

Buzz Buzz: Carmel Valley Ranch Holiday Weekend

Call upon an apiary, learn about beekeeping, make s'mores, tour the organic garden, and oodles more.

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YOU CAN TURN THE CALENDAR UPSIDE DOWN... or inside out or flip through the pages a few more times (assuming this is the paper calendar on your fridge and not the calendar on your phone) but the simple fact of it is this: Summer is nearly done. Oh, it doesn't officially bid its goodbye before Sept. 22, when autumn makes its annual hello-and-how-do-you-do. But the warmest and easiest of seasons is at its final square, a moment traditionally punctuated by Labor Day Weekend. How does one capitalize upon the three-day-iest occasion of the the late summer, beyond firing up the grill and/or heading for one last trip to the park? You could go all-out, on the summer-camp-y front, and book a Labor Day getaway to a place that is both a luxe-nice hotel and a place to learn nifty things about life and nature and bees (so many bees). It's Carmel Valley Ranch we quite obviously refer to here, and the rustic-swanky spot is going all out on the good-times having over Labor Day Weekend 2016. If you know this soft-of-hill, 500-acre-big, pretty-of-sky spot, you know that...

BEEKEEPING AND LAVENDER... kind of rule the school. So prepare for some deep learning about bees (there are over 60,000 Italian honeybees making residence at the resort's apiary), and the tasting of honey, and the touring of gardens (you'll see loads of lovely lavender), and swing by the property's cluckful Hen House for some "chicken cuddles." It's a couple-y weekend, or a family-sweet weekend, or a you-and-a-friend weekend, with activities that'll suit big and small guests alike. For example? Horseback rides for the young'uns (and anyone) are on the schedule, as are wine-tasting opportunities for the 21-and-overs. This is your chance to get some more summer in, at full, fabulous blast, with moments of communing with nature and the people you arrived with (as well as bee/flora/wine experts, too, of course). Eager for the whole rundown? Buzz buzz for the Carmel-close hotel's online HQ.