

Calendar *of* Events

2026

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ATASCADERO



Garden Lights photograph
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Cruisin' Weekend photograph by Rick Evans



VISIT
Atascadero
CALIFORNIA

Farmers Market

Every Wednesday
Sunken Gardens,
Downtown Atascadero
Daylight Savings Hours:
3-5:30 pm Mid March - October
Fall Hours: 3-5 pm
November - Mid March

January 2026

❖ **Mother Son Dance!**
Pavilion on the Lake, Jan. 30th
6:30-9:30pm (Ages 11 and
under) & Jan. 3st, 7-10pm (Ages
12 & up). Sons are special too!
We are adding a second night
to this fun event. Moms, aunts,
grandmothers or anyone with a
special lad is invited to spend a
semiformal evening!

February 2026

❖ **Father Daughter Dance!**
Pavilion on the Lake; Feb 6th,
6:30-9:30 pm (Ages 11 and
under) & Feb 7th, 7-10 pm (12
& up), Show her how special
she really is...Fathers, uncles,
grandfathers, or anyone with a
special girl is invited to spend a
semiformal evening!

❖ **Sweetheart Sip & Shop**
Friday, February 13th, 5-8 pm.
Tickets include a wine glass,
over 15 different tasting
spots at merchant locations
downtown. Brought to you
by the Atascadero Chamber
of Commerce, for more info:
atascaderochamber.org.

❖ **Woo at the Central Coast
Zoo** - Saturday, February 14th,
10-1 pm. Come join us at the
zoo for special keeper talks
about how animals choose
their mates and Valentine's Day
enrichment and activities!

March 2026

❖ **Daylight Savings begins**
Sunday, March 8th – Farmers
Market times: 3-5:30 pm.

❖ **9th Annual Central Coast
Craft Beer Festival** - Saturday,
March 21st, 12-4 pm, Sunken
Gardens. Celebrate Beer Week
with over 40 breweries plus
cider, distilled spirits & wine!
centralcoastcraftbeerfest.com

April 2026

❖ **Farmers Market 9-Year
Anniversary in Sunken
Gardens!** - April 1st, 3-6 pm!

❖ **EASTER – Sunday, April 5th**

❖ **EARTH DAY – April 22nd**

❖ **Party for the Planet at
the Central Coast Zoo** - April
18th, 10-1 pm – come celebrate
Earth Day with a day filled with
fun conservation learning and
celebration found throughout
the Zoo. Party for the Planet
is included with General
Admission.

❖ **9th Annual Annual Citywide
Yard Sale** - April 18th, 8 am -
2 pm – An opportunity to sell
your stuff or shop for bargains
with over 120+ locations!
Registration opens in
January 2025!

❖ **Central Coast Cider Festival**
- Saturday, April 25th, 4-8 pm in
Sunken Gardens! Online tickets
will be available two months
prior to the event.

May 2026

❖ **TAMALE FESTIVAL WEEKEND!**
• **Fiesta Friday - Special
Sneak Peek of Tamale
vendors** - Friday, May 1st,
5-8 pm. Expect to see tamale
vendors opening early to
stock up on your favorite
tamales before Saturday's
event and live music!

• **10th Annual Tamale
Festival** - Saturday, May
2nd, 11 am - 7pm. Over 30
Tamale Vendors will be on
site, live music and tons of
entertainment for all ages!
Free to attend.

June 2026

❖ **Ice Cream Zoofari at the
Central Coast Zoo!** - June 6th
5 pm – 8 pm. Enjoy lots of Ice
Cream while enjoying how the
animals stay cool! Separate
ticket admission! For more
information: (805) 461-5080.

❖ **10th Annual Showdown
Cornhole Tournament**
Saturday, June 6th, Sunken
Gardens. All ages & skill
levels welcome!
Registration can be found at
visitatascadero.com/cornhole.

❖ **Movies in the Park at
Colony Park** - Saturday June
13th & Saturday August
29th! Come out and join
the Atascadero Recreation
team and other families at
Colony Park Softball Field #2
for community fun, games
and a movie under the stars!
Beginning at 7pm, there will be
fun activities and equipment
for all the family to enjoy. From
soccer or catch to chalk art or
hula hooping contests before
the movie begins. This event is
free to the public and food is
available for purchase. Movie
is set to begin shortly after
sunset!

❖ **29th Annual Atascadero
Lakeside Wine Festival**
June 13th from 4-8 pm.
includes the Central Coast
Zoo! For more information:
atascaderochamber.org

❖ **Saturday in the Park ~
Summer Concert Series
Kicks Off June 20th through
August 15th** - Atascadero Lake
Park Bandstand from 6:30 –
8:30 pm. Concerts are FREE to
the Public! Saturdays through
August 15th (except July 4th,
18th)! Mark the dates: June
20th, June 27th, July 11th,
25th, August 1st, 8th, 15th.

July 2026

❖ **4th of July 7th Annual Music Festival at Atascadero Lake Park** – July 4th, 2-8 pm. Presented by Colony Days Committee. Enjoy music, games and more!

❖ **Saturday in the Park ~ Summer Concert Series NOW through August 15th** - Atascadero Lake Park Bandstand from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Concerts are FREE to the Public! Saturdays through August 15th (except July 18th)! Mark the dates: July 11th, 25th, August 1st, 8th, 15th.

