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BATES WEEKEND PICNICS BRING LARGER CROWDS

UPCOMING EVENTS

August

- Aug 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25- Bates Tues & Thurs Picnics, Noon
- Aug 12 Meetup Dinner at Denny's, Ventura 6:45 pm
- Aug 16 Meetup Online 7 pm – 8:30 pm
- Aug 20 Bates Beach Multi-Club Picnic

September

- Sept 1,8,15,22,29 Bates Thursday Picnics, Noon
- Sept 9 Meetup Dinner at Denny's, Ventura 6:45 pm
- Sept 17 Bates Beach Saturday Multi-Club Picnic
- Sept 20 Meetup Online 7 pm – 8:30 pm

October

- Sept 30 – Oct 1-2, Avocado Festival, Carpinteria
- Oct 5, 7, 12, 14, Bates Tues & Thurs Picnics, Noon (weather permitting)
- Oct 14 Meetup Dinner at Denny's, Ventura 6:45 pm
- Oct 18 Online Meetup, 9 7:00 pm
- October 29, Annual Halloween Party

By Mike Glinzak

The second weekend picnic day of the season was blessed with spectacular beach weather, sunny in the mid-70's, great visibility, and a mild breeze all day.

And did it draw out the beachgoers! I counted 50 nudists including several couples new to the beach and two families with children. Most were returning to the beach for the first time in years. One was a single mom and her 5 yr. old who was looking for us. As a child with her parents, she was at Elysium and wanted to return to nudism with her son. The textiles crowded half of the beach between us and the ramp but seemed oblivious to our presence as they walked down the beach near and by us.

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Sonya, Gary, and Robert represented our Bates Beach group in the Carpinteria Independence Parade July 2.

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Sunset at Bates – Taken July 28, 200 by Helen O'Neill. More photos on Page 5.



Bates Weekend Picnics

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Several people got into a vigorous game of Frisbee and others hit the volleyball back and forth sans net as no one had brought one down to the sand. And with seawater in the high 60's, it was actually fun to get in and splash around a bit.

Many thanks to Rolf, Greg, Robert, and the others for helping coordinate the day and schlepping gear to the beach.

August 20 Next Major Picnic

Due to scheduling conflicts between now and mid-August with several of the major nudist clubs in the area, we have pushed back **the next big weekend picnic until Saturday, August 20.**

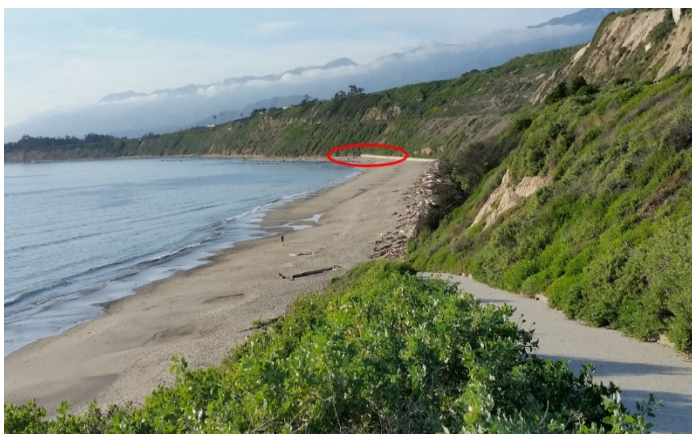
Meanwhile, we continue to see small clusters of nudists at Bates every weekend. Please be sure to suit in the designated area!

Mid-Week Beach Visits Expanded to Tuesdays and Thursdays

- August 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25
- Sept 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

By popular demand (and great weather), we have added an additional weekday to visit Bates Beach as a group. Effective immediately, we will have our team there on both Tuesdays and Thursdays starting at noon. These trips will continue through the summer. These mid-week picnics allow us to enjoy the beach when there are fewer people around, and they supplement with larger planned events once a month on Saturdays when we invite all the other local clubs to join us.

