10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Casa Del Prado at Balboa Park

The San Diego Cactus & Succulent Society will host its big show and sale at the Casa Del Prado courtyard and room 101 Sunday, where locals can pick up pretty, drought-tolerant plants ahead of the hot summer season. The showroom will be filled with exotic and rarely seen specimens, plus pottery for sale from world-class potters. Free cultivation information will also be provided. Organizers say patrons should come prepared with their own boxes to take their plants home. This sale and show also takes place Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., in the same place.

3rd Annual Belching Beaver Classic Car Show

12 p.m. to 7 p.m., The Belching Beaver in Vista

The Belching Beaver in Vista (980 Park Center Dr., Suite A) will host its 3rd Annual Classic Car Show with a side of craft brews, of course. The show will feature cars, trucks and motorcycles, plus live music, raffles, prizes and people’s choice trophies for the best rides (to show off your wheels, pre-register for the event). Tickets cost \$20 per person and include entry to the car show, three 8-ounce Beaver Brews of your choice and a raffle ticket. Food catered by Mexico City Cuisine will be available for purchase. A portion of the proceeds from this shindig will benefit the MARSOC Foundation, which supports active duty and medically retired MARSOC personnel and their families, as well as the families of Marines who have lost their lives in service.