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ACTIVITY VENUES

AMUSEMENT PARKS CASTLE PARK 🗘

There's no fee to get into this Inland Empire amusement park—guests purchase ride tickets inside. The complex was built in 1976 and features a 200-game arcade; 35 rides, including an old-fashioned wooden-horse carousel, roller coasters, and bumper cars; and four 18-hole mini golf courses. An indoor banquet room seats 500. The picnic pavilion holds 75. (3500 Polk St., Riverside, 951.785.3000) PACIFIC PARK 🗘

Pacific Park has a roller coaster, a wooden ship ride, mini golf, and the world's first solar-powered Ferris wheel. The 3,200-square-foot seaside cabana holds 250 for receptions. The entire park holds 1,800 for receptions, and partial park buyouts are available. (380 Santa Monica Pier, Santa Monica, 310.260.8744) SIX FLAGS MAGIC MOUNTAIN 🔅

Known for thrill rides with names such as Scream, Psycho, and Goliath, this amusement park special-izes in events for groups of 100 to 20,000. There are several private covered picnic areas and landscaped lawns. Event services include buffet-style setups, picnic-style games, and activity planners. (26101 Magic Mountain Pkwy., Valencia, 661.255.4500) UNIVERSAL STUDIOS HOLLYWOOD

Adjacent to the movie studio, this theme park combines movie magic with thrill rides. The upper level offers five venues, including the Coke Soak, an outdoor area that looks over the Valley and seats 700, and the English- and French-inspired Streets of the World, which holds 2,500. Event planners can buy out the entire park for a minimum of 4,000 people. (1000 Universal Center Drive, Universal City, 818.622.7278)

ARCADES & VIRTUAL-REALITY CENTERS DAVE & BUSTER'S

Like an arcade for adults (because there's booze), this branch of the entertainment-dining chain in the Westfield Shopping Center offers more than 200 interactive and video games, a clubby billiard and shuffleboard room, two bars, and a dining room. Private meeting rooms are equipped with audiovisual equipment. The entire venue holds as many as 2,000 for receptions. (400 South Baldwin Ave., Suite 930-U, Arcadia, 626.802.6115) ESPN ZONE 🗘

The Los Angeles location of this sports, dining, and entertainment complex is at L.A. Live. The entire space seats 700 or holds 1,200 for receptions. Attractions include the Sports Arena, with interactive games and arcade sports simulators; it holds 150 for receptions. (1011 South Figueroa St., Suite B101, 213.765.7070) ULTRAZONE

The laser-tag experience is all about strategizing with your teammates in dark, fog-filled hallways. The entire facility is available for as many as 200 people and includes use of the lobby, the video game area, five private rooms, and the arena. (14622 Ventura Blvd., Sherman Oaks, 818.789.6620)

BOWLING ALLEYS

JILLIAN'S UNIVERSAL CITY This chain location at Universal CityWalk has 10 bowling lanes with a retro lounge and five video walls, simulation and interactive games, a patio, two full-service bars, and a café with multiple big-screen TVs. The first floor holds 600 for receptions, while the second floor holds 300, including 40 in the V.I.P. area. The entire facility can hold 1,600 guests. (1000 Universal Studios Blvd., Universal City, 818.985.9213)

ULICKY STRIKE LANES & LOUNGE () The Hollywood 12-lane alley sports retro signs and contemporary art; it holds 550. The L.A. Live location offers 18 lanes and Luxe Lounge, a private room with four more lanes and space for 110. This location also holds 550. (6801 Ĥollywood Blvd., Hollywood, 323.467.7776; 800 West Olympic Blvd., 213.542.4880)

PICKWICK BOWL

This 24-lane bowling alley is part of the Pickwick Gardens and Conference Center in Burbank and holds Soo people. It features foggy bowling lanes, lighted automated bumpers, computerized scoring, a fully equipped pro shop, a snack bar, and a video arcade. (sooi West Riverside Drive, Burbank, 818.845.5300) PINZ

Featuring glow-in-the-dark bowling, a dance floor, a full arcade with pool tables, and catering from nearby Jerry's Deli, this 32-lane facility holds 500. The 10,000-square-foot club upstairs holds an additional 600. A V.I.P. billiard room is also available; it holds 60. (12655 Ventura Blvd., Studio City, 818.769.7600)

COOKING SCHOOLS & TASTING VENUES CHEF ERIC'S CULINARY CLASSROOM

Culinary Institute of America grad Eric Crowley Culinary Institute of America grad Enc crowley teaches professionals and novices about kitchen skills, recipes, and the importance of mise en place. Attendees get to eat the fruits (and vegetables) of their labors. The intimate kitchen holds 16 people. (2366 Pelham Ave., 310.470.2640) CHEFS INC.

