

Nutty News

FALL 2019

Pumpkin Patch Hours: Weekdays 9:00am to 5:30pm • Weekends 8:30am to 6:00pm



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The Pumpkin Patch

September 21st - October 31st

A Family Tradition

Nuts & Pumpkins have made Bates famous, but we have over 5000 square feet of retail space between Bates Nut Farm and Farmer's Daughter Boutique. Shoppers enjoy browsing for home and garden accessories, kitchen items, baby, stationery, candles, personal care, jewelry, inspirational books, greeting cards and seasonal items. There is a little something for everyone at the Bates farm.

Our Farm Zoo is open daily from 9am - 5pm. Visit with mini-donkeys, goats, sheep, alpacas, emus, chickens, a tortoise and more! The animals love visitors and will eat from your hands. Bags of animal feed can be purchased for \$0.50; admission is free.

Late Friday Nights

Fridays ~ October 11th & 18th
3:00pm to 8:00pm



A great opportunity to avoid weekend crowds! Bring the kids after school to enjoy live music, great eats, and our fun Pumpkin Patch activities. You can grab dinner and dessert at the farm from "What's Cookin'" BBQ, pizza, and Mariposa Ice Cream. Be sure to bring your camera and flashlight to play flashlight tag in the straw maze.

Since 1963 families have journeyed to Bates Nut Farm's Pumpkin Patch to create fall family memories and traditions. Visitors can grab a wheelbarrow and choose bright orange Big Mac pumpkins right from the field. Tractor hayrides, a straw maze, pony rides, petting corral, and the Bates Farm Zoo are offered daily.

Weekdays on the Farm

- Pumpkins, squash, gourds
- Hayrides: \$2.50 each
- Straw Maze: \$2.50 each
- Pony Rides: \$8.00 each (9/30 - 10/31)
- Petting Corral: \$3.00 each (9/30 - 10/31)
- Bates Farm Zoo
- Picnicking
- Farmer's Daughter
- Bates Nut Farm

All weekday activities are available on weekends too!

Weekend Activities on the Farm

- Face Painting
- Kids 'n Paint
- Bounce & Slides
- Rock Climb
- What's Cookin' BBQ
- Mariposa Ice Cream
- Kettle Corn & Lemonade
- Cookies
- Funnel Cakes & Snow Cones
- Caramel Apples
- Cotton Candy
- Pizza (Starting 10/3)
- Featured Foods:
- Margie's Shuckwagon (Oct. 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27)
- Pomodoro Rosso (Oct. 13)
- Haad Sai Thai (Oct. 27)
- Pierogi (Oct. 6)
- Two for the Road (Oct. 12)
- Cousins Maine Lobster (Oct. 20)
- Organic (Oct. 13)
- What's Cookin' BBQ
- Epic Eatz (Oct 13, 20, 27)
- Hamburgers & Hot Dogs (Starting 10/3)

OCTOBER WEEKEND PARKING \$5.00 Cash

Welcome to the Bates Pumpkin Patch!

\$2.50 tickets can be used toward any activity vendors: hayride, straw maze, bounce, slide, pony rides and petting corral, face painting, rock climb, kids 'n paint, caricatures, frisbees, horse drawn carriage, however, a cash difference may occur from some vendors. Note: Tickets cannot be used for food vendors.

Family Fun Day Package: \$80

2 Pumpkins (\$15 value)
30 Tickets (\$75 value)
Value: \$90 • Save \$10

Bates Pumpkin Package: \$11

1 Pumpkin (\$7.50 value)
2 Tickets (\$5 value)
Value: \$12.50 • Save \$1.50

Entertainment Package: \$50

22 Tickets (\$55 value)
Value \$55 • Save \$5

Activity Package: \$25

11 Tickets
Value: \$27.50 • Save \$2.50

Early Days Gas Engine & Tractor Associate Show

Saturday & Sunday, September 28th-29th
9:00am to 4:00pm

Tractor Parade: 11:00am and 2:00pm both days

Experience a step back in time with farmers and learn about antique tractor and engines, trucks, Model Ts, washing machines, toys, tools, stationary engines and pumps, rope making, and more. Don't miss the tractor parade!

“Celebrating Farm Life” Youth Education Day

Saturday & Sunday, September 28th-29th
10:00am to 4:00pm

Learn about farming and agriculture! There will be vendor booths with information on animal care, conservation, composting, and other aspects of farm life. Bates Nut Farm will be teaching about nuts and how they grow, the life of a pumpkin, the 98-year-old history of the Bates family and the importance of farming in California. Along with the farm life fun, there will be live entertainment on the Bates Stage, food and tractor hayrides.



Fire Safety Expo

The Valley Center Fire Protection District
Saturday, October 5th
9:00am to 4:00pm

Come meet the Valley Center firefighters! The Fire Safety Expo will feature safety demonstrations and emergency information from a variety of local firefighters, highway patrol, medical professionals and more.

Check out the vintage fire engines, fire trucks, and take a ride on a fire engine. Learn how you and your family can be better prepared for emergencies and to learn more about your local emergency responders.

Sip & Sketch

Wednesday, September 18, 2019
Saturday, September 28th, 2019
4:00 pm – 7:00 pm



Sip, sketch, and color with Prismacolor pencils while you relax with your friends and learn how to draw pumpkin flowers and pumpkins. Your evening of fun includes all art supplies, handouts, charcuterie board, and of course, wine to sip and sparkling water.

This fun but educational class in how to draw and color with oil-based colored pencils and pen & ink. You'll learn drawing techniques as well as composition and then you'll learn how to layer and blend colors using Prismacolor pencils.

