

Kids Corner Reference Booklet
at the
Lunar New Year 2025
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The Chinese Zodiac

The 12 animals of the Chinese Zodiac are often arranged like a clock. The Rat is in the first position, followed by the Ox, Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Goat, Monkey, Rooster, Dog, Pig.

This is the year 2025, the year of the Snake. It is a new Snake year every 12 years. This year, the new year begins on Jan 29, 2025 and continues until the next New Year on February 17th.

What Is My Chinese Element?

Closely associated with the zodiac animal, is the Chinese element. Given the last number of your birth year, you can determine your element. From the list below, you can determine that this is the year of the Wood Snake.

Birth Year Ending in	Element
0 or 1	Metal
2 or 3	Water
4 or 5	Wood
6 or 7	Fire
8 or 9	Earth

Finding your Lunar Animal

Born in January or early February? You can be either the previous or the current year's lunar animal. Check the table below to figure out what your Lunar Animal might be.

Chinese Zodiac Sign	Years
Rat	...1948, 1960, 1972, 1984, 1996, 2008, 2020...
Ox	...1949, 1961, 1973, 1985, 1997, 2009, 2021...
Tiger	...1950, 1962, 1974, 1986, 1998, 2010, 2022...
Rabbit	... 1951, 1963, 1975, 1987, 1999, 2011, 2023
Dragon	... 1952, 1964, 1976, 1988, 2000, 2012, 2024
Snake	... 1953, 1965, 1977, 1989, 2001, 2013, 2025
Horse	... 1954, 1966, 1978, 1990, 2002, 2014, 2026
Goat	... 1955, 1967, 1979, 1991, 2003, 2015, 2027
Monkey	... 1956, 1968, 1980, 1992, 2004, 2016, 2028
Rooster	... 1957, 1969, 1981, 1993, 2005, 2017, 2029

Things To Do Today

There are a number of free and paid activities for you today. Pay for activities and purchase at the table with the red tablecloth or with the individual in charge at any table.

Activities

There are a number of free and paid activities today.

Activity	Pricing
Shopping	See price of items at table
Lantern Making	Free
Paper Snake Making	Free
Secret Menu animal	Free (some of our volunteers may know how to make the secret menu animal)
LEGO Bunny Build	\$10 + 0.50c / gram if oversized
LEGO Dragon Build	\$15 + 0.50c / gram if oversized
Chopstick Assister	Free
Chopstick Game	\$5 per game play (win an item or build opportunity)

Shopping

A portion of all sales will benefit the Makersville Services and Long Beach-Qingdao Association non-profits.



Item	Price	Description
Fortune Fish, Finger Traps, Red Envelopes	\$5	Traditional toys for the lunar new year.
Dragon Toy	\$10	This toy is a traditional toy of the new year celebrations.
Open Studio at Makersville	\$10	Tu/Th 3:30 to 5:30. Learn to sew, make LEGO creations and more. Good for 1 adult and 1 child.
LEGO Bunny Build	\$10	Make a LEGO bunny
LEGO Dragon Build	\$15	Make a LEGO Dragon
Handmade Lunar Animals	\$20	Each lunar animal is made by hand by one or more individuals from our Makersville Practical Microfactory.
Order a custom lunar animal	\$30	Snake or bunny (complete order form and pay)
Order a jigsaw puzzle	\$10	Which Lunar New Year image do you want?
Order a button	\$4	Which lunar new year image do you want?

Chopstick Game (\$5 per turn)

The Chopstick game is one of speed and skill. There are adjustments for age. Move as many LEGO bricks as you can from one bin to the next in 1 minute using chopsticks. Do so only one brick at a time. Do not touch or drop the bricks.

Situation	Points scored/subtracted
13 or over using assisting chopsticks	-10
Per brick moved (not red or yellow)	1
Red brick moved successfully	10
Yellow brick moved successfully	10
Family/team of up to 4 working together	-30 per additional family member over 1 (test this)
Per brick dropped onto tablecloth or floor	-2

You will have one practice session. Families or teams of up to 4 may play the game together, but only one prize can be won per paid game.

Scoring

(Leader may adjust to make prizes more/ less accessible)

Points Scored (team or indiv)	Prize
0-50	Choice of fortune telling fish or finger pull or red envelope
51-100	Paper Dragon Toy or certificate for Makersville open studio or LEGO Bunny Build
101-130	LEGO Dragon Build
131-160	Handmade Lunar Animal
161-190	Red or Yellow Handmade Lunar Animal
191 and over	Party for 6 youth and up to 4 adults at Makersville

Secret Menu Make A Paper Dragon (Free)



Materials: Colored papers, scissors, glue sticks, tape, sharpies, googly eyes, chopsticks.

