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Save the Redwoods League Marks 100th Anniversary in October 2018, with a Week of Events Throughout California

Free Festivals, Films, Gala are Planned October 7-14

San Francisco, Calif. (July 24, 2018) — Save the Redwoods League, celebrating its centennial year as the only nonprofit dedicated to protecting and restoring California's coast redwood and giant sequoia forests, today announced its official **Centennial Celebration Week events for October 7-14, 2018**. The public, statewide events will honor the conservation legacy of the League and its partners to protect California's state trees over the last 100 years and the League's vision for its second century of conservation leadership. The League will host two free festivals, a film premiere, and an inaugural gala, among other events. For details, see the schedule below and [visit our events webpage](#).

"It's time we celebrated our redwood forests," said Sam Hodder, president and CEO of Save the Redwoods League. "These quintessential California icons that inspired our nation's conservation movement stand today because of the dedication of Save the Redwoods League, our partners, and the communities who care deeply for these ancient giants. Our Centennial Celebration Week activities are opportunities for everyone to come together to stand with the redwoods, celebrate California's world-renowned public lands, and commit to a vibrant and resilient future for the redwood forests that sustain us."

Calendar Editors, please note:

Stand for the Redwoods Festival in Humboldt County

When: Sunday, October 7, 2018, noon-4 p.m.

Where: Orick, California

Who: General public, all ages

What: Kicking off Centennial Celebration Week is this free festival at the gateway to Redwood National and State Parks, home of the world's tallest forest, where 45 percent of the remaining old-growth coast redwoods stand protected today. This family-friendly community event offers live music, children's activities, local food trucks, a beer garden sponsored by Sierra Nevada Brewery, a wine garden sponsored by Barefoot Cellars, and more. The festival is hosted by the League, Redwood National and State Parks, and the Redwood Parks Conservancy in celebration of the 100th anniversary of Save the Redwoods League and the 50th

anniversary of Redwood National Park. The full line-up of artists and participating partners will be announced in September. [RSVP for the event on the League's Facebook page.](#)

Cost: Free (food and drinks are available for purchase)

Old Survivor Film Premiere

When: Tuesday, October 9, 2018, 5:30-10 p.m.

Where: Chabot Space & Science Center's Megadome Theater, Oakland, California

Who: Members of Oakland Trails and League guests; all ages; advance registration required. [Request an invitation.](#)

What: See the world premiere of the *Old Survivor* documentary celebrating Oakland's redwood forests, and join a reception following its debut. The film highlights the only remaining old-growth coast redwood in the Oakland Hills and tells the story of the resilient, ecologically rich, and now protected redwood parklands. Oakland Trails produced the 20-minute documentary with filmmakers, Emily Fraser and Nicholas Berger. The film features League staff members, City of Oakland Parks, and the East Bay Regional Park District. The debut event is hosted by Oakland Trails.

Cost: Free admission. [Request an invitation.](#)

Centennial Celebration Annual Member Event

When: Wednesday, October 10, 2018, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Where: Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, California

Who: Open to all area League Members. [Donate to become a member.](#)

What: Join us for an evening to celebrate our first 100 years of protecting, restoring, and connecting people to magnificent redwood forests, a wonder of the natural world. Meet other passionate redwood supporters, see the renowned African Mammal Hall, and experience a range of natural habitats, including a redwood forest.

Cost: Free for League members. [Donate to become a member.](#)

Free Second Saturdays in Redwood State Parks

When: Saturday, October 13, 2018. 8 a.m. to sunset.

Where: More than 40 redwood state parks

Who: General public, all ages, passes required

What: Experience California's spectacular redwood state parks for the first time, or rekindle your love for them. Join us outdoors at more than 40 redwood state parks and enjoy stunning scenery, exercise, fresh air, and the opportunity for connecting with family and friends. Save the Redwoods League and California State Parks have teamed up to offer free vehicle day-use passes on the second Saturday of each month throughout 2018 in celebration of the League's centennial year and their longstanding history to protect the coast redwood and giant sequoia forests together.

Cost: Free with a pass. (Get a pass online at FreeRedwoodsDays.org. Passes for

October 13 will be available on a first-come, first-served basis starting on September 29 at 8 a.m. [Sign up for the League's mailing list](#) to receive a notification when passes are available.)

Centennial Celebration Gala

When: Saturday, October 13, 2018, 5 p.m.-1 a.m.

