Feb. 1–3, Surf City Marathon, Half Marathon & 5K
Check this exclusive race off your bucket list! Enjoy a flat course along the coast with endless oceanfront views. Retro surf bands entertain along the way and a beachside beer garden awaits after you cross the finish line. Don’t forget to bring your family for the Cowabunga Beach Challenge!
**Time:** Refer to website
**Location:** Huntington Beach Parking Lot, Huntington Beach
www.motivrunning.com/run-surf-city

Feb. 2, Annual Monarch Butterfly Day
Get an up-close look at monarch butterflies! Bring the entire family to learn about these magnificent creatures and their natural habitat at this free event. Plant flowers and go inside a netted butterfly enclosure. Other activities include interpretive programs, kids’ crafts, face painting, and more. Bring your cameras! Food will be available for purchase.
**Time:** 10 am–2 pm
**Location:** Forest Shelter, Mile Square Regional Park, Fountain Valley
www.ocparks.com/parks/mile/events

Feb. 2, Black History Parade & Cultural Faire
Spend the day with friends, family, and your community to celebrate the contributions and history of African Americans in the United States. Following the parade is a Cultural Faire, offering delicious food, live entertainment, a youth village, vendor booths, and kids’ activities.
**Time:** 10 am–4 pm
**Location:** Anaheim Blvd. to Broadway to Center St. Promenade, Anaheim
www.oc-hc.org

Feb. 2, San Juan Capistrano Classic Car Show
Don’t miss this fabulous display of over 400 antique and classic cars and trucks. The return of the popular New-Car Row will show the latest models from local dealers. Shop vendor booths and enjoy delicious food with the entire family. Well-behaved dogs on leashes are welcome too!
**Time:** 7:30 am–2 pm
**Location:** SJC Community Center/Sports Park, San Juan Capistrano
www.sjcrotary.org/page/carshow

Feb. 2–3, LA Cookie Convention & Sweets Show
Don’t miss the biggest baking and pastry convention on the west coast! Join thousands of others who share your love for all things sweet, salty, and savory. Indulge in delicious samples, freebies, classes, panels, competitions, and celebrity appearances. There will also be a kids’ zone.
**Time:** 10 am–5 pm
**Location:** Anaheim Convention Center, 800 W. Katella Ave., Anaheim
www.lacookiecon.com

Feb. 6–10, Laguna Beach Music Festival
Enjoy a multi-day celebration with outstanding classical and contemporary concerts in intimate spaces, community outreach programs, and dynamic special events. The 17th annual Festival features pianist Joyce Yang as Festival Artistic Director, in collaboration with other artists.
**Time:** Refer to website
**Location:** Various locations, Laguna Beach
www.philharmonicsociety.org/lbmf

Feb. 8–10, TET Festival
Celebrate the Vietnamese Lunar New Year—the arrival of a new spring where families reunite, forget about previous troubles, and look forward to the upcoming year. Enjoy festive games and customs, traditional food and drinks, live entertainment, exhibits, merchandise, contests, and more.
**Time:** Refer to website
**Location:** OC Fair & Event Center, 88 Fair Dr., Costa Mesa
www.tetfestival.org

Feb. 8–24, 9 to 5: The Musical
9 to 5 is based on the seminal 1980 hit movie but remains relevant today with its message of empowering women in the workplace. This hilarious story of friendship and revenge in the Rolodex era is outrageous, thought-provoking, and even a little romantic.
**Time:** 8 pm Friday & Saturday, 3 pm Sunday
**Location:** Curtis Theatre, 1 Civic Center Cir., Brea
www.curtistheatre.com/1241/9-to-5-the-Musical
Feb. 9, Timberwolf 5K
Join other fitness enthusiasts in a run to benefit the Northwood High School Athletics Boosters, which provides more than 1,100 athletes with coaching, equipment, uniforms, team building, tournaments, and more. Enjoy an expo, live entertainment, and a pancake breakfast at the event.
Time: Refer to website
Location: Northwood High School, 4515 Portola Pkwy., Irvine
www.timberwolf5k.com

