Bastille Day Picnic!!!

We hope you’ll join us at our free Bastille Day party at Ragle Park in Sebastopol from 4-8 PM on Sunday, July 17. Once again, there will be live music with Xavier de la Prade. All are welcome to attend — house guests, friends, neighbors….

It’s a potluck! Please bring a dish to share, as well as your own drinks, glasses, utensils etc. — whatever you need to have a great picnic. (We’ll have some wine available as well.)

We will be gathering in the section of Ragle Park called Oak Meadow. It’s just to the right of the main entrance, near the playground. If you drive into the park, the day fee is $7/car if you don’t have a regional parks pass. There is free parking outside the park directly across on Ragle Rd. and on Covert Lane, but we recommend carpooling if possible, just in case the park is crowded. Here’s where you can get a PDF version of a map of the park.

See flyer page 5. Hope to see you there!
Le mot des co-présidents

Il fait beau et il fait chaud! Mais ici, c'est la Californie, le soleil est disons toujours au rendez-vous!

Ce n'est pas aussi stable partout dans le monde, rien qu'en France, les gens se plaignent malheureusement de: “trop de pluie, inondations, orages ou au contraire de trop fortes chaleurs allant jusqu'à 37 degrés celsius”.

Alors pour apporter un peu de douceur à tous rien de tel qu'un excellent poème:

Sensation
Par les soirs bleus d’été, j’irai dans les sentiers,
Picoté par les blés, fouler l’herbe menue :
Rêveur, j’en sentirai la fraîcheur à mes pieds.
Je laisserai le vent baigner ma tête nue.

Je ne parlerai pas, je ne penserai rien :
Mais l’amour infini me montera dans l’âme,
Et j’irai loin, bien loin, comme un bohémien,
Par la Nature, – heureux comme avec une femme.
Arthur Rimbaud, Poésies

L'Alliance Française de Santa Rosa vous souhaite un été formidable et espère vous voir nombreux a la fête de la Bastille 2016.

Marina et Olivier Bertrand
Co présidents de l’AFSR

Cercle Littéraire

Nous n’aurons pas de réunions pendant l’été. Nous avons choisi les livres pour le 3 prochains mois

le 20 septembre: La liste de mes envies, Grégoire Delacourt
le 18 octobre: Topaze, Marcel Pagnol
le 15 novembre: Les violents d’automne, Philippe Georget

Bonnes vacances à tous!
Coin Ecole

Summer is around the corner and we are excited to offer some fun, new classes with a summer flair to our members in addition to our ongoing group classes. See below. The group classes this summer will be 5 weeks long ($150/session)

- **Regions of France**: travel all around France with this fun group class and discover new regions every week, their history, culinary specialties, song and dialect (Brittany, Normandy, Corsica, Savoy, South of France….) New session starts August 1st. See flyer, page 7.
- **Beginner French**: This class is for the student who has never studied French; learning a new language is fun, a good social way to learn about the world while keeping our brains active…
- **Travelers**: If you plan to spend time in France soon, this class is for you.

Please check our website for a complete list of classes at [http://www.afsantarosa.org/school/group-classes](http://www.afsantarosa.org/school/group-classes)

Additionally, this summer, we want to enjoy life while learning French. There is one more summer outing with a French touch, in August. The French Outings are 3 hours long and are especially designed for our students with at least an intermediate level.

**SPECIAL** Summer French Outing - To sign up, call 707-543-8151, send email to info@afsantarosa.org or see the [Facebook page](http://www afsantarosa.org).

- **French Outing Sunday, August 21st** 2 - 5 p.m. Wine tasting class. See flyer page 7. Come join us for a tasting in French of the organic, biodynamic French champagnes of Lelarge-Pugeot. They have been family-owned for seven generations and are gaining acclaim on both the East and West Coasts, as well as in London and Tokyo, to name just a few places. You will meet Clémence Lelarge, ambassadress for her family's wines, and spend a cool Sunday afternoon sipping their crystalline champagnes. French terms, expressions and champagne-tasting hints will be covered. Mario & John's Tavern in Petaluma, August 21st, 2-5pm. $45 + $25 tasting fee. Level: Intermediate and above.