Where: Union Square and August Hall, San Francisco, California

Who: General public, tickets required

What: Save the Redwoods League is hosting a benefit for its Education and Parks Support programs, which serve more than 7,500 schoolchildren and millions of redwood park visitors annually. The party begins under a redwoods-inspired tented Union Square in San Francisco with a magical cocktail party featuring illusionist JB Benn, followed by an elegant sit-down dinner prepared by San Francisco's top chefs at McCalls Catering and Events and a live auction featuring one-of-a-kind redwood adventures that only Save the Redwoods League can deliver. The party will culminate with a thrilling musical performance by Bob Weir, Mickey Hart, and friends with special guest John Mayer at San Francisco's newest performance venue August Hall, a short stroll from Union Square. Honorary Co-chairs: Judith F. Otter and Richard C. Otter, Charlotte M. Shultz and the Honorable George P. Schultz. Co-chairs: Sandy Donnell, Wendy Hayward (in memoriam).

Cost: Prices vary. [See event webpage for details.](#)

Stand for the Redwoods Festival in San Francisco

When: Sunday, October 14, noon-4 p.m.

Where: Yerba Buena Gardens, San Francisco, California

Who: General public, all ages. [RSVP for the event on the League's Facebook page.](#)

What: The Stand for the Redwoods Festival in San Francisco is the capstone event of Centennial Celebration Week. This free family-friendly festival offers live music and other entertainment, activities provided by the League's lead Centennial partners, and a Sierra Nevada Brewery beer garden. People from the San Francisco Bay Area and beyond will gather to celebrate 100 years of redwoods conservation and take a stand for their future. The full line-up of artists and participating partners will be announced in September. Media partners: Alice@97.3, BARTable, KCBS Radio, and KPIX 5.

Cost: Free (food and drinks available for purchase)

Humboldt Redwoods Marathon, Half Marathon, or 5K

When: Sunday, October 14, beginning at 7:30 a.m.

Where: Humboldt Redwoods State Park, Humboldt County, California

Who: General public, advance registration required

What: Run through one of the nation's most scenic courses in the Humboldt Redwoods Marathon. You'll be surrounded by towering, ancient coast redwoods as you run along the Avenue of the Giants in Humboldt Redwoods State Park, which Save the Redwoods League created in 1921.

Cost: Prices vary. [Registration is open online.](#)

Giant Sequoia Parks Online Resources for Teachers and Students (PORTS®) K-12 Distance Learning Program

When: October 8-12. Available upon request through the 2018/2019 school year

Where: Online. Learn more about the California State Parks PORTS distance learning programs at www.ports.parks.ca.gov

Who: Available globally for K-12 classrooms

What: Experience the giant sequoia groves at Calaveras Big Trees State Park and engage directly with League scientists and State Park professionals through the Giant Sequoia PORTS Program. PORTS is a free distance learning program that uses interactive video conferencing to provide digital access to California State Parks. PORTS programs are designed for kindergarten through 12th-grade classrooms and are aligned with Common Core State Standards and Next Generation Science Standards. The Giant Sequoia PORTS program, presented by California State Parks, will be offered for the first time during the Centennial Celebration Week, after which it will become a regular offering throughout the 2018/2019 school year. Supporting educational content for educators will be available online later this summer. Educators are also encouraged to participate in the long-standing coastal redwood ecology PORTS program from California's redwood state parks on the north coast to extend learning opportunities about redwood forests.

Cost: Free. [Request a virtual field trip online.](#)

To learn more about the Centennial Celebration Week events, go to StandForTheRedwoods.org, or contact 415-820-5800.

For information about the coast redwood and giant sequoia forests and the League's commitment to their protection, view the League's recently released [State of Redwoods Conservation Report](#) and the [Centennial Vision for Redwoods Conservation](#).

To access images, videos, or drone footage, please [visit our newsroom](#). To schedule an interview, please contact Ashley Boarman, Landis Communications, at (415) 359-2312 or redwoods@landispr.com.

About Save the Redwoods League

Save the Redwoods League, one of the nation's oldest conservation organizations, is celebrating 100 years of protecting and restoring coast redwood and giant sequoia forests and connecting generations of visitors with their peace and beauty. Its 19,000 supporters have enabled the League to protect more than 200,000 acres of irreplaceable forest and help create 66 redwood parks and reserves. For more information, visit SaveTheRedwoods.org.

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