Join us from noon to about 6 pm at our designated clothing-optional location on the beach: Look for the sign for where our group is sitting.



Where to find us: Designated clothing-optional area starts at the concrete rock slide

Bates Beach Steering Committee Report to the Members

Both the monthly dinner meeting on the second Friday of each month in Ventura and the online electronic meeting on the third Tuesday night are open to all members and visitors to attend. We use these meetings as an opportunity to discuss what is happening at the beach and how to plan future events.

The July 9 dinner meeting attracted 8 people, but, unlike the previous month, no new visitors. We discussed the purchase of a better cart for hauling things down to the beach as the current one is too small for the supplies we need plus last month it got stuck in the sand several times because of all the weight. Greg and Helen recommended a cart they found online from Dick's Sporting Goods. The description said the 40" x 20" cart has 10-inch wheels and holds up to 250 pounds. It also folds up when stored. A few days after the meeting, the online purchase was made, and it was delivered to Greg's house on July 15. As of this writing it has not yet been tested with a full load at the beach. For the July 10 beach picnic, the volleyball set was not brought down as the old cart will not support its weight.



We also discussed the July 2 Independence Parade in Carpinteria, which was very successful.

The need for new **Ambassador training**. After the meeting, Gary sent copies of the two training books to the Steering Committee members to review and to re-certify themselves. New text for the Beach Ambassador brochure was approved and it was sent to the printer for use at future activities. Thank you Bob K. for helping with the printing costs.

At the **July 19** online meeting, a request to distribute **trash bags** to others on the beach during our beach visits was approved. Gary will get his stash of bags left over from last year's Beach Cleanup to the rest of the team next week.

It was felt there needed better coordination of the mid-week beach visits (Tuesdays and Thursdays) so that someone from the steering committee would be "in charge." John, Helen, Greg, and Robert agreed to coordinate their days.

The Beach Cleanup Day is Saturday September 17. Gary and Robert will attend the annual Beach Captain's meeting on August 17 to pick up supplies. Robert and Gary also will get together before the next Ventura dinner meeting on August 12 so Gary can hand over the **Beach Cleanup** tub and existing signs and materials.

Tony suggested we create a **business card-sized message** summarizing our beach behavior guidelines and to pitch for people to view our website for more info. Gary said he would research it.

Robert said this would be useful for all the people he observed that are going farther north than our area to be nude on their own (near and beyond the beach rocks).

Robert said he would create **Q-R sign** with our website link for the beach.

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Steering Committee Report

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Finally, there was a short discussion about how much **driftwood** remained on the beach from the winter months, and how people were continuing to use it to build barriers and structures. There was some concern what some beachgoers might be doing there including using them as toilet opportunities.

There is still a need for a **social media director**, but nobody has volunteered yet.

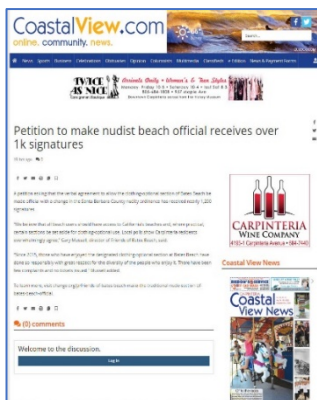
Important News from Carpinteria

Coastal View Newspaper Prints Story About Bates Beach Petition and Signature Numbers Soar

As of August 2, we hit 1,360 signatures on the Bates Beach petition! This total has doubled in the past month. Why?

The *Coastal View* newspaper in Carpinteria ran an article on page 3 of its July 21 issue, and during the next four days the number of signatures went up 400 names!

“We didn’t submit to them any press release, so the newspaper did this on their own. I guess we have some friends working at the paper,” said Gary Mussell, FOBB Director. He added, “While any positive publicity is nice, now I have to be prepared for the inevitable blowback. Politicians who are friendly may not be happy as puts them into a corner they are not prepared to do yet. Let’s see what happens with next week’s Letters to the Editor.”