AFSR Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars for upcoming AFSR events

| July 17 | Fête de la Bastille pique-nique, 4hrs. - 8hrs., Ragle Ranch Park, Sebastopol. See flyer page 5. |

ANNONCES

In addition to the school offerings and the events listed on page 3, which are sponsored by AFSR, a local group of francophones meets for dinner the first Friday evening of each month at the Crépevine Restaurant in Montgomery Village. For more information, contact Evelyn Anderson at 576-1124.

Read and sign up for the weekly **Bay Area Francophile List** at [http://www.sonoma.edu/users/t/toczyski/BAFLHomepage.shtml](http://www.sonoma.edu/users/t/toczyski/BAFLHomepage.shtml)
Events

La Guinguette était de retour à la demande de tous pour la Fête de la musique 2016, samedi le 25 juin, Odd Fellows Hall, Santa Rosa.

French Outing: July’s event was at Kendall Jackson. We did a tour in French of the organic sensory wine gardens, followed by a delightful wine & cheese pairing with chef Matthew Lowe.

"Now this is the way to learn French - des jardins, des vins, des fromages, un beau jour... super! It was a great day, and I think having a lesson under a gazebo in the garden was a marvelous idea!" - Andrea, French student

Join us for our last two events of the summer:


★ **French Champagne Tasting**, Sunday, August 21, 2 - 5 p.m. Petaluma. See page 7 for flyer or [Facebook page](#) for more details. Tasting in French of organic, biodynamic French champagnes of Lelarge-Pugeot. Meet Clémence Lelarge, ambassadress for her family's wines, and spend a cool Sunday afternoon sipping their crystalline champagnes. French terms, expressions and champagne-tasting hints will be covered.
FÊTE DE LA BASTILLE 2016

Anyone is welcome to attend!

Gratuit Free

Bring your $ to play TURINOLA or for a glass of wine

It’s a potluck! Please bring a dish to share, as well as your own drinks, glasses, utensils etc

DIMANCHE 17 JUILLET 2016, 4 – 8 PM
RAGLE RANCH PARK (OAK MEADOW) SEBASTOPOL

For more info: Call us at 707-543-8151 or email info@afsantarosa.org
Level Intermediate or more

New Summer Class

French Regions

This summer at the Alliance Française, learn about ten regions of France!
What a fun way to discover France!

Each two-hour course includes history, songs, food & recipes, local expressions and more. Lots of interesting info and subjects to discuss:
La Normandie, La Corse, La Bretagne, La Savoie, Le Languedoc, Le Pays Basque, L'Alsace, La Guadeloupe, La Provence, La Charente.

Register: http://www.afsantarosa.org/school/group-classes

When: 2 sessions: Jun27th – Jul29th & Aug1st to Sep2nd

Time: Tuesday 3-5pm

Each session will cover 5 regions, cost $150/session
JOIN THE ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE DE SANTA ROSA FOR AN

Organic & Bio-dynamic French Champagne tasting with Lelarge-Pugeot

LEARN THE VOCABULARY AND CUSTOMS OF TASTING IN FRENCH

SUNDAY AUGUST 21ST 2 - 5PM
AT MARIO & JOHN’S TAVERN, PETALUMA

For more info: Call us at 707-543-8151 or email info@afsantarosa.org
Joining or Renewing Online

You can now join AFSR or renew your membership online, using a credit card or your Paypal account. Just go to http://www.afsantarosa.org/membership/join-or-renew and follow the simple instructions. Questions? Contact membership@afsantarosa.org.

Want to Join or Renew by Check? - Mail in this form

Please Check One: □ New member □ Renewal

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How did you find about the Alliance? □ Relative □ Friend □ School □ Phone Book
□ Other________________________
I would like to volunteer: □ Yes □ No
Areas of interest □ Conversation Group □ Literary Group □ Classes □ Children’s Activities
□ Do not print my name in the list of New Members in Ici L’Alliance

Amount of enclosed check:__________________________________
Mail to: Alliance Française de Santa Rosa, 182 Farmers Lane, Suite 200, Santa Rosa, CA 95405-4761

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