WATER LANTERN FESTIVAL



Your magical night awaits!

RADIANT TOUR

EVENT GUIDE

San Jose, CA

November 14-15, 2026

Almaden Lake Park
6099 Winfield Blvd
San Jose, CA 95120

EVENT INFO

Welcome to the Water Lantern Festival, where family, friends, and community members gather to reflect and connect with one another.

SCHEDULE

2:30-6:30 PM
Arrival time between 2:30-4:30, arrive before 5:00 PM

3:30-4:15 PM
Performers

4:15-5:30 PM
Lantern Stories, Meditation, Launch Instructions

5:30-6:30 PM
Lantern Launch Window

6:30 PM
Event Ends

EVERY LANTERN TELLS A STORY.

Enjoy the vibrant and lively atmosphere of the festival, including local food trucks and lively entertainment. Create a unique lantern honoring your experience and set it afloat, lighting up the night with love and laughter.



What to bring?

Bring blankets, chairs, and food to make your festival experience even better.

What if it rains?

Events are rain or shine! All event updates will be sent by email to participants.





When is launch time?

Lantern launch typically begins at sunset & lasts for 1 hour. Check out the timeline listed above!

What do we do first?

When you arrive at the event, head over to the Check-In tents with your tickets to receive your lantern kit!

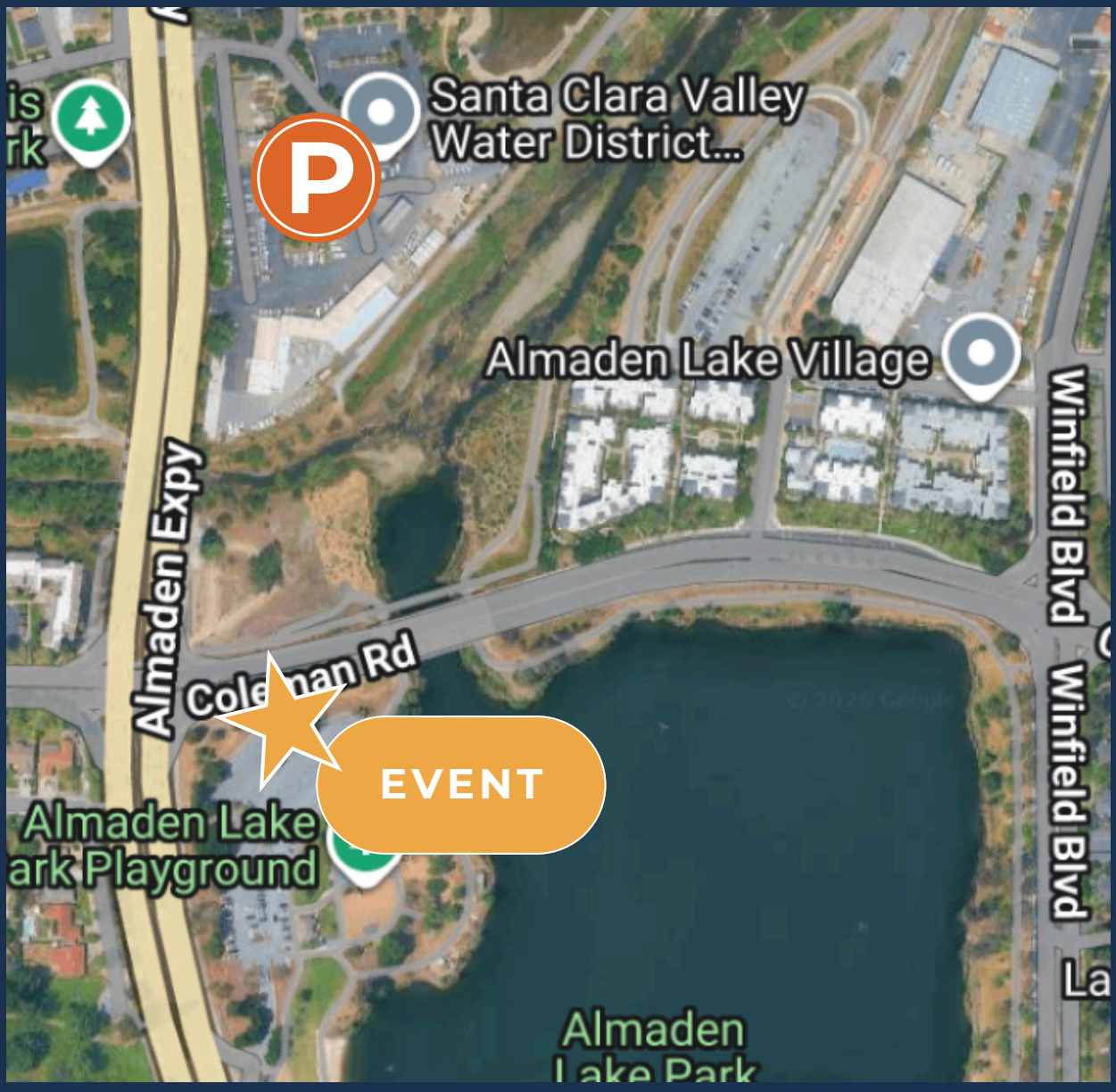


VENUE & PARKING

PARKING

Parking is available north of Almaden Lake Park at the Santa Clara Valley Water District, located at 5750 Almaden Expy, San Jose, CA 95118.

Please use discretion when parking and follow all posted signs and parking regulations. To help reduce traffic and make arrival easier, we encourage guests to carpool or use rideshare services whenever possible.



LANTERN LAUNCH

Our lantern launch is subject to weather conditions which may impact the lanterns movement on the water.

DECORATE YOUR LANTERN

- Decorate your lantern with messages of empowerment, remembrance, and connection.
- Push the four rods into each corner of the lantern base and slide the paper sleeve over the rods.
