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Trust for Historic Preservation Invites the Public to this Summer's Final "Presidio Pastimes" at El Presidio de Santa Barbara State Historic Park

Free family day offers visitors of all ages a chance to step back in time and experience life in Early California

(Santa Barbara, CA) – **From noon to 3 p.m. on Sunday, July 20**, families are invited to journey into the past with "Presidio Pastimes" at El Presidio de Santa Barbara State Historic



A young visitor makes a clay tile at "Presidio Pastimes."

Park. Discover life in Santa Barbara in the 1800s as you **meet the fort's uniformed soldiers, cook delicious tortillas while learning about Early-California cooking, help excavate Presidio artifacts during an archaeological dig, watch a blacksmith practice his craft, experience Chumash stories and culture with Julie Tumamait-Stenslie, make souvenir tiles using real Presidio clay, mix and make adobe bricks with your hands and feet, learn about animal life at the Presidio, and enjoy**

authentic Early-California music and craft demonstrations like spinning and weaving.

Featuring guided tours of the State Historic Park, **museum admission is free on this day** as the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP) celebrates and shares Santa

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Barbara's distinct history and heritage. Please refer to SBTHP's website for program additions and updates: www.sbthp.org, or call (805) 965-0093.

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CALENDAR LISTING



'Presidio Pastimes'

A special day of "living history" at El Presidio de Santa Barbara State Historic Park

DATE & TIME

Sunday, July 20

Noon to 3 p.m.

WHERE

El Presidio de Santa Barbara State Historic Park

123 East Canon Perdido Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101

ADMISSION

FREE Event

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit www.sbthp.org or call (805) 965-0093

SHORT DESCRIPTION

Watch history come to life at El Presidio de Santa Barbara as you meet the fort's uniformed soldiers, cook delicious tortillas and learn about early California food, help with archaeology, mix adobe mud, watch a blacksmith practice his trade, and enjoy Early California craft demonstrations.

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ABOUT the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP) – Founded in 1963 by Dr. Pearl Chase and other concerned community leaders, the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization working to preserve, restore, reconstruct and interpret historic sites within Santa Barbara County. SBTHP is the primary force behind the reconstruction and preservation of El Presidio de Santa Barbara State Historic Park and the restoration of Casa de la Guerra in downtown Santa Barbara. SBTHP is also preserving and restoring the Santa Inés Mission Mills—the site of a future California State Park and recently purchased the building that housed Jimmy's Oriental Gardens, providing an opportunity to interpret the history of Santa Barbara's Asian community in the Presidio neighborhood. **SBTHP**

is currently reconstructing the Northwest Corner of El Presidio de Santa Barbara, the eighteenth-century Spanish colonial fort that is Santa Barbara's birthplace. Using over 50,000 adobe bricks made on site, these additions will eventually house the new Presidio visitors' center, and with the help of the new Santa Barbara Presidio Research Center, serve to interpret the city's Hispanic heritage, and the larger multi-cultural heritage of the surrounding Presidio neighborhood from the eighteenth century to the present. **For more information visit www.sbthp.org**

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