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BAYCC Community Newsletter



BAYCC organized a memorable summer family camp at Westminster Woods, Occidental, CA from 31st July to 5th August. Participants dwelled in nature with learning, spirituality, socialization, and self-reflection. BAYCC in collaboration with Pacifica Institute organized notable interfaith events during the summer and many more events are planned for the fall.

We hope you will enjoy reading about BAYCC activities and continue to support our mission to make a positive impact in our community!

Newsletter Highlights

Past Events

Upcoming Events

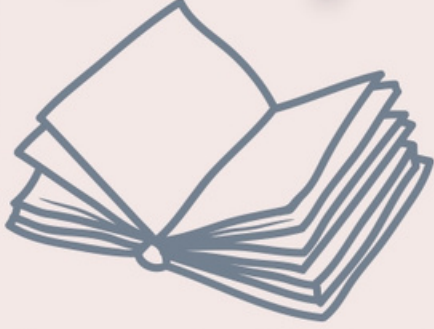
Bay Area Clubs

Fun Fact:

With nine national parks to explore, California is home to the most national parks in the country and offers an abundance of incredibly beautiful scenery.



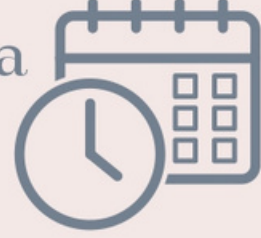
Selçuk Abi



Risale
Okumaları

her sabah gündeğumunda
(Sunnyvale)

Online



Çarşamba &
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Sohbetleri



Online

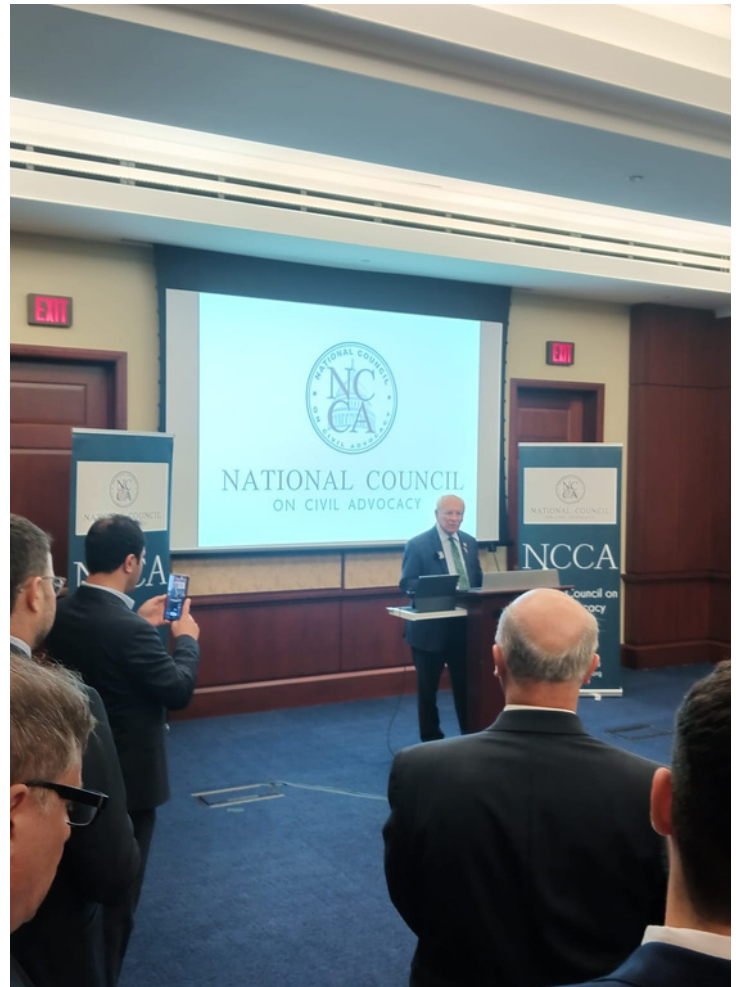
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Tuesday

Hill Day in Washington, DC

Pacifica Institute and BAYCC volunteers Esra Nur Altun and Nurdin Kaparov visited the Congress in Washington, DC between 6-8 June 2023. The delegation met a number of staff members at the offices of House Representatives of North California. Volunteers explained the interfaith and civic engagement projects carried out by organizations in the districts. The delegation also participated in an advocacy event hosted by the National Council on Civic Advocacy, an organization run by Turkish American community for human rights.





