

2011 Calendar of Events

Listed below you will find many activities that will be going on, in and around, our community during the coming year. All of these are open to the public so if you find yourself visiting Los Banos and want to take advantage of any of these events we encourage you to do so. Events and dates are subject to change.

Feb. 26- Apr.23

Paths of the Padres

Enjoy a little history of the area along with a delightful boat ride and hike at San Luis Reservoir. The hike begins at 8 a.m. and returns at 3:30 p.m. A pontoon boat carries passengers to the west end of the reservoir, where they make a five-mile round trip hike. Space is limited and hikes fill up fast. For information or reservations call (209) 826-1197.

March 4

Arbor Day

A tree planting celebration is held at 4 pm. Contact Los Banos Parks and Recreation at (209) 827-7034 for more information.

April 2

Wildflower Day

Held at Pacheco State Park. For more information call (209) 826-1197.

April 3

Bridal and Special Events Expo

Everything you need to plan that special event. There will be vendors, food and a fashion show plus great door prizes. Held at the Los Banos Community Center. For more information call Simply Events (209) 704-4384.

April 15-17

Photography Show

This open show will be held at the Arts Center. For more information call Nick West at (209) 827-8929.

April 16

Spring Street Faire

The streets of Downtown Los Banos are filled with a huge variety of booths that offer all sorts of merchandise and services. The event starts with the Rotary Pancake Breakfast. Entertainment is provided throughout the day. Sponsored by the Los Banos Chamber of Commerce. Call (209) 826-2495 for more information.

April 27- May 1

May Day Fair

This is a county fair complete with 4-H and FFA, entertainment and tractor pulls, demolition derby, carnival rides and games, food vendors and so much more. It is held at the Los Banos Fairgrounds, 403 F St. For more information call (209) 826-8737.

May 7-8

Mothers Day in the Park

This event is held at Pacheco Park on the corner of 7th and Pacheco Blvd. There will be arts and crafts booths, food and entertainment both days. Sponsored by the Los Banos Tiger Sharks. For more information call Yvette Adams (209) 605-4399.

May 14

Kids Fishing Day

An annual event put on by the California State Parks. Features games and prizes and free fishing. Call (209) 826-1197.

May 21

Basque Picnic

Held at the Los Banos Fairgrounds and features food, dancing and games. Call Mary Zabalbeascoa (209) 826-6288 for more information.

June 18

Kite Day

Sponsored by California State Parks. Call (209) 826-1197 for more information.

June 19

Portuguese Celebration

Experience the pageantry and delicious food of the Portuguese people. The procession leaves the DES Hall at 9:30 and moves along the streets to St. Joseph's Catholic Church where a mass is held at 11 am. Following mass, the procession heads back to the DES Hall. A Sopas lunch is served at 1 pm. The entire event is free. For more information call Luis Oliveira (209) 826-5667.

July 4

4th of July Fireworks Show

A spectacular fireworks display is sponsored by the Los Banos Chamber of Commerce and is held at the Los Banos Fairgrounds. For more information contact the Chamber at (209) 826-2495.

August 5

Downtown Wine Stroll

Relax and unwind as you stroll through a variety of downtown businesses while you enjoy a glass of wine, delicious hors d'oeuvres and see first-hand what makes downtown Los Banos so special. This is a 21 and older event. For more information call Penny Glick at (209) 826-3935.

September 17-18

Quilt Show

This two day event features over 100 handmade quilt and quilt items on display. There are also vendors, entertainment and a raffle. The show is held at the Arts Center and is open from 10:30-4 pm each day. Admission is \$5.00 and is good for both days. For more information contact Judy West at (209) 827-8929.

September 17

Fall Street Faire

The streets of Downtown Los Banos are filled with a huge variety of booths that offer all sorts of merchandise and services. The event starts with the Rotary Pancake Breakfast. Entertainment is provided throughout the day. Sponsored by the Los Banos Chamber of Commerce. Call (209) 826-2495 for more information.

September 30

Salute to Seniors

This event is open to the public and features vendors servicing the senior population that include health and medical services, banking and other services as well as arts & crafts. There is also BINGO and a lunch. For more information call (209) 827-7034.

October 8-9

Tomato Festival

This two day event will be held at the Los Banos Fairgrounds from 9 am to 7 pm and will feature Celebrity Chefs, cooking demonstrations, Tomato Alley, the Tomato Patch for kids, vendors, entertainment, ag displays and much more. For more information call the Chamber office at (209) 826-2495.

December 1

Christmas Evening Downtown

Several downtown businesses will be open to show off their Christmas selection as you sample light hors d'oeuvres and beverages. This is a 21 and over event. For more information call Penny Glick at (209) 826-3935.

December 2

Chamber Downtown Christmas Parade

The Spirit of Christmas is alive and well in Los Banos as the streets come alive with floats, marching bands, dancers and a variety of entertaining entries. For more information contact the Chamber office at (209) 826-2495.

December 3

41 st Annual Ducks Unlimited Dinner

Annual fundraiser to support the variety of wetland improvement projects that Ducks Unlimited does each year. Held at the Community Center. Includes hosted bar, live and silent auction and many other games to play for chances to win a wide variety of outdoor gear and related items. For information call Chris Hildebrandt at (209) 761-8400.

December 17

Breakfast with Santa

Kids get to meet Santa and enjoy holiday activities as well as breakfast from 8-10 am. The event is held at the Los Banos Community Center. Tickets are available by calling (209) 827-7034.