That same week, the managers of Glen Eden and Friends of Little Beach also asked their members to sign, and they also responded! Thank you!

Friends of Bates Beach continues to solicit signatures for its online petition to "Make the Traditional Nude Section of Bates Beach Official."



With enough signatures we can ask the Board of Supervisors to change the county’s nudity ordinance, but we estimate we have to hit a minimum of 5,000 names for county leaders to pay attention.

We ask all of our members (and their non-nudist friends) to log into the web site to add their names to the list. The petition site is at: <https://www.change.org/p/friends-of-bates-beach-make-the-traditional-nude-section-of-bates-beach-official>.



3-Day Avocado Festival Dates Set, Volunteers Needed for Our Information Booth

On July 31 we were notified that the 2022 Avocado Festival is officially back on in Carpinteria the first weekend in October. We have applied to host an information booth promoting our clothing-optional beach.

Except for the two years the Festival was canceled due to Covid restrictions, FOBB has had a booth there since 2015. We always receive a warm response from the 70,000 visitors who come into Carpinteria to enjoy all things Avocado. About 400 booths will run down the center of Linden Avenue, the main street of the town, with side street closed so they can host about 60 local bands playing a wide variety of music styles. About half the booths will be selling food – from ice cream to beer to sandwiches and even Chinese food – with a key ingredient of all being avocado.

This is an important way we show the local community that nudists are just normal people like themselves, and the importance of positive body acceptance.

This year the event is scheduled for Friday September 30 through Sunday October 2.

The festival is open to the public on this schedule:

- Friday, September 30, 1 pm- 10 pm
- Saturday, October 1, 10 am – 10 pm
- Sunday, October 2, 10 am – 6 pm

It is our plan to sell merchandise in the booth, from signs to bumper stickers, and pins. There will also be a prize wheel so passersby can spin it and win a small giveaway item. Some larger prizes will also be raffled.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO STAFF THE AVOCADO FESTIVAL BOOTH!

We need help setting up Friday morning and tearing it down late Sunday afternoon. We also need people to help staff the booth all three days. A four-hour shift (minimum) is appreciated.

PLEASE EMAIL IF YOU CAN ASSIST US:
friends@friendsofbatesbeach.org



Paragliders sail above the Bates Beach cliffs where the proposed Rincon Trail path was rejected in April.

City Sets Meeting to Discuss Alternative Paths for Rincon Trail

On August 9, leaders of FOBB are invited to attend a meeting at Carpinteria City Hall to discuss alternative paths for the Rincon Trail. The meeting will start at 4:30 pm and include about a dozen interested groups including representatives from the city, several bicycle groups, the paragliders, and others.

In April the City Council rejected the “Alternative #3” path that ended in the Bates parking lot over safety concerns. There are four other alternative paths, none of which were given much study as Alt #3 was the one pushed by the City Parks Manager. Now that we are “back to the drawing board.” The city planners are entertaining other options.

FOBB submitted a letter in May detailing our preference for a bike path that ran on the freeway side of the Bates cliff side. We will bring this option again up at the meeting,.

As of this writing, both Helen and Gary are confirmed to attend, but others from the beach may join us if interested. Contact us on our www.friendsofbatesbeach.org website.

We will report in our September issue the results of this meeting.

ADVERTISE IN THIS NEWSLETTER

\$55/month for a 2” h x 3.5” w ad. (Discount: \$400/year) buys you direct exposure to over 1500 naturists in the greater Southern California area. Personal ads accepted \$20/mo. for 25 words max.

We retain the right to reject ads that do not reflect our club’s social media guidelines.

Email us at friends@friendsofbatesbeach.org for details.