Saturday

Yaz kampları

Yaz kampımızı 10-17 Haziran arasında 49 lise ve ortaokul öğrencimiz ve 7 abimizle birlikte gerçekleştirdik. Kampta kış kampında olduğu gibi Hakan Gök bey konuşmacı olarak 4 gün bizimle beraber oldu. Sohbetlere Selçuk abi ve Bilal Sarımeşeli abimiz konuğumuz oldular.

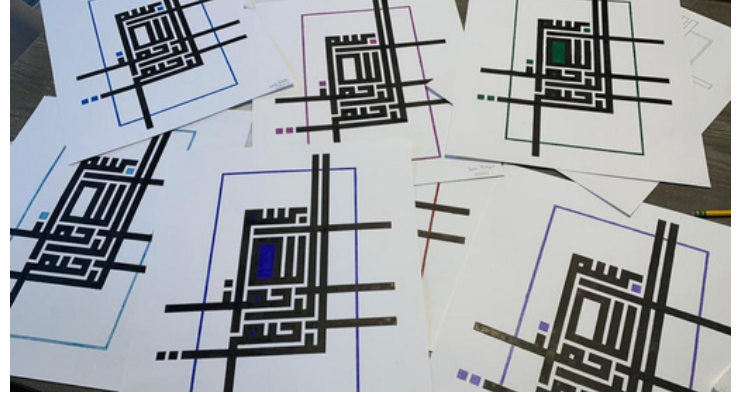




Sunday

Yaz kampları

- 🎨 Kufi sanatini öğrenen gençlerimiz "Esmâül Hüsna" çalışması yaptılar.
- 📖 Ortaokullu öğrencilerimizle hem okuyup/dinleyerek kendimizi geliştirdik hem de eğlenceli vakitler geçirerek kampın tadını çıkardık.
- 📁 6.sınıflarımıza özel hazırlanan hediyeler için tüm öğrencilerimiz tatlı bir yarışa girdi.
- 🛒 NUR BAKKAL'ından alış-veriş yapmak istiyorsanız günlük tesbihleri çekmeniz yeterli, bu bakkalda para geçerli degilll.
- 🏠 Bir ablamızın evinde hem bütün bir yılı hem kampları değerlendirerek keyifli bir gün geçirdik.





Participation in Dialogue Summit in Atlanta, GA

Pacifica Institute delegation consisting of Omer Onder and Nurdin Kaparov participated in the Dialogue Summit organized in Atlanta city, Georgia. Resource persons enlightened attendees on pressing topics in community outreach endeavors. Participants shared their best experiences and had lively discussions and networking.





Wednesday

Sacramentoda bayramlaşma programı

Sacramento'da Türk ve Afgan ailelerinin organize ettiği bayram programı yapıldı. 250'yi aşkın kişinin katılım sağladığı organizasyon piknik alanında yapıldı.





Wednesday

Eid Al-Adha Celebration Brunch

Our recent Eid Al-Adha celebration was held at the Leal Vineyards in Hollister, CA. With an incredible turnout of approximately 350 attendees, the event was a resounding success, filled with joy, togetherness, and cultural immersion.

Families, friends, and community members gathered at the enchanting venue to commemorate Eid Al-Adha, one of the most significant festivals in the Islamic calendar. The event offered a unique opportunity to experience the vibrant traditions and spirit of the Muslim community in the Bay Area.

One of the standout features of the celebration was the wide range of activities that catered to attendees of all ages. The kids had an absolute blast with various engaging games, face painting, balloon twisting, and lawn games. Laughter and cheer filled the air as the younger ones enjoyed their time together, creating unforgettable memories.





Thursday

Meat Distribution

Pacifica Institute Bay Area volunteers donated meat to the homeless shelters on the occasion of Eid al-Adha. Representatives of Greater Richmond Interfaith Program and Hope's Corner - Mountain View expressed their happiness towards the extended support to the community members in need.





Sunday

Serving a hot meal to homeless neighbors with AAi

Congregation Beth David, Peninsula Bible Church Cupertino, and Pacifica Institute volunteers prepared and served a hot meal for homeless neighbors in San Jose. The event was coordinated by Abrahamic Alliance International which strives to bring three communities to work together.

