



Calling All Artists Ages 5-18!

Festival of Latin Culture's Celebración de Piñatas

Hosted by
Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Contra Costa County

We invite all local youth to join the Celebración de Piñatas! Local students are invited to create original handmade piñatas. Your piñata will be on display during the Festival of Latin Culture and could win a prize!

To participate

Turn in your entry to the Chamber Office at 1515 Locust Street, Walnut Creek by **August 15, 2014**. Entries will be judged and prizes awarded during the Festival of Latin Culture on August 23, 2014 in Todos Santos Plaza (Concord).

Prizes Awarded

- First Prize
- Second Prize
- Third Prize
- People's Choice

Contest Information

Eligibility: Open to students ages 5-18 from Contra Costa County. Each person or group can enter one hand-constructed piñata. **Piñatas and Entry Forms must be delivered to the Chamber Office by August 15, 2014.**

Size: Piñatas must be at least 14 inches tall. They can be made from papier-mâché or use a paper bag base.

Hanger: Piñatas must be ready to hang with a built-in sturdy hanger.

Label: Please label your piñata with its title and your name, age, school, email address and phone number using the ENTRY FORM (below).

About the Festival

The Festival of Latin Culture will be held on August 23 from 11AM to 6PM in Todos Santos Plaza in downtown Concord (Willow Pass Rd. & Mt. Diablo). Parking for the event is available at the Salvio Street Parking Garage and Todos Santos Parking Center. This family-friendly event will feature live music, kids' activity area, food and dancing. **Admission to the Festival is free.**

How do I make a piñata?

There are many resources online with examples and instructions for making a piñata. Here are some simple instructions originally from Elisa Kleven (www.elisakleven.com)

HOW TO MAKE A PINATA! *(Make one week ahead to allow time to dry!)*

You'll need to make this piñata in advance, so it has time to dry properly. Plan to work outdoors, as it can be a little messy.

WHAT YOU NEED

- ✓ Large balloons
- ✓ Newspapers
- ✓ 2 cups white flour
- ✓ 2 ½ cups water
- ✓ Large bowl

WHAT TO DO

1. Blow up balloon and tie it.
2. Tear the newspapers (perpendicular to the writing) in long strips.
3. Mix the flour and water in the bowl with your hands, squishing out all the lumps until the mixture has the consistency of cake batter.
4. Wet the balloon with this gooey mixture and then spread newspaper strips on the balloon. Crisscross the strips for added strength. Add more of the mixture to the balloon as needed. Be sure to leave a 2" wide hole at the top for putting the filling in.
5. Firmly attach a strong but bendable wire to the top of the piñata, which can be used to hold the rope when the piñata is finished.
6. Continue pasting newspaper strips to balloon until there are about 6 layers over every part of it. The thicker you make the piñata, the more hits everyone will get when they are whacking it.
7. Let the piñata dry for about a week. After a couple of days, pop the balloon so the inside dries more quickly.

When it's dry, decorate the piñata with paint and tissue paper. You can add cardboard tubes and paper shapes to create animals, stars, etc. Be creative!

For more information on submitting a piñata contact jamie@vivevents.com or visit www.laticulturefest.org.

ENTRY FORM

Please Attach to Your Piñata.

Title: _____

Name(s): _____

School: _____ Age: _____ Parent Contact: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State/ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____