- Place the LED candle in the center of the lantern.
- Listen for instructions and launch your lantern during the designated window.

SUSTAINABILITY

The Water Lantern Festival is committed to caring for our environment and protecting precious natural resources. Our lanterns are crafted from sustainable materials such as wood and biodegradable paper, ensuring they are biodegradable and eco-friendly.

After the event, our team carefully retrieves every lantern and removes any litter from the water and surrounding areas. We work hard to leave the Garden even better than we found it. We encourage all guests to join us in this effort by reducing waste, recycling where possible, and respecting the natural beauty of the Garden.

GATHER
REFLECT
CONNECT



VENDORS

Support your favorite local vendors at the event.

Olde Tyme Kettle Korn
Rio Soft Serve
The Chinita Baker
Wonton Crunchies
Street Stix
Gim Belly
BNB Wings N Things
Stack'd
The Cookout Fish & Chips
Las Poblanitas
Cali Cool Hawaiian Shave Ice
Butcher's Choice
Grillzillas
Tacos Chewi (Saturday only)
The Rolling Burger (Saturday only)
Chick N Bros (Saturday only)
Fairy Bites (Sunday only)

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MAKE THE EXPERIENCE YOUR OWN

- Star in a personalized video from the driver's seat
- Capture your energy with an aura portrait
- Design a custom patch belt bag
- Grab a coffee and see the Mach-E up close

Find us at the festival before the lanterns light up the night!

PERFORMERS

SUNNY RAYE



ROMAN ANTONIAN



MORE INFORMATION

RELEASE WAIVER

By participating in the Water Lantern Festival, you agree to the release waiver which can be viewed at http://www.waterlanternfestival.com/release-waiver. We are not responsible for lost or stolen items. Children should not be left unattended at any time during the event.

EVENT UPDATES

Be sure to follow the Water Lantern Festival event page on Facebook to receive last-minute event updates.

