

This is Erin Dunn of the Fortuna Chamber of Commerce with a Community Comment.

IT'S SUMMER! Well, sort of...not OFFICIALLY summer, but it always feels like summer after Memorial Day.

Summer in Fortuna means the sheep will soon be led down Main Street by the FFA students, I love hearing the clapping of the sheep's hooves on the pavement from my office...summer means extended hours for the Depot Museum—open every day through Labor Day...and this summer I'm going to plan a picnic in the gorgeous Sunrise Cemetery—not as crazy as it sounds, it really is like a garden—or maybe I will go to a real garden—the Humboldt Botanical Gardens. When you are in **Fortuna** you can hike the redwood forest that is smack dab in the middle of Rohner Park, stop to watch a Little League game in Newburg Park, and play golf until dusk at Fortuna's Redwood Empire Golf Club.

Speaking of Redwood Empire Golf Club, even though it's a private club, they are offering several rounds of golf every month this summer to people visiting from out of town—they don't have to belong to another club to play--which is fantastic—regular green fees apply. If you having golfing friends and family visiting and you don't belong to a local club, call the Fortuna Chamber of Commerce and we'll give you the information on how to arrange a tee time for your out-of-town guests.

Then there are EVENTS in June that always mean SUMMER IS HERE!

For Bargain hunters the Fortuna City Wide Yard Sale is this coming weekend;

Open Studios runs the first and second weekends in June;

Art & Wine in the Park in Rohner Park is on Sunday, June 9;

You can also take time in the month of June and dig out your favorite Chili recipe, fill out an entry form—you can find one on our website FortunaChamber.com—and compete in Fortuna's Chili Cookoff on Monday, July 15. That is the kickoff to Rodeo Week. Which is right before AutoXpo, which comes just before Hops in Humboldt.

Whew! Anyway, There is ONE indoor activity on my list for this first unofficial week of summer. I'm going to go see "After Earth." I was lucky enough to be invited to the set one day while they were here and that operation was phenomenal. My background is working as a Broadway publicist, so while this film also involved acting, it was a universe away from how a stage production is put together. We watched one scene being filmed that day—Jaden running across the river. That's it. That's what they did. From every possible angle. With this incredible equipment. And the way the production crew took care of the forest was amazing. Even though they had to lay miles of cable, they didn't disturb one trillium, one fern, or wildlife creature. I have the utmost respect for the talent of that film crew.

Enjoy the summer, it's been a long time coming!

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