Feb. 13, Valentine’s Day Comedy at The Port
Attend a hilarious night of live comedy with some of the best comedians in the area for the perfect Valentine’s date night! This event will have you laughing non-stop. Enjoy great food and full bar service during the show.
Time: 8–9:30 pm (doors 7 pm)
Location: The New Port Theater, 2905 E. Coast Hwy., Newport Beach
www.mattcolecomedy.com

Feb. 14–17, Dana Wharf Valentine’s Day Cruises
Experience a romantic Valentine’s Day weekend! Embark on a whale-watching cruise with your loved one while sipping Champagne and gazing at a beautiful sunset, or take a sparkling wine-tasting cruise through the harbor on a luxurious catamaran including chocolate and live music!
Time: Refer to website
Location: Dana Wharf, 34675 Golden Lantern, Dana Point
www.danawharf.com/valentines-day-weekend-cruises

Feb. 16, Peace, Love & Cars - Drive for Hope
Support the American Cancer Society with a car show! Enjoy an array of classic cars, hotrods, and muscle cars along with live entertainment, vendors, and food. All cars are welcome and there is no registration fee to participate. There will be plenty of opportunities to win cool prizes!
Time: 10 am–2 pm
Location: Orange County Market Place, 88 Fair Dr., Costa Mesa
www.ocmarketplace.com/events/peace-love-cars-drive-for-hope

Feb. 16, San Juan Capistrano Kid’s Pet Parade
Get ready for some major fun at this annual parade where kids can show off their favorite furry, scaly, and feathery friends for a chance to win prizes! Contest categories include best team costume, best domestic pet, best farm animal, most exotic pet, and a special “Judges’ Choice.”
Time: 10 am–1 pm
Location: Los Rios Park, 31747 Los Rios St., San Juan Capistrano
www.swallowsparade.com/portfolio/kids-pet-parade

Feb. 16–17, Night at the Cube: Family Night Sleepover
Grab your sleeping bags and flashlight and get ready to spend a night at the Cube! Discovery Cube sleepovers are great for families and groups of all ages and include access to exhibits, interactive activities, light evening snacks, breakfast, a 3D movie, and access to the Cube the following day.
Time: 6 pm–9 am
Location: Discovery Cube Orange County, 2500 N. Main St., Santa Ana
https://oc.discoverycube.org/event/night-at-the-cube

Feb. 21, A Celebration of the Muckenthaler Legacy
Join the 2nd annual legacy celebration for the Muckenthaler family! See the unveiling of a 19th-Century portrait of Walter’s parents that has not been seen for close to half a century. Meet with descendants of the Muckenthaler Family as they honor their heritage in their ancestral home.
Time: 7:30–9:30 pm
Location: The Muckenthaler Cultural Center, Fullerton
www.themuck.org/upcoming

Feb. 22–23, Los Alamitos Race on the Base
Join this forum for avid local runners and walkers, and gain a sense of pride and teamwork for the city of Los Alamitos. There will be a 5K, 10K, reverse triathlon, and whimsical fun run. The races feature helicopters, planes, and military vehicles with music throughout each course.
Time: Refer to website
Location: Joint Forces Training Base, Los Alamitos
www.raceonthebase.com

Feb. 22–24, Gem Faire
Discover fine jewelry, precious and semi-precious gemstones, beads, crystals, gold and silver, minerals, and much more at manufacturer’s prices from nearly 200 exhibitors from around the world. Don’t forget to take advantage of jewelry repair, cleaning, and ring sizing while you shop!
Time: Noon–6 pm Friday, 10 am–6 pm Saturday, 10 am–5 pm Sunday
Location: OC Fair & Event Center, 88 Fair Dr., Costa Mesa
www.ocfair.com/events-calendar/gem-faire

Feb. 23–24, Irvine Park Railroad Anniversary Celebration
Celebrate the 23rd year of the Irvine Park Railroad with prices from 1996—$2 per activity ticket! Along with train rides, delight in carnival games and food, hay rides, face painting, panning for gold, a bounce house, raffle prizes, and live entertainment.
Time: 10 am–4 pm
Location: Irvine Park Railroad, 1 Irvine Park Rd., Orange
www.irvineparkrailroad.com/events/anniversary-celebration