



Exploring San Diego: Things to do Aug. 23 - 26



SAN DIEGO (KGTV) – Get outside this weekend, exercise your brain, or perhaps both!

This weekend is packed with fun educational activities just as school gets back in session for thousands of San Diegans.

The New Children's Museum has brought back their "No Rules...Expect" art installation, giving kids the chance to exercise their creativity and have

fun jumping on more than 40 mattresses. Perfect to let out that extra summer energy, or just jump on beds.

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The North County is bringing the music this weekend between Pacific Highlands Ranch's Summer and Songs concert series and the Carlsbad Music Festival as well.

San Diego's Festival of Books will connect readers, authors, and artists together at Liberty Station for a day dedicated to the love of reading.

Plus much more fun around town. Here's a look at some of this weekend's highlights:

THURSDAY

["No Rules....Except" art installation](#)

Where: New Children's Museum; Cost: Free - \$14

Kids like jumping on beds despite your wishes? The New Children's Museum is bringing back their "No Rules....Except" art installation, featuring more than 40 mattresses and 160 pillow "tires" ripe for jumping. Take the kids out to jump at their heart's content.

[2nd annual Summer & Songs festival](#)

Where: The Village at Pacific Highlands Ranch; Cost: Free

Check out a free outdoor concert in Pacific Highlands Ranch during the 8-week Summer and Songs concert series. This week's performance feature's San Diego singer Christine Parker.

FRIDAY

[15th annual Carlsbad Music Festival](#)

Where: St. Michael's By the Sea; Cost: Free - \$349

(Friday - Sunday) The Carlsbad Music Festival brings an eclectic mix of music, from contemporary classical to indie rock to world music, just steps from the beach. Free and ticketed concert options are available, as well as a beer garden, food trucks, and shopping.

[Movie Night Aboard the USS Midway Museum](#)

Where: USS Midway Museum; Cost: \$8 - \$10

Catch a movie on the deck of the historic USS Midway, with this weekend's screening of Black Panther. Crews will also be holding a back-to-school drive, and ask any movie-goers to contribute supplies for military-connected youth and schools.

SATURDAY

[Be the Change 5K](#)

Where: Hilton Bayfront Hotel; Cost: \$55

Lace up your running shoes and hit the pavement for a good cause. The Be the Change 5K donates 100 percent of net proceeds to Make-A-Wish San Diego, Caterina's Club and the Gary Sinise Foundation charities. In return, you get a scenic run along San Diego Bay, a wellness festival, and goodies!

[2nd annual San Diego Festival of Books](#)

Where: Liberty Station; Cost: Free (Donations accepted)

Feed your love of reading at the San Diego Festival of Books at Liberty Station, bringing together local readers, writers and artists for a day packed with discussions and exhibits.

SUNDAY

[10th annual San Diego Spirits Festival](#)

Where: Port Pavillion Broadway Pier; Cost: \$20 - \$100

(Saturday - Sunday) Mixologists and spirit aficionados will sip and mingle at the 10th annual Spirits Festival this weekend on the Broadway Pier. The two-day event features live entertainment, a fashion show, bartender battles, chef demonstrations, and more!

[14th Annual LeucadiART Walk](#)

Where: N. Coast Highway 101; Cost: Free

Enjoy a day at Encinitas' free outdoor art festival LeucadiART, featuring live music, dancing and artist demonstrations, a beer garden, and a new children's art pavilion!