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KICK OFF SUMMER WITH OCEAN FEST AT SEACLIFF STATE BEACH

Shell-ebrate the beach in a whole new way Saturday, June 14 – live entertainment, local art, beer garden and food trucks bring the fun and yum

MAY 28, 2025—SANTA CRUZ, CA — Celebrate the sights, sounds and spirit of the coast at this year's Ocean Fest, taking place Saturday, June 14, from noon to 5 p.m. at Seacliff State Beach. This free, family-friendly event offers visitors of all ages a day filled with ocean-themed fun, live entertainment, local creativity and community connection.

Presented by California State Parks and Friends of Santa Cruz State Parks (Friends), Ocean Fest features live music from the beloved local band The Cement Ship, plus hands-on activities and educational opportunities for children and families. Art lovers will enjoy browsing booths hosted by local artists and makers, with a variety of coastal-inspired artwork and handmade items available for sale. Artists are still welcome to apply for a booth space — email <u>seacliff@ports-ca.us</u> to reserve a space.

Tacos El Jessie and S&B Food Truck will offer tasty options throughout the day. Dippin' Dots and Humble Sea Brewing Co. beer will be available for purchase. The Seacliff ParkStore will be open, offering a thoughtfully curated selection of nature-themed gifts, books and souvenirs that support park programs and visitor services. Proceeds will benefit Friends of Santa Cruz State Parks in support of local state parks and beaches.

Visitors will also have the opportunity to appreciate Seacliff's history, as well as how the park continues to recover and evolve following recent climate-driven storm events.

Admission is free. Parking is \$10 and helps Friends support local state parks and beaches.

Ocean Fest is part of California State Parks Week. Learn more: https://castateparksweek.org/

The California Department of Parks and Recreation, popularly known as State Parks, and the programs supported by its Office of Historic Preservation and divisions of Boating and Waterways and Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation provides for the health, inspiration and education of the people of California by helping to preserve the state's extraordinary biological diversity, protecting its most valued natural and cultural resources, and creating opportunities for high-quality outdoor recreation. Learn more at <u>parks.ca.gov</u>.

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About Friends of Santa Cruz State Parks

Established in 1976, Friends of Santa Cruz State Parks (Friends) is a vital partner with California State Parks, creatively working to ensure our cherished local parks and beaches are thriving and available to all. Friends' innovative and collaborative community partnership provides support and investment for education, equity and inclusion, conservation, facilities improvements, historic preservation and cultural events. Friends currently operates a robust online ParkStore offering nature- and history-themed merchandise for sale to benefit local parks and beaches. Friends also operates ParkStores at Natural Bridges, New Brighton (seasonal), Santa Cruz Mission, Seacliff and Wilder Ranch. Learn more at www.ThatsMyPark.org or via Facebook, Instagram, X and YouTube.