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NEWS

## Celebrating Chinese New Year

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You'll find a variety of events happening throughout the county in honor of [Chinese New Year](#).

**Barona Lunar New Year** - 7 tonight and Feb. 17. Barona Resort & Casino, 1932 Wildcat Canyon Road, Lakeside. Free; (619) 443-2300 or [barona.com](http://barona.com).

The casino will feature traditional lion and dragon dances.

**“Chu Chu the Dragon”** - 10 and 11:30 a.m. today and Friday; 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater, Balboa Park. \$4 to \$6; [balboaparkpuppets.com](http://balboaparkpuppets.com).

Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater stages this performance based on an ancient Chinese folktale.

**Chinese Fashion Show** - 12:15 to 1:15 today at [MiraCosta College](#), 1 Barnard Drive, Oceanside. Repeats at 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. Feb. 10 at MiraCosta's San Elijo campus, 3333 Manchester Ave., Cardiff. Free; (760) 757-2121, ext. 6377.

MiraCosta College hosts a traditional [Chinese costume](#) fashion show from Tang and Qing Dynasties that also features [Chinese food](#).

**Passport to China** - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Barnard Elementary, 2930 Barnard St., Point Loma. Free; [barnardelementary.com](#)

The city's [Mandarin Chinese](#) magnet school celebrates Year of the Rabbit with lion dance, martial arts demonstrations, Chinese musical performances and a student concert.

**Chinese Paper-Cutting Art & Bookfair** - 11 a.m. Saturday. Barnes and Noble, El Camino North Shopping Center, 2615 Vista Way, Oceanside. Free; (760) 529-0106.

Enjoy a special story time and make your own paper-cutting art.

**Chinese New Year Celebration** - 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Escondido Children's Museum, 380 N. Escondido Blvd., Escondido. (760) 233-7755 or [escondidochildrensmuseum.org](#).

The museum celebrates with the Hoa Nghiem Lion Dancers at 12:45 p.m. and a performance by Jing Jing from the Jing Institute of Martial Arts at 1:30 and 2:15 p.m. There will also be crafts, music and more.

**San Diego Chinese New Year and Cultural Fair** - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 12 and 13. Asian Thematic Historic District, Third Avenue and J Street, downtown. Free; [sdcny.weebly.com](#).

The [San Diego](#) Chinese Center hosts its 29th Annual Chinese New Year and Cultural Fair featuring two days of celebrations throughout San Diego's Asian Historic District downtown.

**"Last Train Home" movie screening** - 7 p.m. Feb. 23 UltraStar Cinemas Mission Valley, 7510 Hazard Center Drive, Mission Valley. \$6 and \$8; [sdaff.org](#).

The award-winning documentary that shows the mass exodus of migrant workers going home to celebrate the Lunar New Year holiday in China will be screened by the San Diego Asian Film Foundation.