

Plenty of Pride within Diocese of Northern California

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If your congregation welcomes members of the LGBTQ+ community, you may want to let them know. One way to do that is to show up at Pride events.

Pride parades, picnics and fairs are typically held during June, which is Pride Month, and/or October, which covers both LGBTQ+ History Month and National Coming Out Day (Oct. 11).

Attending events or, even better, participating or sponsoring them is a great way to connect with the LGBTQIA+ community and let its members – as well as their families and friends – know they are welcome at your church.

If your area is having a June event, you'll need to sign up soon if you wish to host an informational booth or sponsor a parade entry.

CIM's Rainbow Ministry Team has put together a list of potential Pride events taking place in the Northern California Diocese.

Some churches may find multiple events where they are located. In less populated areas, countywide or regional events are more typical, in which case you may want to consider partnering with other churches.

This list, which is by no means exhaustive, is compiled by county:

Butte: Chico Pride 2023, coordinated by Stonewall Alliance Center, is being planned right now, although no dates have been given. (In 2022, it was held second weekend in June and included a pop-up fair and interfaith service.) Contact Justina@stonewallchico.org or visit www.stonewallchico.com/.

Colusa: See Yuba.

Del Norte: Del Norte Rainbow Pride Art Show, coordinated by DN LGBTQ Resource Project, will be June 9-July 8 (opening night celebration June 10) at Crescent City Art Gallery; contact dnlgbtq@gmail.com or call 707-273-6836. This is also a Queer Humboldt project.

Humboldt: Lost Coast Pride, in conjunction with Queer Humboldt, sponsors the 3rd Annual Ferndale Pride March on Sunday, June 25, 2023; contact humboldtspride@gmail.com or visit www.queerhumboldt.org/lost-coast-pride.

Humboldt: Queer Humboldt sponsors Redwood Pride Parade and Community Festival in the fall. No 2023 dates have been announced, but organizers have begun planning. Contact info@queerhumboldt.org or visit www.queerhumboldt.org/.

Mendocino: Mendo Pride hosts a Pride Festival starting at 1 p.m. May 20, 2023, at Hopland Tap & Beer Garden; www.facebook.com/MendoLGBTQ2S/.

Napa: Napa Valley Pride and LGBTQ Connection Napa sponsored Pride events in Napa and American Canyon in June 2022; no 2023 dates have yet been announced, but watch for announcements at www.facebook.com/NapaValleyPride and www.lgbtqconnection.org/ or call (707) 251-9432. The Rainbow Action Network, organized by Napa County First 5 Commission, also has held Pride events in June; call (707) 257-1410 or visit www.first5napa.org/our-work/first-5-napa-network/rainbow-action-network/.

Nevada: Nevada County Pride hosts a Pride Flag Raising from 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, June 1, at City Hall in Nevada City, and possibly smaller events in June. The main Pride Celebration will be Aug. 6, 2023, at Miners Foundry in Nevada City. They are currently looking for volunteers. www.nevadacountypride.org/

Placer: Placer Pride 2023 will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 20, 2023, at Royer Park in Roseville, coordinated by PRISM-Q. Email placerpride2020@gmail.com or visit www.facebook.com/PlacerPride2021/.

Plumas: Plumas County Gay-Straight Alliance co-sponsored a Pride event in June 2022, but has not yet announced a 2023 date. Watch for announcement or contact them via www.facebook.com/plumascountygasa/.

Sacramento: The Sacramento LGBT Community Center sponsors Sacramento Pride Weekend noon-9 p.m. Saturday, June 10, and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, June 11, at Sacramento Capitol Mall (entrance on 7th & Capitol Mall). The Sacramento Pride March starts at 11 a.m. on Sunday, June 11, running from Southside Park to the Capitol along 10th Street. Visit <https://sacramentopride.org> for details.

Shasta: Redding Pride: Together We Thrive, noon to 4 p.m. June 3, 2023, at Redding City Hall, 777 Cypress Ave., coordinated by NorCal OUTreach Project; <https://reddingpride.org/>.

Solano: The Solano County Pride Center sponsors Pride in the Park on Saturday, June 3, 2023, at Andrews Park, Vacaville. Email info@Solanopride.org or visit www.solanopride.org/. The center also has sponsored Up Bay Pride in October at City Park, Benicia; no 2023 date has yet been announced.

Sonoma: The first Petaluma Pride was held in October 2022. No 2023 dates have yet been announced. Visit www.sonomacountypride.org/ or <https://petalumapride.org/>.

Sonoma: Windsor Pride Festival will be Saturday, June 10, 2023, at Town Green in Windsor, coordinated by Windsor Pride; email info@tricitydiversity.org or visit www.lovetinsinwindsor.com/.

Sonoma: Sonoma County Pride 2023, will be Saturday, June 3, starting with a Parade followed by a community festival from noon to 5 p.m. at Courthouse Square in downtown Santa Rosa. Visit www.sonomacountypride.org/.

Sutter: See Yuba.

Tehama: Tehama OUTreach has sponsored two previous Come as Your Are Pride Fests in June and appears to be planning one for 2023, although no date has been announced. Contact organizers through their Facebook page: www.facebook.com/TehamaOUTreach.

Yolo: Davis Pride Run/Walk and Community Fair, coordinated by Davis Phoenix Coalition, will be Sunday, June 4, 2023, visit www.davispride.org/.

Yuba, Sutter & Colusa: TCD Pride 2023, coordinated by Tri County Diversity, the only LGBTQIA2S+ non-profit in Yuba, Sutter and Colusa counties, will be Saturday, Oct. 21, 2023; contact info@tricountydiversity.org or visit www.tricountydiversity.org/home/pride. They have begun meeting to plan the event.