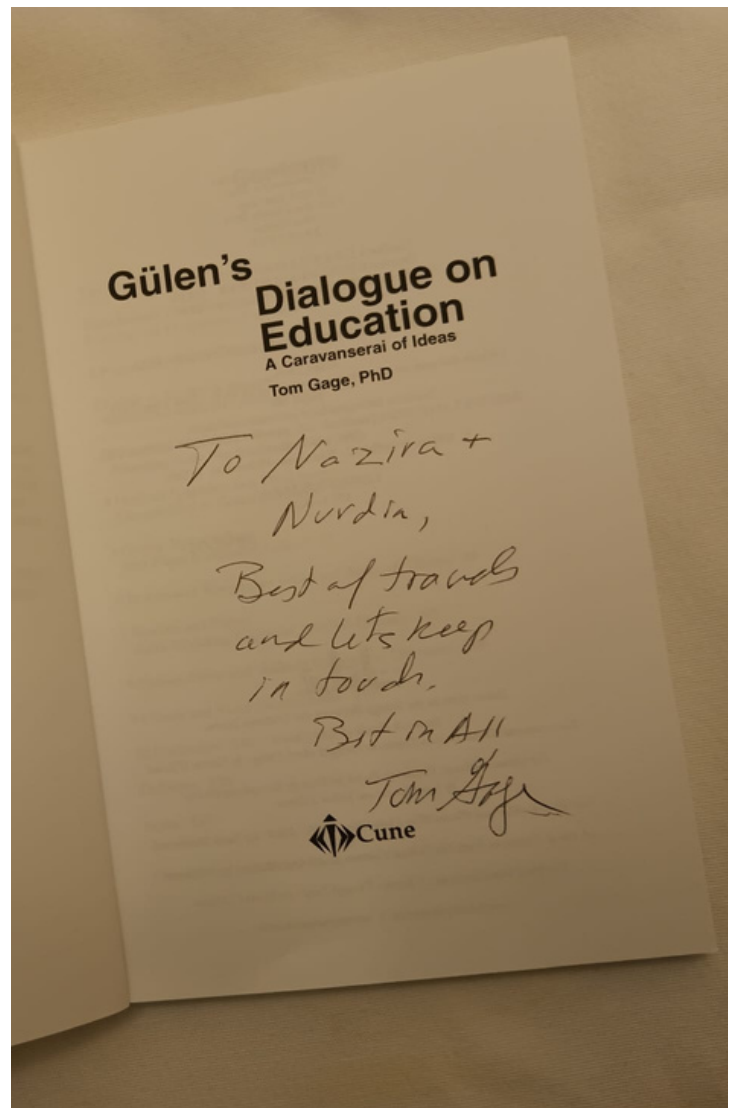
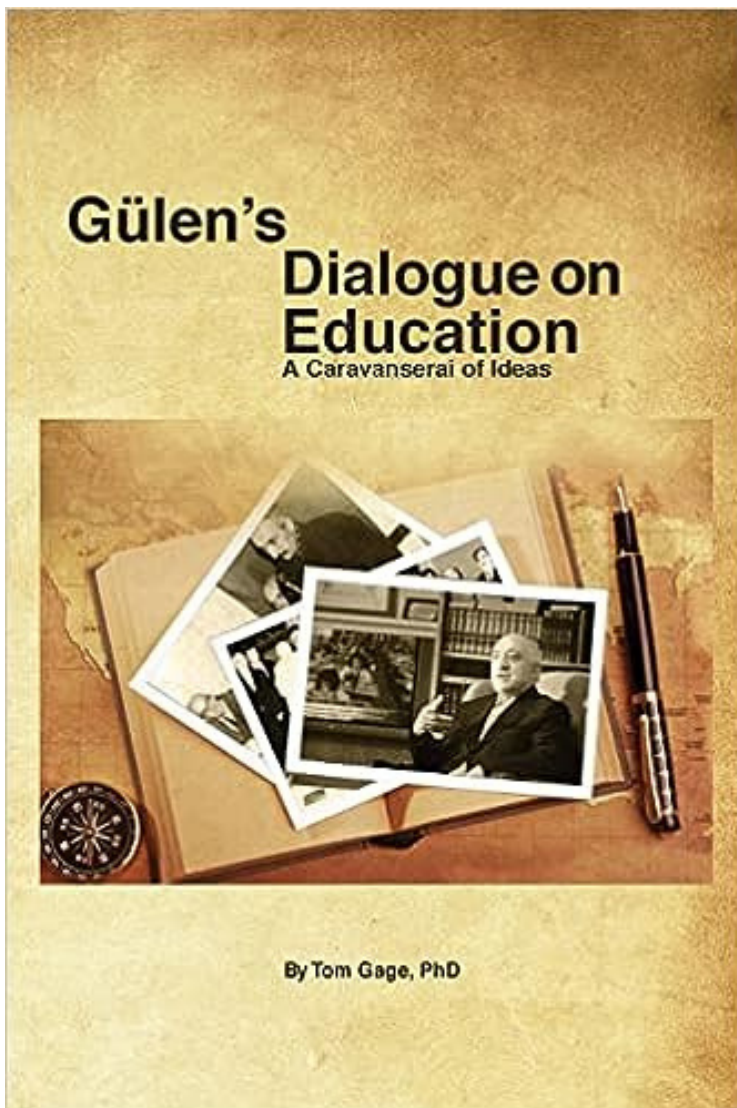




