



**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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**NATIONAL PARK HOSTELS IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA HOST FREE 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PARTIES  
CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF HOSTELLING WORLDWIDE  
AND 75 YEARS OF HOSTELLING INTERNATIONAL USA**

**POINT REYES HOSTEL: AUGUST 23, 2009, 11:30 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.**

**REDWOOD NATIONAL PARK HOSTEL: AUGUST 23, 2009, 11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.**

**MARIN HEADLANDS HOSTEL: AUGUST 28, 2009, 2:00 – 8:00 P.M.**

**SAN FRANCISCO FISHERMAN'S WHARF HOSTEL: AUGUST 29, 2009, 2:30 – 6:00 P.M.**

San Francisco, CA – Four Hostelling International hostels, all located in National Parks on the Northern California 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 larger series of community celebrations being held this month at hostels around Northern California and the U.S.

On Sunday, August 23, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., the Point Reyes Hostel hosts a bring-your-own picnic in the heart of Point Reyes National Seashore. Complimentary Lagunitas beer, organic lemonade, and It's It ice cream sandwiches will be provided, and the hostel's fully equipped kitchen and barbecue grills will be available for use. The event also features live music by "siren folk metal quartet" Pink Sabbath, performing from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. For more information, visit [www.pointreyeshostel.org](http://www.pointreyeshostel.org).

Also on Sunday, August 23, the Redwood National Park Hostel welcomes guests to its pioneer homestead overlooking the Pacific, for a party and open house from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Festivities include travel-themed games, hostel tours, and the chance to contribute stories to Hostelling International's anniversary video archive. Pastries, crepes, lavender lemonade, and mimosas will be served. For more information, visit [www.redwoodhostel.org](http://www.redwoodhostel.org).

On Friday, August 28, the Marin Headlands Hostel hosts a family-friendly event from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. that includes a historic walk in Fort Barry, a ranger-led night hike in the Marin Headlands, a Community Walls mural project for kids, and a scavenger hunt. Live music will be performed by Bay Area groups Magic Leaves, The Tao Riders, and The

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Non-Prophets. For more information, visit [www.marinhostel.org](http://www.marinhostel.org).

On Saturday, August 29, from 2:30 to 6:00 p.m., the San Francisco Fisherman's Wharf Hostel welcomes guests to its waterfront location in Fort Mason, overlooking the Bay, Alcatraz, and the Golden Gate Bridge. The highlight of the event is a foot-stomping performance by The Jenny Kerr Band, with forays into swamp rock, straight-up soul, backwater honky tonk, and old-time blues. Complimentary Niman Ranch burgers, hot dogs, and vegetarian options will be served, along with local microbrews. The party at the Fisherman's Wharf Hostel is the culmination of a day-long progressive event that begins with a pancake and mimosa brunch at the San Francisco Downtown Hostel and a wine and cheese reception at the San Francisco City Center Hostel. For more information, visit [www.sfhostels.com](http://www.sfhostels.com).

#### **GRAND PRIZE PACKAGE**

In addition to the prize giveaways held at each anniversary 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 Northern California's National Park hostels are part of a larger series of events hosted by hostels around Northern California. For more information, visit [www.norcalhostels.org/100years/](http://www.norcalhostels.org/100years/).

#### **ABOUT US**

The Point Reyes Hostel, Redwood National Park Hostel, Marin Headlands Hostel, and San Francisco Fisherman's Wharf Hostel are authorized Concessioners of the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, and 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.

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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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