Filing Opens for Carpinteria City Council Election in November

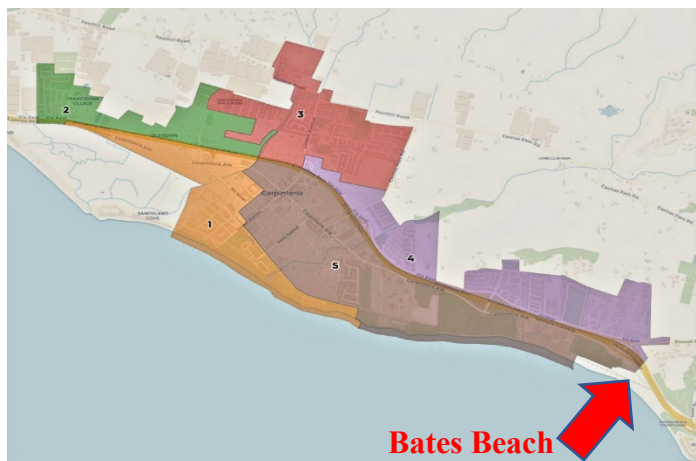
Background: Three seats on the Carpinteria City Council will be up for election in November of this year. The period for potential candidates to file papers opens on July 18 and closes on Aug. 12. The Nov. 8 election will be the first-time that districts will be used instead of electing council members “at large”. In this cycle, candidates must reside in districts 1, 3 or 5. District 5 covers from the eastern side of the city below the 101 freeway and along the coast, ending on the bluffs just above Bates Beach.

As of August 1, only two candidates have taken out nomination papers. **Al Clark**, a longtime member of the City Council has announced he is a candidate in the new District # 5. Clark is a “no growth” advocate in the



city, very pro-environment. He voted last month against the Rincon Trail path that terminated in the Rincon parking lot. When he and I last spoke about it a few years ago, he expressed a “live and let live” attitude toward the nude beach.

On July 27, **Monica Solorzano**, president of the Aliso Elementary School PTA filed papers to run for city council in district #1. This council seat covers the State Beach, Linden Avenue South of the railroad tracks, and west above the salt marsh. We do not know anything about her...yet.



District 1 is in orange and district 5 is brown on map above.

Training Setback for the Sand Measurement Project

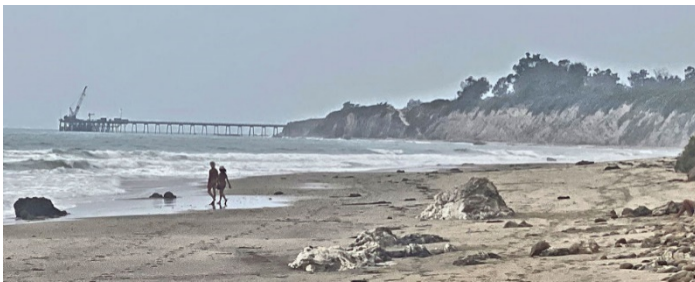
Jenna Wisniewski of UCSB’s **Sand Measuring Project** at UCSB came down with the latest Covid-129 virus and so the training class set for July 16 was canceled. It has not yet been rescheduled. The Bates Beach volunteers say they are ready to go just as soon as the project organizers regroup.

More Bates Photos

Thanks to all the members who are sending us photos from their experiences at Bates Beach. We will continue to share these with our readers as space allows. – Editor



Diane gives her opinion about the boundary sign of our area.



Northern end of our clothing-optional area.



Flower at sunset.



Michael and Vivian sent us these photos (above) of their handiwork rebuilding one of the driftwood barriers near the nudist section of Bates Beach. Good work!

FOBB Leaders Will Attend After Hours Business Mixer

The South Coast Chamber of Commerce hosts after hours business mixers in Carpinteria about three times a year. Friends of Bates Beach makes it a point to attend these as it allows us to talk to local business leaders and merchants and to remind them of our mutual support for each other. FOBB always brings a beach towel to contribute to the raffle, and it is always an appreciated prize.

The next mixer will be **August 24, 2022**, from 5 PM to 7 PM. Cost is \$20/person plus drinks and any raffle tickets. Anyone interested in attending please contact us via email.

Want to be A Beach Ambassador? Training Date Set

With larger and more frequent crowds coming down to our clothing-optional section of the beach, we need to increase the number of Beach Ambassadors so that we have better coverage more often. It's easy to get certified.

