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### **An 'Orca-stra' of Fun in the Salish Sea**

*This June, families can turn awe into action for orcas*

Friday Harbor, WA... Orca Month is a time to celebrate the presence of the Southern Resident orcas off our coast, and inspire action to address the many threats facing them. Celebrations will be hosted throughout British Columbia, Oregon, and Washington. For the little ones, fun and learning combine at [The Whale Museum](#) in Friday Harbor, the first museum on the West Coast dedicated to the stewardship of whales.

Orca awareness events in the San Juan Islands:

- June 4, 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. [Kick Off Event in Friday Harbor](#): Join us in a parade to celebrate the Southern Resident orcas! We will walk as a pod through Friday Harbor, carrying life size dorsal fins, then return to the Grange Hall for refreshments, storytelling, and presentations.
- June 10, 2018, 12 p.m. – 2 p.m. [Whales in Your Neighborhood](#): Meet up with expert naturalists at local parks, like Lime Kiln Point State Park on San Juan Island, to search for and learn more about land-based whale watching and the whales who live in the Salish Sea, in particular, our endangered Southern Resident orcas. This event is hosted by Orca Network, Whale Scout and Friends of Lime Kiln Society (FOLKS).
- June 24, 7 p.m. – Dusk [Orca Sing](#): Gather for an evening of music at Lime Kiln Point State Park to honor the Southern Resident orcas! Participants are encouraged to bring a picnic and enjoy the lingering sunset. Tours of the historic lighthouse will be offered before and after the concert.

For families traveling to the San Juan Islands this summer, Pod Nods—fun and educational sleepovers at [The Whale Museum](#)—give parents a break from the kids and vice versa while everyone vacations. Marine learning adventures include games, crafts, labs & the ever-popular flashlight tour to keep 6-11-year-olds engaged. July 13, August 10 & 24, 2018. \$44 per child for members, \$49 non-members. To register, call (360) 378-4710 ext.30.

A complete list of Orca Month events can be found at [www.orcamonth.com](http://www.orcamonth.com). Don't forget to tag us: #orcamonth #sanjuanislands

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