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Carmel Valley Ranch to host inaugural Kite Festival

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Dave Hoggan of the Berkeley Kite Wranglers monitors kites in flight.

Soaring golf balls will give way to colorful kites for a day on the driving range at Carmel Valley Ranch when the resort hosts its first Kite Festival from noon to 6 p.m. April 1.

Renowned for their own festival, the Berkeley Kite Wranglers will demonstrate their art using custom-designed kites from 80 to 200 feet long. Novices can use kite-building and decorating stations to create their own kites, with free kits for the first 200 guests. Intended to be an annual event, the free festival will also include friendly competitions, live music, games such as three-legged races and balloon tosses, and locally sourced food, ice cream and drinks for sale.

The resort is at 1 Old Ranch Road, Carmel. For festival details, call (831) 626-2577 or see www.carmelvalleyranch.com/play-for-all-ages/april-kite-festival.