Thursday

Visiting Prof. Tom Gage in Fortuna, California

Nurdin Kaparov with his family visited Prof. Tom Gage at his residence in Fortuna, California on 20th August. Professor offered dinner to the guests and gifted them his book titled "Gülen's Dialogue on Education". Nurdin Kaparov passed a handmade Turkish vase by BAYCC as a gift to the professor. Prof. Tom Gage's book can be purchased on Amazon.com.





Sunday

Interfaith Picnic in Berkeley

Congregation Netivot Shalom, Congregation Beth El, and Pacifica Institute members joined for an interfaith picnic organized at Strawberry Creek Park, Berkeley on 23rd July. A group led by Rabbi Tsvi Bar David performed devotional songs for the guests. All participants brought food to share with each other.





Monday

Yaz Kampı

Vakfımız tarafından organize edilen "Yaz Kampı Programı"mız 31 Temmuz Pazartesi - 5 Ağustos Cumartesi tarihleri arasında Westminster Woods Camp and Conference Center 'da 170 civarı yetişkin ve çocuğun katılımıyla gerçekleşti. Program boyunca kurulan açık hava mescidinde namazlar kılındı ve tesbihatlar yapıldı. Dini sohbetlerin yanında spor aktiviteleri canlı müzik performansları da programa renk kattı.

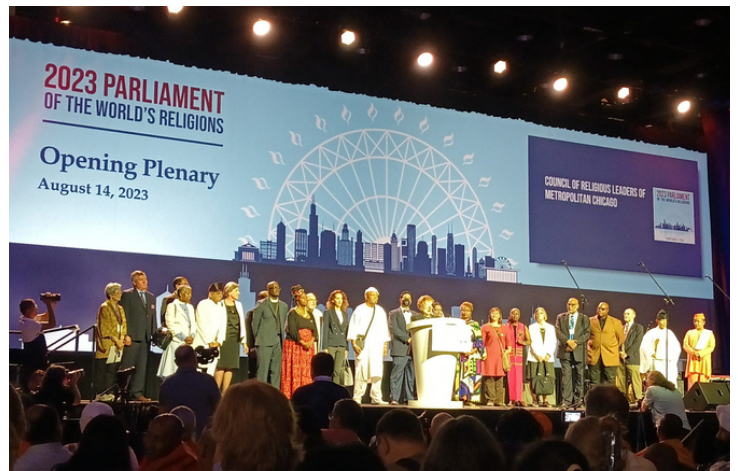




Monday

Participating in the Parliament of World's Religions

Representing BAYCC and Pacifica Institute Nurdin Kaparov and Atilla Kahveci participated in the Parliament of World’s Religions in Chicago on the 14th and 15th of August 2023. The focus topic of the summit was “A Call to Conscience: Defending Freedom & Human Rights”. The delegation took part in a number of sessions scheduled during the summit. The delegation participated in the dinner hosted by Prof. Grudzen on 13th August. Pacifica Institute also hosted a dinner reception in partnership with its sister organizations on 15th August.





