LA Kids Weekend Events: Jun. 8-10

Los Angeles does street art better than anyone else so make sure to make room in your schedule to catch the latest exhibition, Beyond the Streets, showcasing the rise of the renegade art form. Ready to re-do that garden? Check out the Drought-Tolerant Plant Festival or take a tour at the Arboretum — both will surely inspire the blackest of thumbs. If that sounds too daunting, start small and create a plant-scape at The Hammer with artist Beatriz Cortez. Scroll through for the rest of our weekend picks!

Los Angeles:

Beyond the Streets
The premier exhibition of graffiti, street art and beyond, “Beyond The Streets” celebrates the soaring heights to which the world’s most recognizable modern art movement has risen. A groundbreaking multimedia showcase of paintings, sculpture, photography, installations and more throughout 40,000+ sq ft of industrial indoor and outdoor space. We strongly recommend tickets are purchased in advance. Limited tickets may be available to purchase onsite each day and can not guarantee that there will be tickets available at the box office. Fri.-Sun. Event details.

Arlene Fisch: Aquatic Bloom
The Craft in America Center is pleased to present a solo exhibition of knitted metal sea creatures by pioneering artist Arlene Fisch. For this installation, Fisch’s work will transform the Center into an oceanic aquarium with vibrant wire jellyfish floating through the space and a coral reef filling the window. The title of the exhibition refers to a group of jellyfish, i.e. a bloom. Fisch will go down in history as the first person to use metallic wire with the methods of textiles. At a time when few, if no other women were working with metals in the art world, Fisch revolutionized the material. She transcended the rigidity of wire by shaping it into organic, molded forms. With Aquatic Bloom, Fisch is calling
Music at the Farmer's Market
The Original Farmers Market at Third & Fairfax is celebrating the start of the balmy nights of summer with its annual free Friday Night Music Series. If you’ve had a long week (yes), make the weekend start easy by grabbing dinner (that everyone likes, as they can each pick their favorite kind of food) and a drink and listen to some music! Fri. Event details.

LA Galaxy 5K and Cozmo Family Fun Run
The first 1,000 registered runners will receive a race day shirt and the first 1,000 runners to cross the finish line inside StubHub Center’s Main Stadium will receive their own LA Galaxy 5K and Cozmo Family Fun Run race medal. Sat. Event details.

New Braves: Father’s Day Pop-Up
New Braves, the company inspired by a generation of fathers embracing parenting as equals, will debut their apparel and product line at The Reckless Unicorn storefront in Los Feliz, Los Angeles, CA. Families seeking the perfect gift for the dads in their lives are encouraged to visit the pop-up. The first 20 customers on Father’s Day will receive a free New Braves backpack! Fri.-Sun. Event details.

Levitt LA Concert Series
This summer Levitt Pavilion Los Angeles will present 50 free family-friendly concerts in MacArthur Park every Thurs., Fri., Sat. and Sun. evening. Headliners include Celso Piña, Fishbone, Nortec Collective Presents: Bostich + Fussible, Flor De Toloache, Alice Bag, Quetzal, Paul Thorn, Blind Boys of Alabama and more. Be sure to check out the Kidzone during our Family Series Sundays, our community partners and local food and beverage vendors at every concert. Join us on the Levitt LA lawn to experience the best free summer entertainment in Los Angeles. Visit our website for more details. Fri.-Sun. Event details.

Encino:

Kids Day at the Drought Tolerant Plant Festival
This event is designed to engage children in hands-on learning about succulents and cactus. There is aactus to touch. (It doesn’t bite back.) Plus loads of craft events like plant a pot, crafts, face painting, and clay pot building. Fun for the whole family that goes all weekend long (kid’s activities are on Sat.) Fri.-Sun. Event details.

Westside:

Coasterthon Catastrophe
A family-friendly musical comedy about two best friends, Brett and Griffin, who get stuck upside down on a roller coaster during a roller coaster marathon at famed theme park Fun World. The show is 45 minutes fully accompanied on guitar, and speaks to heavier themes of economics and anxiety while teaching and entertaining kids and parents alike. Fun for the whole family! Fri.-Sun. Event details.

Art Without Walls: Gardening a Better Future
Dream up a city that welcomes everyone. In this workshop inspired by Made in L.A. 2018 artist Beatriz Cortez, families will create their own miniature city out of plants with teaching artist Ismael de Anda. Sat. Event details.

Kelly Yang Author Talk & Book Signing
In Kelly Yang’s outstanding new middle-grade novel, Front Desk, ten-year-old Chinese immigrant Mai Tang has a lot of secrets. She lives in the Calivista Motel and manages the front desk while her parents clean the rooms (and hide other immigrants). It will take all of Mai’s courage, kindness, and hard work to
get through this year. Will she be able to hold on to her job, help the immigrants and guests, and go for her dream of being a writer? Sat. Event details.

**Summer Reading Kick-off at the Santa Monica Public Library**
Start the summer right with some music and crafts at the Santa Monica Public Library, and by signing up for the Summer Reading program! First, experience the unique drumming style of TAIKOPROJECT, a premiere taiko group that unites ancient Japanese tradition with 21st-century innovation in the Library’s north courtyard. After the performance kids and adults can make a craft to this summer’s theme: “Reading Takes You Everywhere.” Kids and adults that choose to sign up for the Summer Reading program will receive prizes for reading during the summer (while supplies last). Check out our website for more details. Sat. Event details.

**Worth the Drive:**

**Nature Tours at the Arboretum**
Meet a nature guide at the Nature Center for a wonderful free tour through this tucked away garden. Sat. Event details.

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—Andie Huber

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