This culinary studio has eight fully equipped kitchen work-stations. Classes range from basic skills to *Iron Chef*-style competitions, menus of appetizers or five-course meals, and wine-and-cheese pairings. Classes and meals accommodate 10 people. (10955 West Pico Blvd., 310.470.2277) SUR LA TABLE

This national kitchenware retail chain location at the historic farmer's market offers classes to show cooks how to use their new gadgets and cookbooks. Private cooking classes are available for groups of 16 people with hands-on instruction, or for as many as 40 for a demonstration. (6333 West 3rd St., 323.954.9190)

HORSEBACK-RIDING CENTERS CALAMIGOS EQUESTRIAN 🔅

In the 88-acre Los Angeles Equestrian Center, this facility has landscaped fields and 80,000 square feet of event space. The Grand Prix Room has a wood-burning fireplace, rectangular chandeliers, and theater-style seating for 800. The Equestrian Ballroom seats 600 for banquets and has a terrace that overlooks the grounds. The outdoor Equidome seats 11,000 stadium-style. (480 West Riverside Drive, Burbank, 818.972.5940) SUNSET RANCH HOLLYWOOD 🔅

This Hollywood Hills ranch offers groups as large as 55 evening guided trail rides through Griffith Park to Viva Fresh, a Mexican restaurant in Burbank, where the group stops for refreshments before heading back to the ranch. Daytime guided trips are also available, including a lunch ride. Sunset dinner rides are not available on Fridays. (3400 North Beachwood Drive, Hollywood, 323.469.5450)

POOL & BILLIARD HALLS Q'S BILLIARD CLUB

This club has 12 pool tables, booths with individual flat-screen TVs, two full-service bars, a restaurant, and three patios. The upstairs has two private rooms One has a full bar, two pool tables, and a balcony and holds 100; the other has three pool tables and three plasma TVs and holds 60. The entire club holds 400. (11835 Wilshire Blvd., West Los Angeles, 310.477.7550) SPOT 5750

A sprawling pool hall and sports bar, Spot 5750 opened in November 2010 in Hollywood. The venue's Crown Room holds 65 for receptions, with three pool tables and a shuffleboard table. The director's lounge has two pool tables and a capacity of 40. A private dining room seats 20. A patio lounge can be broken into two sections; one holds 55 for a reception, and the other seats 25.

Updates & additions (5750 Hollywood Blvd., listings@bizbash.com 323.465.0115)

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SPAS

busy downtown. Specialties include spa parties on the venue's deck, as well as its signature doubles spa services for couples, offered in one cozy room. The spa can host events for as many as 100 guests. (535 South Grand Ave., 213.624.0000)

DTOX DAY SPA

This 6,200-square-foot Atwater Village haven has exposed brick walls, 20-foot vaulted ceilings, wood beams, and polished concrete floors with eco-friendly decor elements of earth, water, fire, and air throughout. Chaise lounges and cozy chairs fill the atrium, which features a giant Buddha sculpture. (3206 Los Feliz Blvd., 323.665.3869)

EXHALE SPA

At the Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows, this spa has a relaxation lounge and a spa pavilion that specializes in therapy and fitness programs and nail care. Exhale also has a yoga center in Venice. (101 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica, 310-319-3193; 245 South Main St.

Venice, 310.450.7676) GLEN IVY HOT SPRINGS SPA 🗘

This spa offers 16 pools, spas, and mineral baths; a red-clay mud bath; and a grotto for group spa treatments in which guests are coated with sea kelp and aloe vera before relaxing en masse in a hydrating chamber. A designated event area holds 100. National Geographic Traveler has named Glen Ivy Hot Springs one of the 24 best spas in America. (25000 Glen Ivy Road, Corona, 888.453.6489)

KELLY'S SPA

Kelly Roberts's spa at the Mission Inn Hotel & Spa offers such treatments as a neroli and mandarin body polish, as well as a signature facial using organic honey and collagen. Private parties for 100 can take over poolside villas for treatments. (3649 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside, 951.341.6725) KINARA SPA & CAFÉ

Kinara is the brainchild of partners Olga Lorencin, a Yugoslavian skin-care specialist, and Christine Splichal, one of the city's top restaurateurs. The interior incorporates Indian, Balinese, and French textures in a streamlined, modern structure. The spa uses its own skin-care products and can accommodate groups of 20. (656 North Robertson Blvd., 310.657.9188) LA BLUSH SPA

This Tuscan-style spa sets about the task of helping clients relax—as soon as they walk in, guests find a waterfall tinkling inside the intimate space. La Blush's signature treatment is the Swiss luxury facial; the spa also offers a selection of chemical peels, a gentleman's facial, permanent makeup, and skin-tightening, as well as Botox and other medical services. The spa can be rented for the day for groups of 20. (11670 San Vicente Blvd., 310.820.2950)