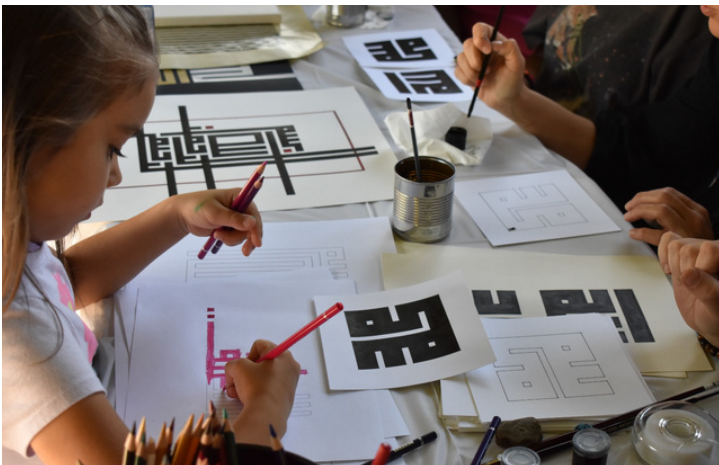
American Muslim Appreciation & Awareness Month Celebration

For the eighth year in a row, California has designated August as American Muslim Appreciation and Awareness Month.

We celebrated diversity, fosters understanding, and promotes unity.

The event was a delightful blend of art, culture, and community engagement, aiming to raise awareness about the rich heritage and contributions of American Muslims. With a diverse range of activities and attractions, there's something for everyone to enjoy:

1. Ethnic Food Delights
2. Islamic Art Showcase
3. Islamic Live Music
4. Ask a Muslim (where you had the opportunity to ask about Islam to your Muslim friends.)

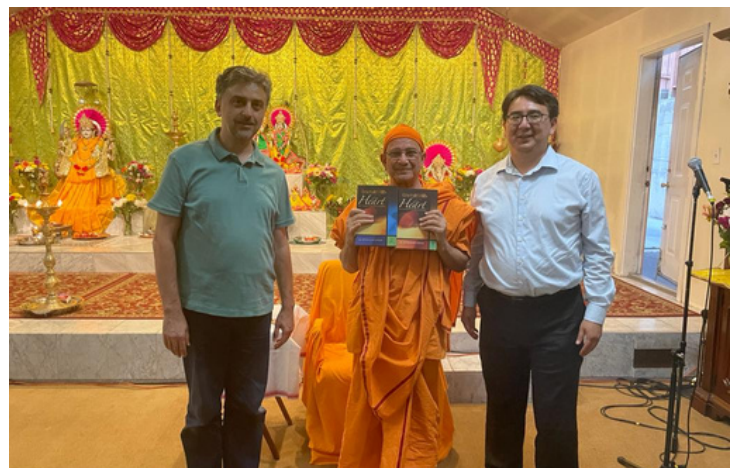




Saturday

Interfaith Lecture on "Spiritual Dimensions in Hinduism"

Pacifica Institute and Sri Ramakrishna Sharada Ashrama jointly organized an Interfaith Lecture on "Spiritual Dimensions in Hinduism" on 26th August. The lecture was hosted at Badarikashrama temple in San Leandro. The topic was delivered by Revered Swami Vinayakanandaji Maharaj, spiritual mentor and inspiration of Sri Ramakrishna Ashram Bailur Math Group of Institutions, Udupi, Karnataka, India. Swamiji covered significant spiritual concepts, devotional practices, and philosophies in Hinduism.





Saturday

Noah's Pudding Day in Sacramento

BAYCC and Pacifica Institute volunteers in Sacramento invited their neighbors and friends to the Ashure (Noah's Pudding) event on the 26th of August. Retired Pastor Rev. Alan Jones, one of the guests, gave the opening speech, followed by an introduction to Ashure. After that, live music played, and Ashure was served along with treats. The decoration and ornamentation of Noah's Ark received a lot of attention from those who attended. Family photos were taken. The Ashure event truly deserved the message of togetherness, and was a great success.





Friday

Homeless Donation Drive

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All clothing must be new or lightly used. Hygiene & makeup products must be new/unused.

