

A man in Renaissance armor, including a helmet and breastplate, is shown from the chest up. He is holding a sword vertically in front of him, which partially obscures his face. The background is dark, and the lighting highlights the metallic texture of the armor and the man's features.

The 38th Annual Central Coast
Renaissance
Festival

Souvenir Program
July 20 & 21, 2024
Laguna Lake Park
San Luis Obispo

Let's Take A Trip Back In Time

What is this Renaissance Festival all about? We are taking you back to the year 1585 in England. Queen Elizabeth I is on her summer progress, escaping smelly, hot, and unsanitary London to meet her people. She stops in our small village of Tilbury. The villagers are so excited that they bring out their finest performers and merchants to impress Her Majesty.



Sir Walter Raleigh covers a mud puddle with his cloak so that Her Majesty may safely pass. Chivalry is alive and well at the Renaissance Festival.

We're going to do our best to bring this scenario to life for you. Queen Elizabeth is here with her retinue of courtiers and servants. Tilbury's chefs have prepared lavish provision for Her Majesty's pleasure, as well as yours. For this brief time, suspend disbelief and join us in a time long ago.

Who Puts On The Festival?

History Revisited, a local non-profit organization, produces the annual Central Coast Renaissance Festival. This is our 38th year in San Luis Obispo County. But for the plague, it would have been our 40th festival. For more information about us and the festival, visit CCRenFaire.com.

Good English Ale

Ale is made from barley, but it can be flavored with just about anything, including pepper, ivy, rosemary, bilberries, and lupines, among many other things. Ale is sweeter than beer but when it goes off it becomes syrupy and nasty. Hops make it last longer.

Beer's natural effects often lead to colorful names, as listed below. The last two surely refer to the aftermath of too much time at the ale house.

Huffcap
The Mad Dog
Merry-Go-Down
Angel's Food
Dragon's Milk
Go-By-The-Wall
Stride Wide

Brewing is traditionally women's work. In a great house, the stillroom maid and sometimes the lady of the house take responsibility for providing beer for the household.



A housewife brews once a month for her own household's use. Her costs come to about 20 shillings for 3 hogsheads yield. If she does this for a living, as many widows do, she is an alewife.

The fermenting liquor is stirred with a besom (bundled broom). When it is hung out to dry over a door or window, it shows the neighborhood that the new batch is ready. The "bush" in pub names like "The Bull and Bush" refers to this broom.

Enjoy ale, beer, cider or honey mead at the Renaissance Festival. Please drink responsibly.

Meet Some of Your Entertainers

Knight Fight – Full-contact combat where modern-day warriors battle in over eighty pounds of plated armor with real steel weapons. Many of these fighters appear in The History Channel's series, Knight Fight.



Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and Her Royal Court – Traveling around the countryside with her Lords, Ladies and the Royal Guards. Stunning!

Damage Kontrol – A comedic juggling and stunt show involving audience participation, a bit of slapstick and a lot of luck.



The Merry Wives of Windsor – Ale Wives singing about their favorite subjects: men and beer. Naughty where and when appropriate and otherwise, family friendly. Always a favorite act.

Fowl Tales – Demonstrating a lifetime of training, Pirate Bob and his parrots will amaze the crowd with piratical hilarity!

The Story Wrens – Traditional songs of England, Scotland and Ireland, accompanied by tenor mandolin, whistle, and fiddle.

Daring Daniel – Contorting, balancing and juggling; Daring Daniel dares to entertain the masses with his unique brand of skill.

Dog Cat Mouse - A charming story of the Lion Dog and Blur Cat magic powers followed by the tale of their amazing rescue.

More Entertainment

The Three Falconeers – Fun & educational stage show including a variety of native and exotic raptors. Flight and agility demonstrations over the audience when conditions allow.

Barleycorn Country Dancers – The Barleycorn Country Dancers are a perennial favorite in our village.

The Merry Larks – The Merry Larks will delight you with their toe-tapping tunes of country life and festive falderal! Join them as they share songs of birds, belles, and beer.

The Plague Doctor – Seen about the village seeking unfortunate patients in search of a cure.

Constables of The Shire – A roving group that recreates the citizen-police of Shakespeare. Silly fun but beware the stocks.

Double Crown Dancers – Belly dancing and entertaining as well as teaching various dance styles in the world.

William The Completely Average – Classics of magic performed with just the right amount of festival silliness.

Tea & Strumpets – The "Strumpets" sing, dance and entertain with their array of original comedic, family friendly content.