Formerly a Ritz-Carlton, this hotel is in a countryclub-like setting in leafy Pasadena, adding to the get-away-from-it-all experience. During the summer, the spa offers manicures and martinis by the pool bar. Popular treatments include Java Rejuvenation, in which a blend of ground Arabica beans and Dead Sea salt exfoliates while detoxifying, regenerating, and improving blood flow. (1401 South Oak Knoll Ave., Pasadena, 626.568.3900)

LA. VIE VORANGE HAND & FOOT SPA As its name suggests, the spa has a special mission, which is to focus on compensating for the daily travails of hands and feet. The airy spa on a busy shopping street offers a wide array of treatments, the most luxe of which include grape-seed paraffin treatments and reflexology. Private events for 200 can take over the entire spa. (638 1/2 North Robertson Blvd., 310.289.2501) MIYAKO INN & SPA

This authentic Japanese spa at a hotel in Little Tokyo is newly renovated. It offers massages until midnight, as well as individual Jacuzzis and dry and wet saunas After a massage, guests can relax in the lounge the way Japanese businessmen do, by trolling the Internet with complimentary green tea. (328 East 1st St., 213.617.2000)

MURAD MEDICAL SPA

Dermatologist Howard Murad's spa offers filler injections and laser treatments in addition to a complete list of services. His philosophy also includes incorporating internal supplements and the healing power of touch into his clients' beauty regimens. (2141 Rosecrans Ave., El Segundo, 310.726.0470)

NEIHULE

A Bose surround-sound system, a wine bar, and an all-white interior lend Neihule a sleek, nightclub vibe. On the first floor of the 4,000-square-foot full-service salon, a chandelier hangs over custom-made style stations. (607 South Olive St., 213.623.4383)

PENINSULA BEVERLY HILLS SPA lushest spas in Beverly Hills. After treatments, guests can dine on spa cuisine and herbal teas at the nearby roof garden. Groups of 20 can book events. (9882 South Santa Monica Blvd., Beverly Hills, 310.551.2888)

RA ORGANIC SPA

Chris Haas opened this downtown Burbank spa in 2007. The 4,000-square-foot facility has six large treatment rooms, a couples suite, a Thai massage room, and six lofts strewn with mattresses, pillows, and curtains. The entire spa can hold 30 for private events. (119 North San Fernando Blvd., Burbank, 818.848.4772) **RECESS NAIL SPA**

Recess Nail Spa offers manicures and pedicures

using organic and biodegradable products in a space constructed in accordance with LEED guidelines. The 2,000-square-foot spa holds 100 and has a kitchen, a central bar, and two LCD screens. (8408-B Beverly Blvd., 323.782.9919)

NEW ROSSANO FERRETTI HAIRSPA

Opened in August 2011, the Rossano Ferretti Hairspa covers 5,000 square feet on two levels. The upper level, known as the Prive, is a more intimate setting. There are three rooms, in addition to a large lounge. The salon's decor includes black velvet curtains that serve as a dramatic entrance and provide privacy. The venue houses a long black lacquer community table, suitable for meals or snacks. The salon itself is equipped with a stereo system and a 12-space private parking lot in the back. (345 North Cañon Drive, Beverly Hills, 310.598.6780)

SKIN HAVEN 🗘

Tucked behind the Michael Kohn gallery, this spa has a subtle Zen aesthetic in its lounge, which has sofas, rotating art shows, and three treatment rooms. The lounge holds 75 for receptions, and the courtyard Parking lot can be tented for events. (300 North Crescent Heights Blvd., 323.658.7546) SKIN SPA

This is the Victoria's Secret of spas: Its menu of treatments features names like Satin Mist and Endless Courtship. The latter includes two and a half hours of couple time over a cornmeal-pineapple facial treatment, a privacy soak, and face masks for two. (17401 Ventura Blvd., Encino, 818.995.3888) THE SPA AT THE BEVERLY WILSHIRE

In 2007, the Beverly Wilshire unveiled an elegant overhaul of its 8,000-square-foot spa, built around a large amethyst crystal geode in the middle of a curved water wall. Treatments represent a fusion of European, Thai, Indian, and Balinese techniques. (9500 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills, 310.275.5200)

SPA AT FOUR SEASONS WESTLAKE

This 40,000-square-foot spa's 28 treatment rooms have private patios; four are suites with a fireplace and a private platos, rou are suffer an inepiate and a private plunge pool. Landscaped gardens surround the spa pool, which has 10 poolside cabanas. Two cabanas hold groups of 10. (2 Dole Drive, Westlake Village, 818.575.3000)

