

DINE & DRINK



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Bars offering Girl Scout Cookie pairings tour this weekend

On Saturday, four San Diego bars will be serving custom cocktail and beers paired with Girl Scout Cookies at different times of the day so cookie-lovers can visit all four spots in one afternoon. From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., **Miss B's Coconut Club** in Mission Beach will serve Samoa cookies with a cocktail made with coconut-infused whiskey, orgeat pineapple OJ cordial and chocolate bitters. 3704 Mission Blvd. From noon to 3 p.m., **Sandbar Sports Bar & Grill** in Mission Beach will serve a Samoa-themed cocktail cookie pairing as well as a cocktail paired with Lemon-Ups cookies. 718 Venture Place. From 2 to 5 p.m., **The Original 40 Brewing Company** in North Park will serve three different house beer-cookie pairing for Samoas (West Coast Double IPA), Lemon-Ups (Crispy Boi Helles Lager) and Tagalongs (La Morenita Czech Dark Lager). 3117 University Ave. And from 5 to 7 p.m., **The Smoking Gun** in the Gaslamp Quarter will serve a peanut butter old fashioned cocktail with Do-Si-Dos and a peppermint bark espresso martini with Thin Mints. 555 Market St. Details at altstrategies.com/cookieevent.



Lauren Lawless teaches cooking to children with Down syndrome:

San Diego chef Lauren Lawless, winner of Food Network's "Supermarket Stakeout" and contestant on many other shows ("Hell's Kitchen" and "MasterChef"), will teach a class on cooking essentials to individuals with Down Syndrome ages 13 and up from 10:30 a.m. to noon Saturday. To register, visit gigisplayhouse.org.

Sandpiper expands dinner service:

Sandpiper Wood Fired Grill and Oysters in La Jolla Shores has expanded its dinner service from five to seven days a week. On Monday nights, chef Marty Fay is serving a menu of brick oven-fired pizzas beginning at 4 p.m. until sold out. Pizza options include a Margherita, white clam, Danish blue (with candied walnuts and Danish blue cheese), sausage & mushroom and pepperoni. Monday drink specials include \$5 select draft beers and \$8 for select glasses of wine. 2259 Avenida De La Playa, La Jolla. sandpipersd.com

San Diego Restaurant Week

arrives next month: The California Restaurant Association's San Diego Restaurant Week will return March 3 through 10. As many as 100 restaurants in 30 San Diego County neighborhoods will participate in the bi-annual event, offering discounted prix-fixe lunch and dinner menus starting at \$20. sandiegorestaurantweek.com

Common Theory launches happy hours:

Common Theory Public House in the Convo District has launched a late-night happy hour from 9 p.m. to midnight Fridays and Saturdays. Discounts are offered on bottled beers and wines by the glass are half-off. A second location of Common Theory will open in Chula Vista at the beginning of March. 4805 Convo St., San Diego. commontheorysd.com

Leap Year Happy Hour with Richard Blais:

Del Mar celebrity chef Blais is hosting a special happy hour menu from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday at California English restaurant. Blais will tell stories at the event, where food and drinks will be served at five themed stations that represent each meal service at California English (from brunch to tea to dinner). 9276 Scranton Road, San Diego. \$50. eventbrite.com

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