

Bears to the Beach '09

July 2 - July 5

McGrath State Beach, Oxnard, California

Hosted by Bears Ventura

Event Information

Q. What is Bears to the Beach?

A. Bears Ventura's camping weekend, at McGrath State Beach, open to Members and Non-Members, 21 years of age or older.

Q. What is McGrath State Beach?

A. McGrath State Beach is a California State Park which has two miles of beach that provide surfing, swimming and fishing opportunities. The park offers campsites by the beach between the lush riverbanks of the Santa Clara River and sand dunes along the shore. A nature trail leads to the Santa Clara Estuary Natural Preserve. McGrath State Beach offers restroom facilities with showers, you should bring quarters for warm water showers.

Q. What do you do at Bears to the Beach?

A. You hang out and have fun with your fellow campers. There are few planned activities so you can do what you want. Fireworks shows from Ventura, Oxnard, Pt. Hueneme and more are visible from the beach during this event (weather permitting). Ventura and Oxnard offer plenty of activities if chilling by the beach is not your thing. Ask a local for more information about area attractions.

Q. What do you get in the Weekend Package?

A. You get a spot to pitch your tent or park an RV. Bears Ventura supplies firewood, ice, bottled water and soft drinks. You bring your own food, hard drinks and camping equipment. Weekend attendees receive complimentary entry into Bears Ventura's Bear Bust on Sunday, July 5th at Paddy's (Beach Party Bear Bust) which includes beer and/or soda and cook-out from 4 to 8pm.

Q. What is not included in the Weekend Package?

A. Parking is not included. Everyone is encouraged to carpool for this event, parking is extremely limited. There is an \$8.00, per car, per day, fee charged by the Park at entry. There is a limit of 15 vehicles...the Park is not flexible when it comes to parking. Camping equipment, food and hard drinks are not included.

Q. Are RV's allowed?

A. Yes, but if you attend with an RV, a. you must indicate that on your registration form and b. that must be your only vehicle for the event. Please bring all guests with you in the RV as the limits on parking will not allow for extra vehicles. Note: there are no hook-ups and the Park has restrictions on generator use.

Q. What is a One-Night Stand?

A. If you plan to "bunk-up" with an attendee, for only one night, and not pitch a tent, you are required to complete the One-Night Stand registration form and pay the fee. One-Night Stand attendees do not get a complimentary pass to the Bear Bust. Parking is not included and not allowed within the campsite area.

Q. As a Non-Member, I see that I am being charged extra, why?

A. Your Non-Member registration will make you a member of Bears Ventura. This membership grants you the privileges that all Bears Ventura members receive. Please see the registration information for a complete list of those benefits. You will be asked to sign the membership form at the event. You may opt to not become a member of Bears Ventura; however the price for Bears to the Beach will not be adjusted.

Q. How many people will be attending Bears to the Beach?

A. We have a limit of 40 people which may attend this event. This is based on the number of campsites we have reserved and the Park's limitations on the number of tents, people and vehicles which may be in those campsites. The event usually has between 35 to 40 guys attending.

Q. Are there any rules for this event?

A. You are in a State owned park and will be camping amongst other campers. You are expected to abide by the Park's rules and the laws which govern us all. You are your own keeper and responsible for your own actions. A Bears Ventura member will be "in-charge" at the event and you must follow his direction if your actions are such that the entire group would be evicted from the Park.