



**HOSTELLING INTERNATIONAL USA**  
**GOLDEN GATE COUNCIL OF AMERICAN YOUTH HOSTELS**  
Promoting a greater understanding of the world and its people through hostelling.

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**SAN MATEO LIGHTHOUSE HOSTELS HOST FREE 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PARTIES  
CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF HOSTELLING WORLDWIDE  
AND 75 YEARS OF HOSTELLING INTERNATIONAL USA**

**POINT MONTARA LIGHTHOUSE HOSTEL: AUGUST 22, 2009, 12:00 – 3:00 P.M.**  
**PIGEON POINT LIGHTHOUSE HOSTEL: AUGUST 30, 2009, 12:00 – 3:00 P.M.**

San Francisco, CA – Two Hostelling International lighthouse hostels, both located at State Historic Parks on the San Mateo coast, are hosting 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Parties in honor of the centennial of the worldwide hostelling movement and the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Hostelling International USA. Free and open to the public, these events are part of a series of community celebrations being held this month at hostels around Northern California and the U.S.

On Saturday, August 22, from noon to 3 p.m., the Point Montara Lighthouse Hostel in Montara welcomes the public to a seaside celebration featuring a live performance by the TBS Attic Band, which specializes in American old-time and Irish folk music, as well as a lighthouse art show, with work by Christopher S. Bauman and students of Coastside art instructor Mary Kay Jolley. Festivities also include a kids' craft table, hostel tours, and prize giveaways. For more information, visit [www.montarahostel.org](http://www.montarahostel.org).

On Sunday, August 30, from noon to 3 p.m., the Pigeon Point Lighthouse Hostel in Pescadero hosts a seaside barbecue with live music by Dr. Steelgood, a steelpan/drum/percussion trio that performs a blend of reggae, Afro-Caribbean, jazz, and Americana-influenced music, and is known for irreverently attempting just about any audience request on the steelpans. State Park docents will offer guided historic tours around the lighthouse grounds every half-hour, and staff from the nonprofit Exploring New Horizons will perform children's puppet shows. Guests can also explore the interpretive exhibits in the Fog Signal Building, the oceanfront boardwalk, Mel's Lane walking trail, and Whaler's Cove beach. Complimentary grilled sausages, tofu dogs, and natural sodas will be served, and Swanton Berry Farm will be on hand offering strawberry shortcake and strawberry lemonade for purchase. For more information, visit [www.pigeonpointhostel.org](http://www.pigeonpointhostel.org).

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## **GRAND PRIZE PACKAGE**

In addition to the prize giveaways held at each party, guests can enter to win an Anniversary Week Grand Prize Package including:

- A three-night stay in a private room for two people at any of HI's nine Northern California hostels
- A Flip Ultra video camera
- Two one-year HI memberships
- Two 27-ounce stainless steel Klean Kanteens
- Two 100% organic cotton zippered hoodies with original artwork by Michael Wertz

## **100TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT SERIES**

The 100th Anniversary Parties at Point Montara and Pigeon Point are part of a series of events hosted by hostels around Northern California (San Francisco, Sacramento, Marin Headlands, Point Reyes, and Redwood National Park). For more information, visit [www.norcalhostels.org/100years/](http://www.norcalhostels.org/100years/).

## **ABOUT US**

The Point Montara Lighthouse and Pigeon Point Lighthouse hostels are operated by the Golden Gate Council of Hostelling International USA, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting intercultural understanding, environmental stewardship, and world peace through travel.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION FOR PUBLICATION**

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## RESOURCES

- 1) Download full-resolution images at: [www.norcalhostels.org/press-room/](http://www.norcalhostels.org/press-room/)
- 2) Read about the history of hostelling at: [www.openingdoorsopeningminds.org/1\\_11\\_history.shtml](http://www.openingdoorsopeningminds.org/1_11_history.shtml)
- 3) Read about the history of hostelling in Northern California at: [www.norcalhostels.org/50years#history](http://www.norcalhostels.org/50years#history)

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