SPA 415

Spa 415 offers the personal attention of its Texas-belle owner and nutritional consultation for those interested in vibrant skin and weight control. The plush spa and its courtyard are available for events for a few hundred guests. (415 North Crescent Drive, Suite 110, Beverly Hills, 310.817.6912) SPA LAS PALMAS

This spa at Rancho Las Palmas Resort offers a pool with underwater music and Javanese treatments that use yogurt rubs and frangipani-scented moisturizer. The 20,000-square-foot spot recently underwent a \$35 million resortwide renovation. (41000 Bob Hope Drive, Rancho Mirage, 760.568.2727)

SPA LUCE

A neutral palette dresses this 6,400-square-foot space at the Renaissance Hollywood Hotel. The venue can hold 50 for private parties with treatments. An adjacent pool deck holds 547. (1755 North Highland Ave., Suite 401, Hollywood, 323.491.1376) THIBIANT DAY SPA

Aida Thibiant has been an aristocrat of the local spascape for more than 30 years. She offers treatments using creams, scrubs, and mud made at the company's own research lab. The spa holds 50. (449 North Cañon Drive, Beverly Hills, 800.825.2517)

THURSDAY'S SALON & SPA

Full-service pampering in the form of massages, mud wraps, and microdermabrasion is offered amid shabby-chic comfort at this inconspicuous Calabasas spa. (23945 Calabasas Road, Suite 100, Calabasas, 818.456.0763)

VODA SPA

This 15,000-square-foot spa combines a contemporary design with an array of Russian, European, and Asian treatments. A 30-seat café is available to spa guests, and a conference area holds 60. The entire spa holds 190 for receptions. (7700 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, 323.654.4411)

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STADIUMS & ARENAS

CALIFORNIA SPEEDWAY 🗘

This two-mile Nascar racetrack in the Inland Empire hosts car shows, marathons, and TV and movie productions. The grandstand has 92,100 seats and 28 skyboxes, plus corporate hospitality areas—some that hold as many as 1,000 guests. The Pit Road Terrace Suite holds 60 people, and the skyboxes hold 50 each. (9300 Cherry Ave., Fontana, 909.429.5000) DODGER STADIUM (2

Since it opened in 1962, the Dodgers' home has hosted eight World Series, portions of the Olympics, and Pope John Paul II. During games, the Dugout Club features a buffet and two full bars and can hold as many as 350 for receptions. The entire stadium and its facilities are available for events. (1000 Elysian Park Ave., 323.224.1500) HOME DEPOT CENTER

This 125-acre sports venue consists of a 27,000-seat major league soccer stadium, an 8,000-seat tennis stadium, a 10,000-seat track and field, and a three-mile jogging

trail. Event suites hold as many as 31 people, with private entrances, indoor-outdoor seating, and personal concierges. (18400 Avalon Blvd., Carson, 310.630.2020) LONG BEACH ARENA

This 13,500-seat arena is part of the Long Beach Convention and Entertainment Center. It has 46,000 square feet of exhibit space, including 29,000 square feet on the concourse. A full-service business center, audiovisual staff, and catering services are available (300 East Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, 562.436.3636) LOS ANGELES MEMORIAL COLISEUM AND SPORTS ARENA

This stadium opened in 1923 and has hosted two

Olympics, two Super Bowls, and one World Series. Now the 92,000-seat venue is home field for the U.S.C. Trojans football team. The adjacent 16,000-seat sports arena opened in 1958; it has two luxury suites. (3939 South Figueroa St., 213.747.7111) ROSE BOWL 🗘

Built in 1921 and known for the Tournament of Roses foot-

ball game, this stadium is home to U.C.L.A. football. The structure has 92,542 seats, plus several 18-person luxury suites and a media center that holds 300 for receptions. (1001 Rose Bowl Drive, Pasadena, 626.577.3101)

SANTA ANITA PARK

Lush gardens and antique sculptures surround this thoroughbred-racing park. The 320-acre complex has grandstand seating for 18,897. The grassy infield has picnic facilities and a playground, and holds as many as 10,000 people. (285 West Huntington Drive, Arcadia, 626.574.7223)

SAUGUS SPEEDWAY

Car shows, swap meets, flea markets, food shows, and movie productions are among the events at this 35-acre complex. With a paved asphalt track, rustic wooden stands, black-and-white checkered snack bars, and plenty of parking, it's available for groups of as many as 13,00 (22500 Soledad Canyon Road, Saugus, 661.259.3886) STAPLES CENTER

Home to the Lakers and Clippers, concerts, conventions, and the X Games, this complex also has six meeting rooms and five restaurants. The Lexus Club hosts dinners for as many as 130; the Arena Club, with views of the arena floor, holds 530 (1111 South Figueroa St., (213.742.7326)