Apply on our website and we will download the training workbooks to you.

Training material will be sent to all applicants followed by an online 90-minute class on August 16, starting at 7 pm.

SCNA Board Selects Holbach To Continue As President

Reminder: Friends of Bates Beach is a division of Southern California Naturist Association (SCNA). Our “mother ship” held its annual election for the 7 members of its Board of Directors by mail-in ballot during June and over 50% of the club voted, an amazingly high statistical percentage.

The results were announced at their July 23 pool party in Altadena. Re-elected were Rolf and Cynthia Holbach, Tim Doggett, Robert Young, Mark Walter, and Scott Schmidt. Elected to fill the open seat was David Tiktin.

On January 31, the new board met to select the four club officers for the coming 12 months. Re-elected as President was Rolf Holbach. Re-elected as Secretary was Tim Doggett and Re-elected as Treasurer was David Tiktin. The Vice President position was open, and Scott Schmidt was elected by the board to fill that position. Congratulations to all. Gary Mussell as Director of Friends of Bates Beach sits as an ex-officio (non-voting) member of the SCNA board.



SCNA Needs Players To Take Back Club Trophy At Aug 13 Summer Games

On Saturday, August 13, SCNA, NitOC, and Olive Dell will host the Summer Games that takes place at the Olive Dell Ranch resort in Colton, CA

There are eight different fun games, including: a Paper Cup Water Relay, Pool Noodle Relay Race (hilarious!), Hula Hoop Team Passing, Inner Tube Pool Relay, Pool Javelin Toss, and a Pool Baton Relay.

After those six games the competition moves to the lower bowl for two additional games: a Target Frisbee Toss and a 2-person Water Balloon Toss.

While the points are being tallied for the games, the concluding event is our famous **Pudding Toss** (no points given for this, just a lot of fun!)

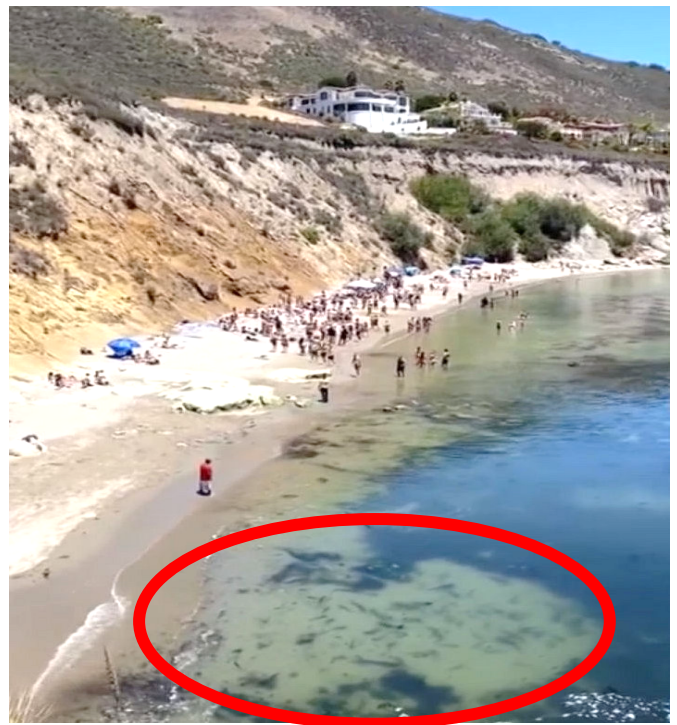
We will also award Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals for the overall highest point totals per individual, plus a Club Trophy for the Club with the best overall score.

Last year, the NitOC club from Orange County won the Club over teams from Olive Dell and SCNA. We need to win it back! We need volunteers to participate!

Please let us know before Thursday, August 11 if you wish to be on the SCNA’s guest list for the discount gate fee of \$25.

