

Lion Dances, Food, and Family Fun: San Diego's Lunar New Year Festival this weekend

Celebrate the Lunar New Year at the San Diego Lunar New Year Festival with Three Days of Cultural Celebrations, Delicious Eats, and Unforgettable Entertainment!

SAN DIEGO, CA, UNITED STATES, January 22, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The San Diego [Lunar New Year Festival](#) is returning this weekend for its 15th year, taking place from January 24th to 26th, 2025, at Officer Jeremy Henwood Memorial Park, behind to the City Heights/Weingart Branch Library.

This joyful festival marks the beginning of a new lunar cycle—an occasion for renewal, hope, and fresh beginnings for people and communities around the world. As we step into the Year of the Snake, we are reminded of the snake's unique ability to shed its skin, symbolizing growth, transformation, and the courage to embrace change.

We invite you to join us in celebrating the rich tapestry of Asian cultures, honoring timeless traditions, and experiencing the spirit of community and solidarity that unites us all.



Experience the vibrant Cultural Village at the San Diego Lunar New Year Festival



Saturday's crowd in cultural village

After years of traveling to various locations, the festival has returned to its roots, offering a more family-oriented experience with less commercialization. This three-day event will feature a variety of cultural activities, performances, and delicious food options, creating an unforgettable opportunity for attendees to celebrate the Lunar New Year with their loved ones.

The 2025 San Diego Lunar New Year Festival is a vibrant celebration of one of the most significant holidays in many Asian cultures. Come discover what the Year of the Snake has in store for us and be part of this exciting celebration!

Festival Highlights:

- Eating & Drinking Contests: Pho eating contest, bubble milk tea drinking contest, dumpling wrapping contest, and featuring Bún Bò Huế eating contest-- one of Vietnam's most flavorful and spicy noodle soups.
- Lion Dance Extravaganza: featuring nearly 2 hours of lion and dragon dance performances on Friday, January 24th, including performances from 4 biggest lion dance teams on Saturday, and 2 lion dance teams on Sunday.
- Diverse Culinary Experiences: featuring 24 different food vendors with a variety of flavors from Korea, Thailand, Laos, Vietnam, China, Taiwan, and the Philippines.
- Family-Friendly Fun: family fun activities for all ages, including free lucky red envelopes, wish-making trees, new year oracle reading, arts, crafts, and carnival games.
- Immersive Cultural Village: featuring re-enactment of the Asian village lifestyle with highlander's house, a floating village, cultural market, bamboo huts, etc.
- Children's Art Murals: In collaboration with Hoover High School Art students, children will have the opportunity to contribute to the creation of three vibrant murals. This community art project will celebrate creativity and cultural expression, allowing young artists to leave their mark on the festival.

Event Details:

- Dates: January 24-26, 2025
- Location: Officer Jeremy Henwood Memorial Park, 4455 Wightman Street, San Diego, CA 92105 (next to City Heights/Weingart Branch Library)
- Admission: Free and open to the public

Join the celebration!



Lion Dance team walking through cultural village

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