

Ventura Harbor Village



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YO-HO... PIRATES INVADE VENTURA HAAARRHHBOR!!

PIRATE DAYS AT VENTURA HARBOR VILLAGE
SATURDAY & SUNDAY, JULY 17 & 18, 2010 1:00 – 4:00 PM!

2010 THEME: "A Pirates Life For Me!"

Avast Ye Mateys! Pirates invade Ventura Harbor Village on Saturday & Sunday, July 17 & 18 from 1:00 – 4:00 PM for the 5th Annual Pirate Days featuring professional pirate live-action shows, pirate – themed activities and visitor participation. Newly added Pre-Pirate Days activities inspired by swashbuckling pirates on Friday, July 16 include Kid's Pirate Boot Camp and Adult Pirate Pub Crawl.

Ventura Harbor Pirate Days offers family entertainment and the chance to meet famous pirates such as Captain Jack Sparrow (look-a-like), Captain Hook (look-a-like), Davy Jones (look-a-like) and Elizabeth Swan (look-a-like). Participate in the popular Children's Treasure Hunt (\$2 ages 1-12) where "X" marks the spot of the hidden Treasure Room. Join in the pirating festivities by dressing the part and entering in the Pirate Costume Contests daily for a chance to win tickets to Disneyland. Separate costume contests held for children 7 years old & younger, 8-15 years old & adults 16 and up (2:30 PM for children, 3:30 PM adults daily). Pets in the pirate spirit has led to the newly added Pet Pirate Costume Contest on Saturday only, July 17 at 3:00 PM.

Visit the Pirate's Cove on the Ventura Harbor Village Main Lawn, where one can barter and buy pirate gear and costumes, get a henna tattoo, ride Pirate's Ponies, enjoy pirate-themed inflatables, take photos with exotic birds and have faces painted with the markings of a pirate. Adult pirates will be delighted with live belly dancers on the stairs outside of The Greek at the Harbor. Live pirate action shows, featuring Pirate Magicians, *a Talk Like a Pirate Show* and various Sword Fighting shows on two stages at Ventura Harbor. Keep a weather eye out for the Strolling Pirate Musicians playing pirate-themed music around the Village.

Win \$100 in Gold Dollar Coins each day, by making a purchase of \$20 at Ventura Harbor Village specialty shops for pirate merchandise such as pirate hats, swords, gifts, flags, & gear. Pirate Bucks handed out to redeem for a chance at a prize basket.

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Swing in participating Village shops for yer free pirate booty or dine at Village restaurants with Pirate Menus! Get a hand fish fortune at Milano's Italian Restaurant or have a tarot reading at Oriental Treasures. Feast on pirate grub such as Turkey Legs at Hi-Cees BBQ Café or join in Rum Sampling at Margarita Villa.

Join the merriment on Ventura Boat Rentals "Arrgh-bor Tours" and receive a \$1 Gold Coin with each paid fare! The 45-minute narrated "Arrgh-bor Tours" boasts "Adult Pirate Punch" for on-board purchase and departs every hour from Noon – 4:00 PM daily. Swagger to the Village Carousel to enjoy gold cotton candy (one-time a year only!) and kids in costume get a free eye patch. Create a keepsake photo tile with pirates & props at the new Cory Tile Art to commemorate the 5th annual Pirate Days!

Come early on Saturday to join The Greek at the Harbor's Pirate Pancake Breakfast from 9:00-11:00 AM, (\$5.) Bring the kids and enjoy up-close sword fights and mini pirate shows. Visit Silhouette's Salon Saturday only for pirate braids with beads. Greet and get a piece of treasure from a pirate at Treasure Cove Saturday 1-2 PM! Stop by the Harbor Village Gallery Sunday only from Noon – 2:00 PM for Kids Pirate Creations, (free).

This year, start off your pirate adventure early with new Pre-Pirate Days Festivities. Children ages 7-12 years old get on board, gather ye' mateys and learn to be a pirate at the NEW Kid's Pirate Boot Camp, Friday, July 16 from 2:00-4:00 PM at the Ventura Harbor Village! The cost is \$25 and includes free pirate gear, buried treasure, singing sea shanties and exploring pirate history while having lots of fun! Adults, 21 years and older, join Pirates For Hire for a Pre-Pirate's Days Pub Crawl Friday, July 16 from 6:00-8:00 PM. Enjoy appetizers from three Harbor restaurants, a professional photo with the pirates, rum samplings, drink specials and end singing sea shanties on the beach. (Cost is \$20) Arrive in costume and receive a free gift! To register for the Kid's Pirate Boot Camp or Adult Pirate Pub Crawl call (805) 477-0470. (Space is limited)

The Ventura Harbor 2010 Pirate Days sponsors include: Spinnaker Seafood Broiler, Naturally for Paws, Cumulus Broadcasting, The Ventura Breeze, The Ventura County Star & The VC Reporter. Stay overnight to experience two days of pirate fun at our host hotels, Four Points by Sheraton and Holiday Inn Express & Suites, Ventura Harbor.

For additional parking, utilize the Ventura Harbor Village Free Shuttle with the pick up at the parking lot at the corner of Schooner Drive and Harbor Blvd. Saturday and Sunday from Noon – 5:00 PM. The Ventura Harbor Village is located on Spinnaker Drive off of Harbor Blvd. For more information, visit VenturaHarborVillage.com, Facebook, or call (805) 477-0470. See ye there mateys!

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