

Family Fun

Broadway Under the Stars at Jack London State Park



He's the Best! Local Ways to Fête Fathers

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From being a human jungle gym to fixing stuff around the house to doing the supper dishes, a father's work is never done. He deserves a day of fun, and you can give it to him with the help of these dynamic local events.

Glen Ellen If flying to New York for a Broadway musical with your favorite guy isn't going to happen anytime soon, experience the next best thing: Broadway Under the Stars. This year's "Another Openin' Another Show!" features performers from productions such as *Mamma Mia*, *Wicked*, and *Mary Poppins* singing musical favorites under a canopy of stars in Jack London State Park. Come early and spread a picnic out on the lawn. Shows are at 7:30 p.m., June 16–18, and continue weekends through July 2. You can even bring the kids (though you might want to wait for the special Fantastical Family Night, July 14–15). Tickets are \$45–\$145 and may be purchased at transcendencetheatre.org.



JOSEPH LEASE
Thomas Rhett

Santa Rosa When Dad wants to be entertained, does he turn the dial to the country station? Then throw him his cowboy hat and take him to see stars such as Thomas Rhett, Darius Rucker, Justin Moore, and Randy Houser perform at the Country Summer festival at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds June 16–18. Besides hit tunes, he'll be treated to western-themed attractions (bring on the mechanical-bull riding!). And when hunger hits, he can indulge in a variety of food, from BBQ to funnel cakes, as well as beer and local wine. Tickets start at \$79 and may be purchased at countrysummer.com.

Summer Vineyard Hike at Jordan Winery



Healdsburg Is Pa's idea of a good time lacing up a pair of hiking boots? Or perhaps sipping a bit of vino while taking in a gorgeous view? He can indulge both his love of nature and his taste for wine at the Summer Vineyard Hike at Jordan Winery. The three-mile, moderately strenuous exploration of the 1,200-acre Jordan Estate will begin with a continental breakfast at Vista Point. Then it will wind through sustainably farmed vineyards, around secluded lakes, and through the chef's garden and olive orchards, where he can taste Jordan olive oils. The walk ends with a charcuterie picnic and wine tasting at the Winery Chateau. The event will be held on June 17, 9:45 a.m.–2 p.m., and costs \$95. Space is limited and advance reservations are required. For details, go to jordanwinery.com.

Cotati Piano chords intermingle with a crackling drum solo as a trumpet raises its tremulous voice above the cacophony of sound. Jazz has a language all its own, and if your man has the ears for it, then the free 37th Annual Cotati Jazz Festival may be just the right Father's Day celebration. He can listen to musicians bee-bop the afternoon away on June 17, noon–6 p.m., at La Plaza Park. See cotati.org/jazz-festival-2017 for more information, including a complete lineup of performers.

Kenwood Ever caught Dad looking up at the nighttime sky and wondering what's out there? Let him explore the universe at a Star Party at Sugarloaf State Park's Robert Ferguson Observatory. He and the kids can attend astronomical presentations and pick the brains of docents, and then, at dusk, peer at celestial bodies through the observatory's three main telescopes. The event begins at 8 p.m. on June 17. Admission is \$3, free for kids under 18, and parking is \$8. Be sure to bring warm clothing and a flashlight. Find out more at rfo.org/public-astronomy.html. 

