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**Staycation This Summer at The California Museum  
Family Programs, Educational Workshops, New Exhibits and Second Saturday Movie Nights!**

[Sacramento, California] — As traveling out of town becomes harder and harder, The California Museum is offering a summer schedule full of activities for the whole family. Addressing the needs for more family-oriented summer programs the Museum has created new Fun Shop programs for families and day camps, two free movie nights to parents and opens new exhibits.

See below for more detail.

Starting July 9<sup>th</sup>, *Poppies, Butterflies, and Bears! Oh My!* begins. Every Wednesday, from 10am to 2pm, families can drop in for a new Museum experience as they learn about California's many state symbols through scavenger hunts, craft projects and hands-on activities. This program continues throughout the summer. Free with admission.

A similar educational program of *Poppies, Butterflies, and Bears! Oh My!* begins this summer, designed for youth groups and day camps. For a discounted group rate, youngsters will get a fun and engaging lesson on California state symbols and history.

The Museum opens up for Second Saturday during the summer! Launching a new program on July 12<sup>th</sup>, *Movie Night at the Museum*, The California Museum will feature a new classic film every month. Starting at 8:30pm, guests will sit under the stars in the Constitution Courtyard to watch the 1958 film, *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* starring California Hall of Fame inductee Elizabeth Taylor and heartthrob Paul Newman. Free admission.

On Tuesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, the exhibit *Bringing the Condors Home* opens. The story of the nearly extinct California Condor and the dedicated team that revitalized the condor population is told through interactive games, a nest replica and rare condor specimen on loan from the Smithsonian. The exhibit continues through to September 14, 2008.

Opening Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, the *California's Scenic Beauty* exhibit presents the wondrous landscapes and rich natural resources found "Only in California." From fog-bound forests to sunny beaches, from fertile fields to blazing deserts, discover California's environmental diversity through a video presentation combining stunning film footage with poetry and prose inspired by the state's beauty.

On August 9<sup>th</sup>, the Second Saturday *Movie Night at the Museum* continues on with a showing of *The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly*, starring another California Hall of Fame inductee, Clint Eastwood. Once again, guests can enjoy complimentary popcorn or purchase food from local vendors. Free admission.

As part of Bank of America's *Museums on Us* program, The California Museum offers free admission to cardholders. Guests show their Bank of America credit or debit cards and receive free admission for each cardholder.

*The California Museum - home of the California Hall of Fame -- is a cultural destination dedicated to telling the rich history of California and its unique influence on the world of ideas, innovation, art and culture. We advance our mission to inspire through educating tens of thousands of school children; sharing California's rich art, history and cultural legacy with world visitors through dynamic exhibits; and serving as a public forum and international meeting place.*

*The California Museum for History, Women and the Arts is located at 1020 O Street, (Corner of 10th Street), downtown Sacramento. Open Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. Noon-5 p.m.; Adults \$7.50, Students/Seniors (with valid I.D.) \$6, Children 6-13 \$5.00; Free for Children 5 and Younger (Closed Major Holidays). FREE Parking is available on the weekends. For more information 916.653.7524, [info@californiamuseum.org](mailto:info@californiamuseum.org), [www.californiamuseum.org](http://www.californiamuseum.org).*

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