You will also get a tour of the pumpkin patch, a review of the life cycle of pumpkins, and history of Bates Nut Farm.

Donna Walker, native to San Diego County, and a Valley Center resident, majored in Art and American Indian Studies (AIS) at Palomar College. She is a freelance illustrator of artifacts and her work is published in scientific journals, archaeological reports and presentations.

\$40 per person. Limited class size - reserve your ticket today by contacting our office at 760-749-3333, or emailing info@batesnutfarm.biz.



Arts n' Crafts Market

Saturday & Sunday, October 5th & 6th
9:00am to 5:00pm

The annual "Pumpkin Festival" Arts 'n Crafts Fair features seventy-five vendors selling their handmade crafts and fine art. Appreciate and shop a variety of jewelry, woodworking, candles, soaps, fine art and more. This beautiful fall weekend will be full of shopping, BBQ, pumpkin picking, tractor hayrides, straw maze, pony rides and live entertainment from 12:00pm to 3:00pm.



14th Annual Costume Contest & Parade

Sunday, October 27th
Parade & Judging at 12:00pm

The Costume Contest is a great day for families and little ones to dress up in their favorite Halloween costume. Every participant will have the opportunity to win prizes in one of the five age groups. (Infants to 2 years old, 3 to 4 years old, 5 to 6 years old, 7 to 11 years old and 12 years old and/or families)



Howl-O-Ween Doggie Costume Contest & Parade

Saturday, October 26th
Parade & Judging at 11:00am

Scarecrow Contest

Saturday, October 12th
Judging 11:00am to 12:00pm
Contest Results at 1:00pm

Join us at a wonderful family tradition of participating in our 28th annual Bates Nut Farm Scarecrow Contest. We love keeping the tradition of making scarecrows alive. All entries will have the opportunity to compete for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place prizes. Each entry will receive a free jack-o-lantern pumpkin and a certificate of participation. Winning scarecrows will become property of Bates Nut Farm. The registration forms are available on our website under the events tab ~ www.BatesNutFarm.biz. Bring your scarecrow entries Friday, Oct 11th after 1pm or Saturday, Oct. 12th by 10am.



If you have never seen a bunch of dogs dressed up in costumes, make sure you attend our Doggie Costume Contest. The top dogs in each of the three categories will receive prizes. Registration forms are available on our website under the events tab ~ www.BatesNutFarm.biz.

To participate, bring your completed form with you when you register your dog for the contest. Registration begins at 9:00am with the parade and judging at 11:00am.

Bates is the perfect location for weddings, birthdays, reunions, company picnics or any special event. For more information, call 760-749-3333.

Bates Live Entertainment

Weekends 12-3pm

September

- 28 Blue Creek Band
- 29 Ash Street Ramblers

October

- 5 Valley Center H.S. Band
- 6 Heidi & The Hurricane Band

- 11 Heidi & The Hurricane Band 4:30 - 7:30 pm
- 12 PleaZure Band
- 13 Working Cowboy Band
- 18 Calico Ridge 4:30 - 7:30pm
- 19 Bayou Brothers
- 20 Calico Ridge
- 26 Steal Dawn
- 27 Roaries Band





Arts, Crafts & Vintage Market

Saturday & Sunday, November 9th & 10th
 Friday - Sunday, November 29th - December 1st
 9:00am to 4:00pm

- 75 Artisans selling handmade American crafts and fine art
- Pancake Breakfast 8-10am
- Snow's Pony Rides and Petting Corral
- "Whats Cookin'" BBQ
- Take a free hayride and visit with Santa, November 29 & 30 from 12-2pm
- Live music from 12-3pm each day

Community Yard Sale

Sunday, November 10th • 9:00am – 3:00pm

The Valley Center Community Yard Sale is a don't-miss for buyers and sellers alike. Sellers can convert unwanted treasures to cash. Shoppers can find all kinds of deals on furniture, art, clothing, home décor, tools, electronics and many other fantastic items. It's a great way to spend a Saturday morning in the country!

Mud Factor 5K Obstacle Run

Sunday, November 3rd • 9:00am – 1:00pm

Are you ready for a seriously fun 5K obstacle course? Prepare for giant cargo climbs, water slides, and epic mud crawls! All adult and MF Kidz participants will receive a medal, bandana, tattoo, and bib. To Register, and for more information, visit www.mudfactor.com/sandiego

East County Cruisers Car Show & Toy Drive

Saturday, November 9th
 9:00am to 2:00pm



The 17th Annual East County Cruisers Car Show & Toy Drive will be back at Bates Nut Farm this year. Bring your family and friends to the farm and check out the classic cars on display from 9:00am to 2:00pm. Show your random act of kindness by bringing a new unwrapped toy to the farm for the toy drive. Military families will benefit from your bigheartedness.

Visit www.EastCountyCruisers.com for more information.



Christmas in the Valley

Friday, December 13th
 3:00pm to 8:00pm

Saturday, December 14th
 9:00am to 3:00pm

A free Christmas event for all ages. We will be hosting the "Christmas Voice" contest. Santa Claus will be arriving on Friday at 6:00pm and on Saturday at 11:30am. There will be free activities including: live music, face painting, Snows Pony Rides and petting zoo, Polar Express Hayride to visit Santa, Jumbo Slide, Gingerbread house making, free crafts from local clubs, character balloons, and local crafters and vendors. Voice Contest application and vendor application are at our website under the events tab ~ www.BatesNutFarm.biz.