



# SANTA BARBARA TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

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To Encourage the Preservation of Historic Buildings and Sites in the County of Santa Barbara

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### Presidio Pastimes

Saturday, May 19, 2007

10 A.M. to 2 P.M.

El Presidio de Santa Barbara State Historic Park

123 E. Canon Perdido Street, Santa Barbara

**FREE ADMISSION**

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**“PRESIDIO PASTIMES” RETURNS WITH ‘ADOBE DAYS’ AT EI PRESIDIO DE SANTA BARBARA STATE HISTORIC PARK – Journey into the past and help rebuild El Presidio de Santa Barbara**



(SANTA BARBARA, CA, MAY 11, 2007) – Step-back-in-time and **meet the fort’s uniformed soldiers, create authentic ceramics, cook delicious tortillas, and participate in archaeological digs with “Presidio Pastimes” - a free family day at El Presidio de Santa Barbara State Historic Park on Saturday, May 19 from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.** The entire community is invited to help the Presidio come alive as guests participate in hands-on demonstrations and experience early California history.

Journey into the past and have a hand in history as you help **make adobe bricks that will be used in the final phase of reconstruction of El Presidio de Santa Barbara State Historic Park, Santa Barbara’s 18<sup>th</sup>**

**century birthplace.** Learn the history of this ancient building material as you mix and mold adobe with your own hands. **Museum admission is free** on this day as the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation celebrates and shares Santa Barbara's distinct heritage.

**ABOUT the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation** – Founded in 1963 by Dr. Pearl Chase and other concerned community leaders, the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation works to protect, preserve, restore, reconstruct, and interpret historic sites within Santa Barbara County. The Trust is the primary force in the reconstruction and preservation of El Presidio de Santa Barbara State Historic Park and the restoration of La Casa de la Guerra in downtown Santa Barbara. Most recently, the Trust has begun reconstruction on the Northwest Corner of El Presidio de Santa Barbara, the eighteenth-century Spanish colonial fort that is Santa Barbara's birthplace. These additions will eventually house the new Presidio visitors' center, and with the help of the new Presidio Resource 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](http://www.sbthp.org)**

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