

Metro Gold Line Festivities

Fun, Food and Entertainment

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(July 23, 2003) MTA will celebrate the opening of the Metro Gold Line with fun-filled family events at seven of the 13 stations this Saturday and Sunday, July 26-27.

Opening weekend rides will be free, and entertainment, community booths, refreshments and food are just some of the activities planned at the seven stations. Parking will be very limited.

Saturday's community events will take place from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. On Sunday, July 27, events are scheduled between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Here is a list of stations where events are planned and a preview of daylong festivities:

Union Station

Food, "Tropical Punch" band, karaoke, LA Dodgers batting cages, civic, business and community booths.

Chinatown Station

(901 North Spring Street, LA)

Chinese singers and dancers, fashion and puppet shows, martial arts demonstrations, musical performances, acrobats, farmer's market.

Heritage Square/Arroyo Station

(3545 Pasadena Avenue, Los Angeles)

DJ, trackless train rides for kids, petting zoo, balloon artists, face painters, clowns, rock climbing, local musical groups and mariachis, folklorico dancing.

Highland Park Station

(151 North Avenue 57, LA)

Latino Grammy award-winning band, "Quetzal", local all-female rock bands, Metro Experience mobile safety theater, clowns, live radio remotes, karaoke contest, local artisans, free health screenings, free admission to Southwest Museum, traffic safety rodeo, Kid's Space.

Mission Street Station

(905 Meridian Avenue, South Pasadena)

Horse drawn trolleys, vintage auto show, children's pony rides and coloring activities, model railroad display, local restaurant food samples, community booths, portrait photographer, Dixieland and swing bands, square dancers.

Memorial Park Station

(125 East Holly Street, Pasadena)

"El Chicano" band, jazz combo, 17-piece orchestra, face painters, mimes, clowns, Old Pasadena merchant booths.

Sierra Madre Villa Station

(Sierra Madre Villa Avenue, Pasadena)

Local restaurant food and drink samples, banjo players, guitarists, fiddlers, artists and entertainment, Sierra Madre and Pasadena cultural interest booths.

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