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Glorianna Stage

10:30	Tea & Strumpets
11:00	Damage Kontrol
11:45	The 3 Falconeers
12:30	Barleycorn Country Dancers
1:00	Damage Kontrol
1:45	Tea & Strumpets
2:15	The 3 Falconeers
3:00	Barleycorn Country Dancers
3:30	Damage Kontrol
4:15	Tea & Strumpets
5:00	Barleycorn Country Dancers



Poor Man's Globe

10:30	Minstrels of Misrule
11:00	Merry Wives of Windsor
11:45	Fowl Tales
12:15	Minstrels of Misrule
12:45	Daring Daniel
1:15	The Story Wrens
1:45	Fowl Tales
2:15	Merry Wives of Windsor
3:00	The Story Wrens
3:30	Fowl Tales
4:00	Merry Wives of Windsor
4:30	Daring Daniel
5:00	The Story Wrens



Eastern Star Stage

Belly Dancing - Random All Day

Buccaneer Stage

10:30	Morro Bay Mutineers
11:00	Dog Cat Mouse
11:30	Buccaneer Boot Camp
12:00	Climb Aboard
1:00	Dog Cat Mouse
1:30	Costume Contest
2:00	Buccaneer Boot Camp
2:30	The Merry Larks
3:00	Climb Aboard
4:00	Dog Cat Mouse
4:30	Buccaneer Boot Camp
5:00	Merry Larks



Arena Stage

10:30	William The Completely Average
11:00	Merry Larks
11:30	Professor Peanut
12:00	Knight Fight
1:00	Merry Larks
1:30	William The Completely Average
2:00	Professor Peanut
2:30	Daring Daniel
3:00	Knight Fight
4:00	Professor Peanut
4:30	William The Completely Average
5:00	Morro Bay Mutineers

Puppet Stage

11:00, 12:30, 2:00, 3:30

Feeling Hungry? Look What We Have

What have our chefs prepared for you? Just head on over to The Queen's Kitchen and you'll find these tempting treats:

Bacon Wrap Hot Dog
Bangers and Mash
BBQ Chicken/Beef/Shrimp
Boba Tea
Cakes/Cannoli
Chicken Plate/sandwich
Chicken Tenders with Fries
Churro Bites with Ice Cream
Churros
Cucumber Salad
Dolmas
Espresso
Fish & Chips
Fish Tacos
Fresh Squeezed Lemonade
Fruit tarts
Garlic Mashed Potatoes/Peas/Gravy
Greek Food Gyro Plate/sandwich
Ice Cream
Jalapeno Cheese Stuffed Pretzels
Large Pretzels with Cheese
Lattes
Mac 'n Cheese Pies
Mango Lasse
Meat Pies
Nachos
Olde Tyme Kettle Corn
Parmesan Garlic Fries
Pasties
Pizza
Pit on a Twig (boneless Pork Loin)
Potato Salad

Pulled Pork Sandwich
Red Bean & Rice with
Chicken Sausage
Sausages and Sausage Rolls
Scotch Eggs
Shaved Ice
Shrimp & Chips
Soft Baked Pretzels
Steak Quesadilla
Steak on a Stake
Street Tacos
Tempting Tarts
Thai Iced Tea
Tri-Tip Nachos
Tri-Tip Sandwiches
Turkey Legs
Veggie/Pork/Chicken Skewers
Veggie Rolls
Water

Do you have a sweet tooth?
We have Belgian chocolate truffles,
cocoa dusted almonds, chocolate
covered espresso beans and a
variety of caramels and sweets.

Of course, you'll also find a
variety of delicious beers and
ales, wine, cider and
honey mead.

But perhaps the true magic of the Central Coast Renaissance Festival lies not just in its culinary offerings, but in the spirit of camaraderie and merriment that permeates the air. While patrons enjoy their meal on straw bales, sharing stories and laughter, it becomes clear that the true feast is not merely the food on one's plate. Undeniably, it is the joy of sharing in a timeless tradition with fellow revelers.

Fun For The Youngsters

Costume Contest - Held daily at 1:30 on the Buccaneer Stage. All children are invited to participate. Prizes are awarded and everyone gets a souvenir to take home.

Buccaneer Boot Camp - Kids get balloon swords and learn a few attacks and defences! Then we test their mettle in the ring by fighting to the last sailor standing! It's great fun and free for kids.



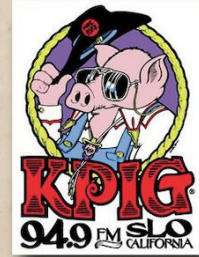
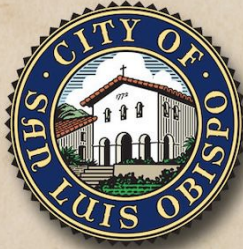
Under The Black Flag - Our 25' pirate ship is open for kids to board. They'll sing shanties and learn nautical terms. Then they get a free piece of treasure. This is a wonderful photo opportunity.



Treasure Hunt - Sunday is Pirate Day and what could be more fitting than a pirate treasure hunt? Look for a sign when you enter the village that proclaims the spot to get free "booty bags." Then wander among the vendors and guilds and look for a sign that says they have treasures for the taking.

Lady Anne's Childrens' Play Area- A play area open to the poppets several times a day, but don't desert them. We ask parents to stay with their children.

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