



## Hostelling International **Pigeon Point Lighthouse**

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### **PIGEON POINT LIGHTHOUSE HOSTEL CELEBRATES WITH FREE, ALL-AGES 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL**

**BANANA SLUG STRING BAND, SAN FRANCISCO SCOTTISH FIDDLERS, SADZA,  
AND SALTY WALT AND THE RATTLIN' RATLINES TO PERFORM LIVE**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1-5 P.M.

Pescadero, CA – The Pigeon Point Lighthouse Hostel celebrates its 25th anniversary with a free outdoor festival at the Pigeon Point Light Station State Historic Park, on Saturday, September 8, from 1-5 p.m.

The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Festival features live music by the Banana Slug String Band, the San Francisco Scottish Fiddlers, marimba band Sadza, and sea chantey crooners Salty Walt and the Rattlin' Ratlines. Other highlights include docent-led park tours, puppet shows, kite-flying, and arts and crafts activities. Festival-goers can also explore Whaler's Cove beach (recently re-opened to the public), and discover newly installed interpretive displays in the lighthouse's historic fog-signal building.

Award-winning children's group the **Banana Slug String Band** will bring their unique mix of theater, puppetry, and audience participation to Pigeon Point, with a lively performance ranging from rockin' boogies to sensitive ballads, folk songs to reggae and rap. These loveable musician-educators are dedicated to promoting positive attitudes about the environment through music, humor, and fun.

Few can resist the infectious energy and merriment of the 20-piece **San Francisco Scottish Fiddlers**. Guided by musical director Alasdair Fraser, the Scottish Fiddlers draw from a rich repertoire of contemporary tunes and traditional Celtic music—there'll be dancing on the bluffs as the fiddlers pour forth their jigs and reels.

Marimba band **Sadza** revels in the spirited rhythms of ecstatic dance music from Zimbabwe, much of which has ancient roots in the spiritual traditions of the Shona people. Based in Santa Cruz, Sadza (named for the traditional Zimbabwean staple of stiff cornmeal porridge) performs on marimba, mbira, karimba, hosho (gourd shakers), and drum.

Winner of a 2006 SF Weekly award for "Best Sea Shanty Band," **Salty Walt and the Rattlin' Ratlines** will share their love of maritime history and music with a mixture of modern sea songs, traditional work songs, and sing-alongs.

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In addition to live musical entertainment, festival-goers are invited to take **historical walking tours** with State Parks docents, and watch children's **puppet shows** about the history of the Pigeon Point Lighthouse, presented by environmental educators from Exploring New Horizons.

Visitors are also welcome to enjoy the park's oceanfront boardwalk and Mel's Lane bluff-top walking trail, and to explore **Whaler's Cove** beach, which was re-opened to the public in June 2007, thanks to the efforts of the Peninsula Open Space Trust. Visitors will also discover **new interpretive displays** in the lighthouse's historic fog-signal building, installed in July 2007 by the National Marine Sanctuaries.

### ABOUT PIGEON POINT LIGHTHOUSE HOSTEL

Perched on a cliff above the Pacific, the 115-foot Pigeon Point Lighthouse is the second-tallest on the West Coast, and has guided mariners since 1872. The Pigeon Point Lighthouse Hostel provides shared and private accommodations in the restored lighthouse keeper's quarters, which are part of the Pigeon Point Light Station State Historic Park. Pigeon Point is a popular spot for whale watching, and a convenient base for exploring the ancient redwood forests at Butano State Park, the bird sanctuary of Pescadero Marsh, and Año Nuevo State Reserve, breeding site of northern elephant seals.

The hostel is operated by the Golden Gate Council of Hostelling International USA, a private, nonprofit 501(c)3 organization dedicated to promoting intercultural understanding and environmental stewardship through travel. The Council established the Pigeon Point Lighthouse Hostel and its sister hostel, the Point Montara Lighthouse Hostel, on the San Mateo coast in the early 1980s, in partnership with the California Department of Parks and Recreation and the U.S. Coast Guard.

For more information, please visit [PigeonPointHostel.org](http://PigeonPointHostel.org) or call (650) 879-0633.

Download high-resolution photos at [NorCalHostels.org/press-room](http://NorCalHostels.org/press-room).

### CALENDAR EDITORS:

What: Pigeon Point Lighthouse Hostel 25th Anniversary Festival  
When: Saturday, September 8, 1-5 p.m.  
Where: Pigeon Point Light Station State Historic Park, 210 Pigeon Point Road, Pescadero, CA 94060.  
Located just off Highway 1, 20 miles south of Half Moon Bay and 27 miles north of Santa Cruz.  
Presenter: Golden Gate Council of Hostelling International USA, in cooperation with California State Parks  
Admission: Free and open to the public  
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