

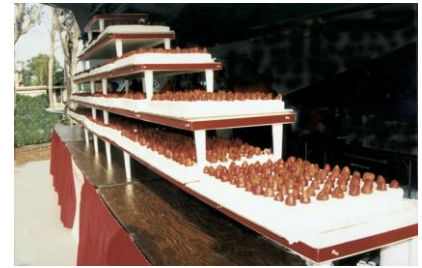


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14 TV AND FILM STARS TO SERVE UP FREE STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE AT GARDEN GROVE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL ON MAY 25TH

-- Charity Fundraising Booths Selling Strawberry Treats and other Fun Food --

GARDEN GROVE, CA (May 16, 2018) – Since 1958 the Garden Grove Strawberry Festival has treated the community to free strawberry shortcake at its grand opening ceremony. It will be held this year in the Showmobile Friday, May 25th at 6 p.m. at Main and Acacia streets in Garden Grove. The giant cake will be created by French's Pastry Bakery in Costa Mesa. In the past, as many as 2,000 have come out for free cake.

All of the Saturday parade celebrities, who cannot resist having a taste, will be there to say a few words and help pass out cake to the crowd. They are **Aparna Brielle** (*A.P. Bio*); **Mackenzie Hancsicsak** (*This is Us*), **Parker Bates** (*This is Us*); **Humberto Luna** (Hispanic Radio Personality); **Emily Skinner** (*Andi Mack*); **Kimrie Lewis** (*Scandal*); **Nancy Linehan Charles** (*Minority Report, Young Sheldon*); **Nicole Bilderback** (*Good Girls*); **Sally Pressman** (*Army Wives; Good Girls*); **Molly Jackson** (*Andi Mack*); **Maya Jade Frank** (*Bizaardvark*); **Sanai Victoria** (*The Paynes*); **Paul-Mikel Williams** (*The 15:17 to Paris; Westworld*); and **Jonathon Blum** (U.S. Men's Olympic Ice Hockey Team).



Garden Grove Mayor Steve Jones will cut the first piece and present the giant strawberry cake top to **Miss Garden Grove Sarah Bui**.

During the 4-day Memorial Day weekend event over 300,000 annual attendees head for the festival's 200+ food and commercial booths where they find treasures to buy and all kinds of treats to try. Booths open at 1 p.m. on Friday May 25th and at 10 a.m. on May 26th

through the 28th.

CHARITIES BENEFITTING FROM FOOD AND GAME BOOTHS

This year's theme is "**Celebrating 60 Years of Fun and Funding Charities.**" Ten local charities will be selling food to raise funds for their organization: Garden Grove Lions Club, Kiwanis Club of Garden Grove, Boy Scout Troop #167, Garden Grove Elks Emblem Club, Assistance League of Garden Grove, Garden Grove High School Baseball Booster Club, Boys and Girls Club of Garden Grove, Pacifica High School Softball Booster Club, Jobs Daughters Bethel #78, Kiwanis Club of Greater Garden Grove, and Garden Grove High School Band Booster Club.

In addition, ten more charities will run game booths to fill their coffers: Non-sectarian Church of God, Boy Scouts Troop 111, Garden Grove Friends Church, Bolsa Grande Cheer, Pacifica Lady Mariners, Garden Grove High Aquatics, St. Olaf Lutheran Church, St. Columban Eucharistic Youth, Rancho Alamitos Aquatics, and Girl Scout Troop 2390. Collectively, they pull in over \$100,000 each year.

Offerings include strawberry treats such as strawberry smoothies, cheesecake, crepes, bowls of strawberries with soft ice cream, strawberry sundae, strawberry shortcake, strawberry bread, strawberry royals, tart cups, chocolate covered strawberries and boxes of strawberries. Fairgoers will also find nacho supremes, pizza, chicken wings, meatball sandwiches, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, carne asada, chicken tacos, cheese quesadillas, funnel cakes, baked potatoes, breakfast muffins, corn on the cob, hot dogs, chillitos, BBQ beef sandwiches, and popcorn chicken.



SATURDAY BREAKFAST PROCEEDS HELP NEEDY FAMILIES

La Casa Garcia is donating food for the festival's annual pre-parade breakfast Saturday, May 26th at 7:30 a.m. at the Garden Grove Community Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue at Euclid. Scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage, fried potatoes, plus orange juice, milk and coffee will be served for \$7.00 cash per person paid at the door with all proceeds benefiting *We Give Thanks*, a charity annually providing Thanksgiving dinners for thousands of needy people.

Sponsorship comes from Great Wolf Lodge, GGTPC, Great Destinations, Clear Channel Outdoor, Parenting OC, El Panamericano, Korea Times, Nguoi Viet Daily News, OC News and its community newspapers, OC Weekly, Farandula USA, Miniondas, and radio stations Radiocentro 93.9 KXOS-FM; Air 1 Radio; KOST 103.4; MYfm; KLYY Jose 97.5 FM; KSSE 107.1 FM Super Estrella; JACK FM; K-EARTH 101; 94.7 The Wave; Amp Radio; KWVE; KDAY-FM; and KWIZ.

The Festival has donated over \$7 million to local charities since 1958. For more information, visit www.strawberryfestival.org.