❖ **California Mid-State Fair**
July 15th – July 26th Paso Robles – midstatefair.com

August 2026

❖ **Saturday in the Park ~ Summer Concert Series NOW through August 15th** - Atascadero Lake Park Bandstand from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Concerts are FREE to the Public! Saturdays through August 15th! Mark the dates: August 1st, 8th, 15th.

❖ **Cruisin' Weekend - August 21st - August 22nd:**

• **33rd Annual Hot El Camino Cruise Night** - Kicks off the weekend on Friday, August 21st starting at 6:30 – 8:30 pm throughout Atascadero down El Camino Real. For information on pre-registration visit VisitAtascadero.com/Cruise.

• **35th Annual Atascadero Lake Car Show** - Saturday, August 22nd, 10 am – 3 pm. Mid-State Cruizers presents a fabulous Car Show! For information on participating contact: Roy Barba at (805) 238-3177 or midstatecruizers.org.

• **10th Annual Dancing in the Streets** - Saturday, August 22nd 5-10 pm Downtown Atascadero. Enjoy an evening with performances and bands! Be prepared to dance the night away plus enjoy the sounds of great music and plenty of vendors!

❖ **Movies in the Park at Colony Park** - Aug. 29th! Movies begin at about 8 pm. A great way to enjoy a movie with the Family under the stars! Free to the Public! Food is available for purchase and many activities for all ages kicking things off at 7 pm! Come out for the fun!

❖ **13th Annual BREW AT THE ZOO - at the Central Coast Zoo** - Sat., Sept. 12th, 5 – 8 pm! Ticket information can be found at VisitAtascadero.com/Brew-at-the-Zoo!

❖ **Sip & Shop Downtown!**
September 25th, 5 – 8 pm! Experience over 15 different locations offering wine, cider, craft beer and a variety of goodies. For tickets: atascaderochamber.org. Brought to you by Atascadero Chamber of Commerce

❖ **6th Annual Atascadero Fall Fest** – Oct. 16th 4-10 pm, Oct. 17th & 18th 12 pm noon until 10 pm throughout Sunken Gardens! Full-scale carnival with rides, games, vendors, breweries, & more! Family Friendly! City sponsored event presented by En Fuego Events!

❖ **Colony Days Parade & Festivities** - Saturday, October 17th, 10 am – 12 noon! Celebrate Atascadero's History with a parade through town. The event is free to attend and features a variety of community and school groups from Atascadero and

the Central Coast followed by awards and the festivities of Atascadero Fall Fest. Bring your wallet to enjoy the carnival rides, food and beverages! Fun for all ages!

❖ **5th Annual BOVINE CLASSIC!** - Check out this international endurance cycling event for gravel-riding enthusiasts of all levels. **Main Event Saturday, October 24th** Sunken Gardens!

❖ **Zoo Boo at the Central Coast Zoo** - Friday, October 23rd & Saturday, October 24th from 4-7 pm. Tickets available online at centralcoastzoo.org or at the Central Coast Zoo. For information, call (805) 461-5080.

❖ **Pumpkin Smash at the Central Coast Zoo**
Sunday, October 25th, 10-1 pm! Included with general admission! Watch and see what the animals do with the pumpkins!

November 2026

❖ **Daylight Savings Ends – Sunday, November 1st!**

❖ **Farmers Market** - Fall/Winter Hours begin! Nov. 4th, 3-5 pm in Sunken Gardens!

❖ **Holiday Boutique at the Pavilion on the Lake**
November 7th, 10-3 pm. Over 60 vendors await you for this one-day craft show where all items are handmade!

❖ **Veterans Day at the Faces of Freedom Veterans Memorial, Atascadero Lake Park** - Nov. 11th, 11 am. Visit facesoffreedom.com.

December 2026

❖ Light up the Downtown Holiday Celebration & Sip'n Shop

- December 4th, 5:30 – 8 pm! This event kicks off in the Sunken Gardens & continues throughout Downtown with Shops open late. Enjoy community entertainment, Santa, complimentary Model-A Firetruck & Hay rides, hot chocolate and more! Purchase tickets to the Holiday Sip & Shop at participating downtown merchants. atascaderochamber.org.

❖ **Holiday Musical Walk Around the Lake** - December 5th, 5:30 – 9:00 pm at Atascadero Lake Park. Enjoy a special evening walk around the lake with carolers, community singing, holiday decorations and more. Come see Santa in the Zoo Garden Event Center and visit the Zoo's gift shop from 5:30-8pm! Presented by the Atascadero Lake Neighborhood Association.

❖ **Winter Wonderland - One of Central Coast's Largest Holiday Events!** December 11th, from 5-9 pm, OVER 70 TONS OF SNOW! Sunken Gardens & Downtown will be a magical snowy paradise! Snow slides (brought to you by Kiwanis), snow pile areas, Joe's Little Train, bungee jumps, obstacle courses, Community Entertainment, over 50 vendors, Santa & more! Free to attend!

❖ **Holiday Magic at the Central Coast Zoo** - December 19th, 10-1 pm. Experience the magic of the holiday season as the zookeepers step in to prepare gifts for the animals that the community, in the spirit of giving has purchased for the animals. Santa will be there too! Included with General Admission.

❖ **Noon Years Eve at the Central Coast Zoo!** - December 31st! Join us at the Central Coast Zoo for a countdown to the New Year at noon instead of Midnight for little ones! Activities from 10-1 pm with ball drop and cider toast at noon! Check centralcoastzoo.org for details. Included with General Admission.

Dates are subject to change - please refer to visitatascadero.com/events for the most updated information.

Happy Holidays!



Pumpkin Smash



Fall Fest