



Las Posadas



Returns to the Martinez Adobe

Saturday, December 14th

2:30 to 4:30pm

A cultural tradition returns! Enjoy a free bilingual program of music, history, and holiday traditions at the Martinez Adobe, on the grounds of the John Muir National Historic Site. Featuring:

-  *The Spanish Choir of St. Catherine of Siena Church*
-  *Learn traditional Spanish holiday songs*
-  *Kids' activity stations*
-  *Holiday piñata*

John Muir National Historic Site— 4202 Alhambra Ave, Martinez, CA 94553

For many years, the Martinez Adobe was site of an annual Las Posadas celebration. Las Posadas — a holiday tradition in certain countries of the Americas— is a musical procession which reenacts Joseph's and Mary's pilgrimage and search for lodging, and that has its origins in New Spain. In the 16th century, when Spanish missionaries noticed the indigenous people already had a ceremony that fell during Christmastime, they developed Las Posadas to convert the native tradition to the Catholic faith.

Today, the Martinez Adobe is home to a bilingual exhibit about the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail, which commemorates the Spanish settlement of the Bay Area in 1776. Come discover how the faith and traditions introduced by the Spanish continue to play an important role in our community.

Note: This program includes some religious elements for educational and cultural purposes and to share the story of the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail. People of all faiths are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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