



FAMILIES INVITED TO RING IN THE NEW YEAR IN MONTEREY COUNTY ***Aquarium Sleepover, Noon Year's Eve Party and More!***

From a sleepover with the fishes to watching the Noon Year's Ball light up, families are invited to celebrate the New Year in breathtaking and festive Monterey County! This year, visitors can spend the weekend exploring our destination and then ring in the New Year at a number of unique, fun-filled events that are sure to delight parents and children alike. And we have put together the perfect New Year's Eve itinerary to keep the celebration going... and your kids busy and engaged.

THREE, TWO, ONE... HAPPY NOON YEAR!

Kick off the festivities at MY Museum in Monterey with noisemakers, face painting and party hats. Guests will be able to countdown to noon and watch the Noon Year's Ball light up! MY Museum is an 8,500 square foot museum inspired by Monterey County and offers a variety of hands-on exhibits. This signature [Noon Year's Eve Party](#) is happening on Sunday, December 31 from 10am – 12pm, and tickets are \$15 per person.

FIRST NIGHT MONTEREY

It's a community celebration of the arts at [First Night Monterey and Kids' Night Out!](#) The annual event is celebrating 25 years of magic this year and kicks off at 3pm on Sunday, December 31 in Historic Downtown Monterey. There will be plenty of entertainment at more than 15 venues including art exhibits, live music and dance performances. There will also be a Twilight Procession and Costume Contest at 5:30pm; families are invited to wear their most creative costumes. The early-bird price for a family pack is \$50 through December 10.

MONTEREY BAY AQUARIUM SLEEPOVER

The celebrations continue with the [New Year's Eve Sleepover](#) at the world-renowned Monterey Bay Aquarium. Join in the festivities and countdown to 2018 at 9pm (midnight on the East Coast) with a sparkling cider toast. Visitors can satisfy their sweet tooth at the sundae bar and enjoy fun activities and programs. In the morning, wake up with the fishes (and be sure to say good morning to the sea otters!) as the first guests of 2018. Participants will also enjoy a full breakfast, and then join naturalists in watching wildlife from the Great Tide Pool deck. The sleepover begins Sunday, December 31 at 6pm through 8:30am the next morning. Fees for the general public are \$125 per person.

RIO GRILL'S RESOLUTION RUN

An annual tradition in Carmel, Rio Grill gives runners the chance to get a jump start on their resolutions with its [New Year's Day Resolution Run](#). Burn off holiday calories while helping children in need; all proceeds from the event benefit Coastal Kids Home Care. There will be a 6.5-mile foot race or a 3-mile family fun run; and the gorgeous course begins at Crossroads Shopping Village in Carmel and takes runners along trails and sandy beaches, all with views of the glorious coastline. The event begins Monday, January 1 at 9am. Adults can register now for a \$40 fee, and children 13 years old and under are \$30.

For more information on these and other events happening in Monterey County on New Year's Eve and Day, please visit SeeMonterey.com/events/holiday-events/new-years. Happy New Year!

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