

WNG '08 Preliminary Program of Events

thursday, september 11

9 am-9 pm REGISTRATION open. Please check in at the office.

9 am Local Activism. How the NAC Area Rep program boosts the NAC's effectiveness in the community. Bob Morton, NAC.

10 am Gathering Orientation for newcomers. First time at a Gathering? This informal meeting is where you can ask the TNS staff any questions about what to expect over the weekend, and how to get the most from the Gathering. Meet in front of the TNS booth in the Marketplace.

10 am Protecting the Vulnerable. A forum seeking new ideas to further assist beaches, groups, and clubs, while maintaining safety for women, children, and men. Allen Baylis.

11 am So Why Do You Folks Have To Run Around Nekkid? The answer to that question is so very important to society's mental health! Hear examples of how to accomplish it, and details of things that are and have been done. Share your "first time" experiences! Dennis Craig Smith.

1 pm Giant Penis Terrorizes the Planet! How has the "phallic fear" harmed our collective psychology and set sexual mental health back centuries. Through pictures, anecdotes, and examples from our language, we'll discuss how much this repulsion of the male genitalia has contributed to issues society seems incapable of overcoming. Dennis Craig Smith.

1 pm Nudity, Public Lands, and Public Policy. Includes a detailed discussion of San Onofre Beach, Canaveral National Seashore, hiking on BLM and Forest Land and more. Administrative and regulatory situations are quite different from legislative issues. NAC deals with all portions of the spectrum. Bob Morton, NAC.

2 pm The History of DeAnza Springs. Dave Landman.

3 pm How To Organize A Nude Sailing Trip. Learn the finer points of a nude sailing excursion. John Doe of SCNA leads.

4 pm Maintaining An Appropriate Naturist Image. Powerpoint presentation depicting photography and the true spirit of naturism. Nicky Hoffman Lee.

5 pm Desert Hike. George Stalmah.

6:15 pm Sunset Yoga. Live music and yoga instruction out by the movie set building. Bring a flashlight, blanket, yoga mat and water. Don Titmus & Julie Dreyer.

7 pm Naturists & "Snitch Laws." Most states now have laws requiring photo processors and computer technicians to report "suspicious" images. But the laws in some states go even further. Learn how naturists navigate these unfriendly waters. Bob Morton, NAC.

8 pm Dave's Vintage Video Vault. Vintage nudist films of the 60's: The Bashful Bikini. Dave Cole.

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8 am-9 pm REGISTRATION open.

8:30 am Desert Hike. George Stalmah.

9 am Fun With Paper Mache. A two day workshop on the finer points of paper mache sculpting. We'll start a project today, and finish it after it dries tomorrow. SCNA.

9 am Lobbyists & Other Dirty Words. You can count on NAC to implement grass roots activism. However, NAC is also skilled at working within the system and behind the scenes, using lobbyists and an array of other resources. When is a lobbyist appropriate? What does a lobbyist really do for NAC and for naturists? Bob Morton, NAC.

10 am Speaking to Groups about Naturism. Share the experience of speaking at local colleges and events. Panel discussion led by Dave Cole, Christina Nixon, & Gary Mussell.

10 am Naturism In South America. Discover beautiful beaches, camps, and resorts. Claudia Kellersch.

10 am Being Green & Naturist. An introduction to permaculture and sustainability, with a discussion on greening naturism. Don Titmus & Julie Dreyer.

11 am An Introduction to NOVA. TNS' new Naturist Outreach Volunteer Advocate program. Are you one of our new stars? Nicky Hoffman Lee & Dave Cole.

- 1 pm Lawmakers are NOT always the Enemy.** NAC has called your attention to a number of hostile lawmakers who have created crises to which we must respond. But on behalf of naturists, NAC also works proactively and cooperatively with lawmakers—and you can too! Learn how to choose your battles and choose your lawmaker friends. Making yourself valuable is sometimes the best way to protect your issues. Bob Morton, NAC.
- 2 pm Beach User Panel Discussion Group.** Much has happened this year along our western coast. We've lost a beach (Red, White & Blue), a few others have had some problems, and one is fighting to get re-established. This round table of beach representatives will provide updates. Panel includes: Allen Baylis, Dave Cole, Lloyd Johnson, Gary Mussell, Rich Pasco.
- 2 pm Poetry Circle.** Bring your favorite nude poems or a self-written one and share them with others. Don Titmus.
- 3 pm Welcome & General Assembly.** Meet the fine folks from DeAnza, Gathering workshop leaders, group and club leaders, TNS staff and NAC board members. Step up to the mike and introduce yourself.
- 4 pm Group Photo.**
- 4:30 pm Beyond Photography Basics.** Basics on how to go beyond taking pictures to making great photographs. Glen Graves.
- 4:30 pm Potholes.** As a preview to the beach trip tomorrow, we'll be taking a look at the entrance trail, its damages and improvements over the past few years. Lloyd Johnson & Geoff Bujkofsky of Black's Beach Bares.
- 4:30 pm Desert Hike.** George Stalmah.
- 5 pm NAC/NEF Donor Reception.** Hosted by Claudia Kellersch & Blair Brumley.
- 6 pm Beer Here!** Or beer tasting anyway. Join our premiere naturist "Braumeister" for taste tests of several brews. Allen Baylis.
- 7 pm Naturist Education Foundation: Much More Than a Tax Write-off!** It's more than videos and public opinion polls too. Learn what NEF is doing for naturists. Offer your suggestions. Bob Morton, NEF.
- 7 pm Educating Julie.** Presentation of this classic body-acceptance film, with a short introductory discussion on the importance of integrating body acceptance/naturism with education. Dennis Craig Smith.
- 8 pm Drumming Circle.** Come join our circle of drumming. No special musical skills necessary. Bring something to make noise with (limited drum supply available). Ricc Bieber.
- 9 pm DJ Dance**