Additionally, Bobby and Becki will prepare an awesome dinner meal that evening that you should sign up for in the café when you arrive since there is a limited supply. This year’s special dinner will be Beef Brisket, Chuck-wagon corn, baked beans, coleslaw, a dinner roll & cupcake for \$23.99.

After dinner at 8 pm there will be a dance in the clubhouse for those who wish to end the day dancing!



Video Of Shark Sighting At Pirate's Cove Going Viral

Leopard Sharks Are Common In The Waters Off The Coast Of Southern California And The Central Coast As Well

A Fourth of July shark sighting at Pirate’s Cove near Avila Beach is going viral on social media.

Experts say that these are likely female leopard sharks coming into shallow water to shorten their pregnancy.

“Most of the people on the beach had no clue what was going on right there. I’ve definitely never seen anything like that,” said Arroyo Grande resident Tim Faes. He saw the sharks from the parking lot above the beach and reached for his video camera. Later he posted it on TikTok, where it has received 2 million views as of July 12. In the video, you can see dozens of these sharks hanging out in the shallow, warm water.

Director Christopher Lowe of the CSU Long Beach shark lab explains that at this time of year pregnant female leopard sharks seek out warm water in those shallow areas to speed up their pregnancy,” said.

Leopard sharks can grow up to six feet long. Females can give birth to as many as 15 pups at a time. The director said they are common in the waters off the coast of Southern California and the Central Coast, usually hanging around in and around kelp beds. “They are basically harmless to humans. They come into shallow coves and estuaries to feed on things like crab, squid and clams.

“People have to be careful if they go in these areas to not scare the females away,” said Lowe. “If you’re really quiet and you paddle in there on a kayak or you snorkel in there and don’t disturb them, it’s an amazing thing to see.”

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Florida's Blind Creek Beach Nudists Set New Skinny Dip Record

7/19/22 – 769 people entered the ocean at Blind Creek Beach this Sunday, thus breaking the world skinny-dip record.

Sponsored by the Treasure Coast Naturists, the event broke the previous record of 431 skinny dippers, set last year by the same group.

In June of 2020, Blind Creek Beach officially became a clothing-optional beach and The St. Lucie County Commission allowed 36 out of the 408-acres of land to be a part of the clothing-optional portion, although the Treasure Coast Naturists say they have been practicing casual nudity on the beach since 2014



“What Are California’s Top Nude Beaches?” Article Omits Bates and Other Beaches

By Gary Mussell

A July 19 article in the US. edition of *The Sun*, Britain’s largest newspaper, featured a rundown of the best nude beaches in California. Only they forgot to mention five primary locations including Bates Beach!

The article included: Black’s Beach (San Diego), Marshall’s Beach (San Francisco), Red Rock Beach (north of San Francisco), Pirate’s Cove (San Luis Obispo), and Bonny Doon Beach (north of Santa Cruz).

Missing were Secret Cove (Lake Tahoe), Land’s End Beach. (San Francisco), Hearst Beach (San Simeon), Devil’s Slide Beach () Half Moon Bay (Pacifica), More Mesa (Santa Barbara) and Bates Beach.

The original story was written by Michael Kurt, a freelance writer who lives in Tucson. No doubt he just looked things up on the internet and didn’t research further.

I wrote him an email right away describing Bates Beach and asking him to amend the article, but that never happened. The next day the byline was changed to Amelia Beamer, who is an entertainment reporter living in New York. So much for reporters knowing their subject.

Naturist Education Foundation to Release Updated U.S. Poll on Nude Beaches

According to the website of the Naturist Action Committee, an updated version of their 2015 Zogby Poll measuring the attitudes of Americans about nude recreation is about to be published.

Every few years since 2000, the Naturist Education Foundation, formerly affiliated with The Naturist Society, hired a national polling firm to interview several thousand people by telephone. In 2000 and 2006, it was an open poll. In 2009 and 2015 it was a Zogby poll. While the margin of error was always plus or minus a few percentage points, the trend showing support was always about 70% and growing every year. The polls also revealed about 25% of the population had skinny dipped themselves, a surprisingly large number.