Casualwear



- comfortable shoes
- jeans, leggings, sweatpants, shorts
- jackets, sweaters, coats
- t-shirts, tanks, long-sleeved tops

Business & Business Casual



- formal shoes, heels
- slacks, trousers
- skirts, dresses
- ties
- blazers, cardigans
- button-up tops, blouses, polo shirts

Date

September 1st & September 8th:

ALL DAY

Address

4701 Patrick Henry Dr. BLDG 18,
Santa Clara, CA 95054



Contact:
(408)797-9206





Saturday

Interactive Lecture by Dr Alp Aslandogan



INTERACTIVE LECTURE ON "DIYALOG, AKTIF VATANDAŞLIK VE ENTEGRASYON"



Saturday
2nd September, 2023



Breakfast: 9:30-10:00
Lecture: 10:00-11:00



BAYCC Center,
Santa Clara



SPEAKER

Dr. Alp Aslandogan,
Executive Director,
Alliance for Shared Values

[REGISTER NOW](#)



Zoom room is available
Meeting ID: 760 308 4074
Passcode: 518030



Monday

Prayers for Peace in Belmont



Prayers for Peace

**Monday, September 4 at 10 a.m.
Twin Pines Park, Belmont**

Join us as prayers are offered by representatives of diverse faith traditions unifying our collective plea for peace.

Potluck to follow, please bring your own drinks and a dish to share.



The Peninsula Multifaith Coalition brings together our diverse faith communities to build bridges of understanding and respect.



Monday

9/11 Multifaith Peace Picnic and Prayers in Palo Alto



“A time comes when silence is betrayal and that time has come for us.”

- from Clergy & Laity Concerned, 1967

9/11 Multifaith Peace Picnic and Prayers

Monday, Sept 11
6-8:15pm
King Plaza
250 Hamilton
Palo Alto



[Click here for details and to register.](#)



Thursday

International Peace Day Act for Peace in Fremont

International Day of Peace

Act for Peace

5:00 PM Walk around the Lake 6:00 PM Interfaith Prayer Service

Thursday, September 21, 2023
Lake Elizabeth, Fremont (Peace Pole by Boat House)

Join us!



Saturday

West America Civic Platform Convention in Irvine



HIZMET AT THE CROSSROADS

Join the 3rd West America
Civic Platform Convention, and
share your vision of Hizmet
that you want to see tomorrow.



Come and join us to discuss on topics like;

Transperency & Transition

From Past to the Future

The Role of Women in Hizmet

A Wholistic Perspective

Hizmet's Message to the Youth

Are we ready?

REGISTER HERE



@West_Platform

www.westplatform.org

SEPT 30 – OCT 1
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

3735 ALTON PKWY
IRVINE, CA 92606



Friday

International Trip to South Africa

**EXPLORE
SOUTH AFRICA**

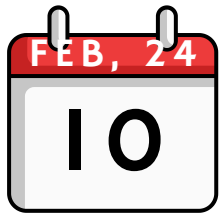
Experience wildlife, rich cultures, and iconic landmarks, all in one mesmerizing journey. Join us for the adventure of a lifetime in South Africa!

Trip participation fee is **\$1500 +** round trip ticket to South Africa, and domestic Airfares.

- ✓ Effortless Travel
- ✓ Luxury Stay
- ✓ Easy Transport
- ✓ Expert Guides
- ✓ Taste the Culture

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Saturday

International Trip to India

**EXPLORE
INDIA**

From the majestic Himalayas to the serene backwaters of Kerala, India is a treasure trove of experiences waiting to be explored.

Trip participation fee is **\$1500 +** round trip ticket to India, and domestic Airfares.

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Wednesday

International Trip to Brazil

**EXPLORE
BRAZIL**

Join us to visit the most magnificent places
of Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro.

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round trip ticket to Brazil, and
domestic Airfares.

- ✓ Effortless Travel
- ✓ Easy Transport
- ✓ Expert Guides
- ✓ Taste the Culture

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PACIFICA
EXPERIENCES

Bay Area Clubs

Sports enthusiasts have initiated several sports clubs: Soccer, Volleyball, Hiking, Basketball, Diving, Pickleball, Stargazing, Tennis, Table Tennis, Fishing, Community Emergency Response Team, Fitness & Bodybuilding, "Art, Science & Culture Club", Winter Sports, Cyclist, Camping, Life on Wheels, Swimming, Life on 2 Wheel, and Surfing! Everyone is welcome to join any sports club they are interested to be part of. Kindly click the links below to join the WhatsApp community and choose the club you want to participate in. You can also initiate a new sports, culture, and arts club, kindly fill up the form with your brilliant ideas.



Join our **WhatsApp**
community