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- 8 am Yoga.** Out by the movie set building. Bring a blanket, yoga mat and water. Julie Dreyer.
- 8:30 am Desert Hike.** George Stalmah.
- 9 am-9 pm REGISTRATION open.**
- 9 am Newsletters, Web sites, Getting Started—Oh My!** The ins and outs of group and club leadership. Anyone involved with naturist group/club organizing or planning is strongly encouraged to attend. Gary Mussell of SCNA will share some of his newsletter pointers. Nicky Hoffman Lee facilitates.
- 9 am Understanding Legislation That Affects Naturists.** Back by popular demand! This workshop explores the buzzwords, tricks, and standard fare involved in legislation that deals with naturist issues. Through specific examples you'll learn the importance of amendments and riders, and you'll become aware of the surprising number of times that NAC has actually re-written legislative bills and the law. Bob Morton, NAC.
- 9 am Write Your Own Personal Mission Statement.** Why did you become a naturist, and what are your dreams, goals and ideas for your naturist life? Dave Cole & Christina Nixon.
- 10 am Travel Writing for N and Beyond.** Get tips on writing your travel story for naturist magazines and on how to get published in *N* magazine. Nicky Hoffman.
- 10 am Water Volleyball Challenge.** It's DeAnza vs. TNS. Get your game on! Pool.
- 10 am Belly Dancing Basics.** Bring a veil or sarong and a willingness to wiggle. Clubhouse. Cheemah Ra.
- 11 am Pudding Toss.** It's baaaacckkkkk! Hosted by SCNA.
- 11 am Is Anybody Listening?** When we meet with government officials, are they really listening to us? Are we listening to them? Can we improve our message? Lloyd Johnson.
- 11 am Letter Writing 101.** How to get your message across loud and clear. Dave Cole & Christina Nixon.
- 1 pm Water Balloon Battle.** A new annual tradition at the Western Gathering. Lots of clean (and wet) fun for everyone, benefits go to NEF. Hosted by the Camping Bares.
- 1 pm Huntington Beach Nudity Ordinance.** How did we get there? NAC Board member and attorney Allen Baylis discusses the case and its repercussions.
- 1 pm Fun For Kids!** Fun and games, body painting, prizes! Hosted by the Camping Bares.

- 1:30 pm 2nd Annual Meeting of Dum (D) Ass (U) Naturists (H).** What have you DUHers been up to this past year? Share your "Dum Assidness" with your fellow Dum Assers. Dave Cole facilitates.
- 2 pm Fun With Paper Mache Part 2.** We'll finish the projects we started yesterday. SCNA.
- 2 pm Desert Sun Resort: A New Beginning.** A new, family-friendly, true naturist resort has arisen from the formerly spectacular Desert Shadows Inn in Palm Springs. Hear about the revitalization first-hand from Stephen Payne.
- 2 pm Closest To The Pin.** Sponsored by the DumAss Sig.
- 2:30 pm Dressing Silly Contest.** You bring the body, we'll supply the silly! Sponsored by the DumAss SIG.
- 3 pm Cooperation & Responsibility.** In the age of multiple naturist/nudist organizations and groups, what are the interactive responsibilities of various players? Bob Morton, NAC.
- 3 pm Ice Cream Social.** Hosted by the Camping Bares.
- 4 pm Exploring & Understanding the Art Of the Nude Photograph.** Going beyond simply taking pictures of naked people. Glen Graves.
- 4 pm Noodle Race.** You haven't seen a relay race until you've seen this one! Players must hold a "pool noodle" between their legs (no hands allowed) and run the length of the lawn, passing it to the next person on their team. Hosted by SCNA.
- 4:15 pm Kids' Money Dive.** Kids, come and see how much change you can dive for! Dave Cole. Pool.
- 4:30 pm TNS Town Hall Meeting.** TNS is a member organization, so we want to hear from you about your concerns and ideas. Let us know what we can do to serve you better. TNS Staff and members of the Advisory Committee facilitate.
- 4:30 pm Desert Hike.** George Stalmah.
- 7 pm Talk with Nicky Session.** Join TNS for coffee & dessert and an open discussion about concerns, kudos, and the future of the organization.
- 7 pm NAC Roundup.** A fast-paced and timely discussion of recent and current issues and opportunities facing naturists throughout North America. Learn about successes, setbacks, trends, and expectations. Bob Morton, NAC.
- 8 pm Dave's Vintage Video Vault.** Vintage nudist films of the 60's: Hideout In The Sun. Dave Cole.
- 9 pm DJ Dance.**

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- 8:30 am Desert Hike.** George Stalmah.
- 9 am Day Trip To Black's Beach.** Meet outside the office at 9 am to carpool to this famous San Diego naturist outpost. (Maps will be available in the office.) There are no facilities at Black's, so bring everything you'll need for the day at the beach: water, sunscreen, towel, snack, coverup, and a bag for your trash. Good shoes are a must for the hike down the cliff. Hosted by Black's Beach Bares.
- 1 pm Where To Go Nude In California.** Rich Pasco.
- 3 pm How To Make Great Nude Photos.** Glen Graves.