Separate polls were conducted as part of these larger polls in key states such as California, Florida, and New York. The results were always very positive.

According to NAC Director Bill Schroer, this new poll, conducted in 2021, is expected to be released sometime in September.

Newsweek Magazine Article Quotes FOBB Leader Mussell

Former SCNA president Gary Mussell was quoted in a news article in *Newsweek Magazine* on July 18. The article is about some guy who likes to shave in the bathroom in the nude while his mother is in the room. Weird story, but it is summer, and the news media is known for printing such stories to increase their circulation.

The reference is to Mussell’s *History of Nudism in America* article posted on the AANR website. He is referred as an authority on naturist lifestyles in the United States.

“It is weird to be considered an ‘expert’ enough that someone would want to do that,” said Mussell. “They did not contact me beforehand, it just appeared in that online issue.. Nice to know somebody actually read something I wrote!”

<https://www.newsweek.com/family-nudity-mom-sees-naked-son-bathroom-mumsnet-1725511>



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Dinner Meeting Schedule

Friday, Aug 12, and Sept 9

Denny's Restaurant on Telegraph Road (west of Ventura College), 4095 Telegraph Rd, Ventura, CA 93003



Dinners are held every second Friday of each month.

The meeting will start at 6:45 PM and run about two hours. We have a separate room reserved in

the back, to the right from where you enter the building. Come prepared to buy dinner as a courtesy to the service staff.

Online Meetup Schedule

August 16, and Sept 20, 7 pm to 8:30 pm

The link is

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/724415629>.



You can also dial in using your phone at:

(571) 317-3122, Access Code: 724-415-629

Online meetings are held every third Tuesday each month.

Here Is Our Tuesday & Thursday Mid-Week Beach Schedule

- August 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25
- Sept 1, 8, 15, 22, 29



Look for the sign (at left) for where our group is sitting. As the weather and sea temperatures start to warm, we may add other days to this schedule. It also depends on the availability of our two beach mayors, Greg and Helen.

Contact our beach hosts, **Helen or Greg**, if you plan to come down so we can be sure to sit together. Email: friends@friendsofbatesbeach.org.

Weekend Bates Picnics Summer Schedule

Starting in June we will be inviting all the nudist clubs across Southern California to join us at Bates for a community picnic. We expect 50-60 people to attend each.

This year, FOBB will be hosting beach volleyball, although depending on local conditions we may need to get dressed temporarily while playing.

Bring all your own supplies and food. Mark your calendars:

- **Sunday, August 20**
- **Saturday, September 17 (Beach Cleanup Day)**

Mark your Calendars! Bates Beach Halloween Party is Coming October 29

Date: Saturday, October 29, 3 PM – 9 PM

Members (with cards): \$10/ Non-Members: \$20/person
Young Adults 18-29: \$5/person, Children under 18: Free

Once again, we will hold our annual event with prizes for the Best Costume and for the Best Pot-Luck Food Using a Halloween Theme.

We have a beautiful home in Camarillo with a private yard, indoor heated pool, and Jacuzzi. There is also a backyard BBQ on the patio and a fire pit.

The club will provide soft drinks/water. Please bring a "Halloween-themed" dish or dessert to share. The host asks that you prepare your food ahead of time, as there is limited kitchen and refrigerator space. This event is only open to members and guests that have been vaccinated.

Please RSVP asap to scna@socalnaturist.org or by leaving a message at 818-225-2273.

FOBB STORE



By popular demand, we have added a **Clothing-Optional** sign to our store. This is the same sign used at Bates Beach.

It is 8.5×11 size and can be used at home on a bedroom wall, outside in the backyard, or even on the front door! The price is \$20 plus shipping.

Our "I ♥ Bates Beach" cap is also available for \$15 plus shipping.



Please check out the store at our parent organization (<https://socalnaturist.org/store/>) to order these items using the club's PayPal processing link.