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Go Metro to Chinatown for Chinese Lunar New Year Festivities and Chinese New Year Firecracker Race

- 111th Annual [Golden Dragon Parade](#) is Saturday, Feb. 20, at 1 p.m.
- Enjoy Chinese Lunar New Year Festival all weekend long Feb. 20-21.
- 32nd Annual LA Chinatown Firecracker 5k/10k Run/Walk is Sunday, Feb. 28 - Bike Rides 40+miles are Saturday, Feb. 27. Employees receive \$3 off the registration fee with your Metro ID. Visit www.firecracker10k.org to register and use promo code GOMETRO
- Enjoy Nite 'n Day Festival all weekend long Feb. 27-28.

(Feb. 9, 2010) Celebrate the Year of the Tiger. Chinese New Year — 4708 — begins Friday, and festivities continue in Chinatown through the month of February.

The 111th Annual Golden Dragon Parade on Saturday, Feb. 20, begins at 1 p.m. With two dozens floats and bands and more than 100,000 individuals lining the parade route, the traffic will be snarled. But your employee badge can get you to the Chinatown Station -- just minutes from the festivities.

The parade will usher in the Chinese Lunar New Year Festival, which will offer live entertainment and traditional festivities all weekend long from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday.

But hold on for the following weekend, when you can also celebrate with the running of the 32nd annual L.A. Chinatown Firecracker 5k/10k Run, Walk, Kiddie Run and Bike Ride on Sunday, Feb. 28. And this year Metro employees and riders can get \$3 off the race registration fee when they sign up online using the promotional code GOMETRO.

A traditional lion dance and 100,000 firecrackers will kick off the race on Sunday. The race is a highpoint of the free weekend-long Nite n' Day Festival, featuring music, food and cultural entertainment from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26 and noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28.

Another good reason to go Metro is that streets will be closed and parking will be limited for the festivities and race, including the 111th Annual Golden Dragon Parade on Saturday, Feb. 20.

For race information and registration, visit firecracker10k.org. For information on the Golden Dragon Parade and Chinese Lunar go to lagoldendragonparade.com.

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