

Resource Map for Building Community in San Diego

Leisure and recreation

- [Balboa Park](#) houses art, science, and history museums along with gardens and art exhibits with many scheduled events throughout the year (including free events!).
- The [San Diego Museum Council](#) provides information about ongoing arts and cultural museum exhibits. During the month of February, the Council sponsors “[Museum Month](#)”, which offers discounts for many museums in San Diego.
- [Mission Bay Aquatic Center](#) offers classes and equipment rentals for a variety of water sports including paddle boarding, surfing, sailing and more.
- **Concert venues** like the Casbah, Musicbox, Bellyup Tavern, Humphrey’s, The Observatory, Soda Bar, and others, offer almost daily shows at affordable prices. [The Rady Shell](#) is an outdoor venue with fantastic views of the downtown skyline and is in a class of its own. [See upcoming San Diego concerts!](#)
- **Restaurant hubs** offer a great variety of styles and price points in Liberty Station, Little Italy, Park Blvd, North Park, Convoy Street, and many other places!
- There are many [parks](#) and [trails](#) to visit including Torrey Pines and the [Sunset Trail](#). Here is a [book](#) that offers a guide to 250 hikes and information about the habitat in each!
- Sports events: tickets for the San Diego [Gulls \(hockey\)](#), [Padres \(baseball\)](#), [Wave \(soccer\)](#), [Legion \(rugby\)](#)
- [TG: happy hour event](#) starting at 5 PM every other Friday at Surfside

Discounts and special offers

- [Birch Aquarium](#) offers a free annual membership to [graduate students](#) along with 4 guest passes (show student ID at Birch Aquarium Visitor Services office). [Discounts](#) for staff!
- [San Diego Museum of Art](#) is free for San Diego county residents on Tuesdays, and tickets are \$5 after 5 pm on Fridays.
- [Several Museums in Balboa Park](#) are free on select Tuesdays including Fleet Science Center, Natural History Museum and more (be sure to check this [schedule!](#)).
- [Hillcrest Bars](#) offer discounted drinks every Wednesday.
- [La Jolla Playhouse](#), which is a highly prestigious theater located on the UCSD campus, offers great discounts to UCSD [students](#) (50% off with ID; see details) and staff.
- [Caroline’s Cafe](#) by the ocean at Scripps (Discount code: “UCSD” or show ID)

Family Activities

- [San Diego Public Library](#) has local branches all over San Diego, offering a great selection of children’s books, events, activities, and [free tickets](#) to San Diego events!
- [Kids’ entrance is free](#) to various parks and museums during October (includes San Diego Zoo, Sea World, restaurants, and more). Legoland offers [free kids admission](#) with a paid adult ticket.
- There are many kid-friendly parks and [playgrounds](#) to visit!

Wellness Resources

- Many resources available to students, faculty, and staff to promote wellness and work-life balance. Link to our [Resource Map for Mental Health and Self Care](#).

Basic Needs

Housing

- [Graduate student housing](#)
- [Faculty housing assistance](#) and other [housing resources](#)
- [La Jolla del Sol](#) is a housing facility for postdocs and staff (waitlist can be up to 1 year!)
- SIO housing [listserv](#)

Getting around SIO

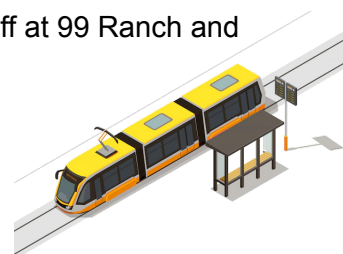
- [Map of SIO](#)
- [Building Access Form](#)
- Coffee/Lunch: Pinpoint Cafe or Caroline's Cafe

Random Essentials

- [Taxes](#), [vacation](#), [retirement](#)

Transportation

- [Pronto](#) app for [Trolley](#) and [bus](#) use, free [U-Pass](#) for students and [discounted](#) for staff
- Free campus shuttles: track on [live shuttle tracker](#)
 - [Grocery shuttle](#) to Convoy St on weekends 10am-6pm (5% off at 99 Ranch and Target along with other discounts for students!)
- Bike routes [map](#) and [UCSD cycling](#) information
- [Carpooling](#) and [by-the-hour car rentals](#) (discounted for students)
- UCSD parking [permits](#)
- [Flyer](#) Shuttle to airport



Family Resources

- [Dependent Care Travel Grants](#)
- [Child care information: How to Apply](#) for the Early Childhood Education Center (ECEC)
- [Care givers and elder care](#)
- [Babysitting](#)
- Comprehensive list [here](#) and [here](#)

Professional Development and Opportunities

- [Affinity Groups](#)
- [Staff Education and Development](#)
- [UCSD Extension](#) (e.g. [programming](#))
- Staff Equal Opportunity Enrichment Program ([SEOEP](#))

Mentoring

- [Staff Mentorship Program](#)
- [Staff Mentorship Guidebook](#)
- [Faculty Mentoring](#), also [here](#)
- [Student Mentor Program](#)

Calendar of Events

- [SIO](#)
- [Register for mail lists](#)
- [Student Health and Well-Being events](#)
- [Equity, Diversity, Inclusion](#)