Those volunteers who participated in the event last year
Know how to make this and can support off of the
Secret menu

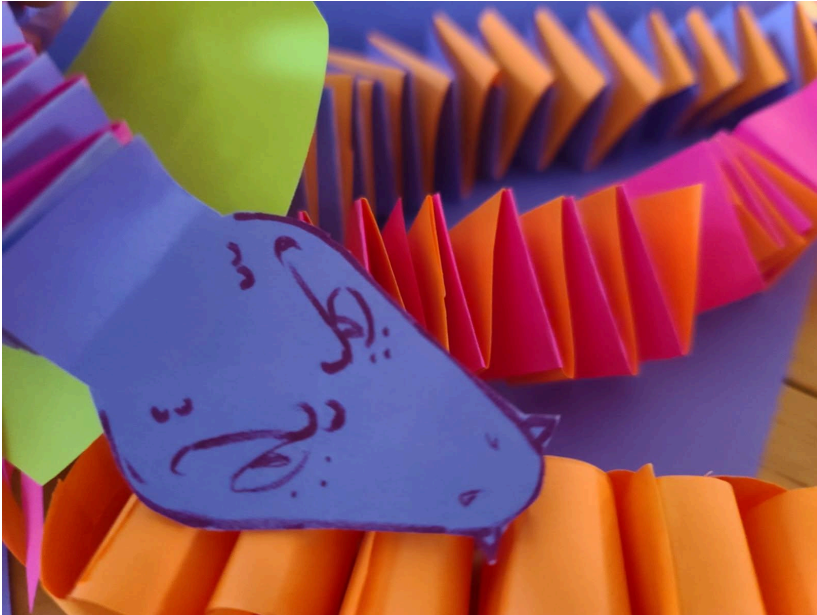
Make a Paper Lantern (Free)



Materials: Paper, Glue Sticks, Scissors

Make a Paper Snake (Free)

Materials: Colored papers, scissors, glue sticks, tape, sharpies, googly eyes.



Build A LEGO(r) Bunny \$10, Dragon \$10 or other Animal \$10. Oversized builds +50c per gram.

Use the samples provided to guide you in making your LEGO bunny, Dragon or other Animal. Pricing for the LEGO animals depends on weight of the animals.

Oversized builds LEGO is priced at 50c per gram, and is rounded to the nearest \$5. Long Beach LEGO User Group members have flexibility in pricing for situations where the weight is slightly over the priced amount.

This pricing accounts for the cost of stocking special parts, such as ball and sockets, hinges, decorative elements, teeth and horns and SNOT bricks (studs not on top).



Long Beach - Qingdao Sister City Association <https://www.lbqa.org/>

Established on April 12, 1985, the mission of the Long Beach-Qingdao Sister City Association is to promote understanding between Long Beach, California, in the USA, and Qingdao, Shandong Province, in the People's Republic of China, by pledging to assist exchange and trade between the people of the two great cities. The LBQA is a member of Sister Cities of Long Beach, Inc. and partners with Makersville Services for its International Friendship Ambassador program which produced the 2025 Lunar New Year Art Book.



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Sister Cities International (SCI) was created at President Eisenhower's 1956 White House conference on citizen diplomacy. Eisenhower envisioned an organization that could be the hub of global peace and prosperity by creating bonds between people from different cities around the world. In forming these relationships, people of different cultures could celebrate and appreciate their differences and build partnerships that would lessen the chance of new conflicts.

The City of Long Beach joined SCI in 1963 and established a sister city relationship with Yokkaichi, Japan.

Since then, Yokkaichi was joined by Qingdao, China; Sochi, Russia; Phnom Penh, Cambodia; and Mombasa, Kenya. During the years between 1963 and 2007, a variety of other cities around the globe pursued establishing Sister City relationships with Long Beach. Often facing diplomatic challenges and international tensions, some were successful and some were not. All were short-lived.

In 1995, due to the increasing administrative requirements of managing multiple Sister City partnerships, the City of Long Beach sponsored the establishment of a public non profit organization, Sister Cities of Long Beach, Inc. This 501c3 tax-exempt organization manages the administrative and legal requirements of the Sister City program. Each sister city partnership is fueled by an autonomous committee of volunteers pursuing the initiatives, programs and projects that are important to them and their global partner.

In 2012, SCI established a category of “Friendship Cities,” a short term, less formal and often more focused relationship formed to advance a singular agenda or accomplish a specific purpose. Friendship cities are also formed to “test the waters” before long-term Sister City relationships are established.



About Makersville and Makersville Services Inc.

Mission Statement

The specific purpose of Makersville Services Inc (501c3) and Makersville (a project of ETES Inc.) is primarily, through play and discovery, to create and share inclusive skills learning experiences that develop the entrepreneurial mindset, including hands-on training, product prototyping, problem solving, inventing and practical entrepreneurship challenges.

What is the Makersville Practical Microfactory Project?

The Practical Microfactory is an exercise in team building and community gathering. This entrepreneurial experience provides leadership and a practical opportunity for a core team of youth and adults to consider what they might make as a group and how they can make many.

At the same time, the project gives us a reason to explore theme development, learn and share new skills, consider logistics of making the products with others who might have

limited time (thereby requiring us to address the product factory process in a different way from a traditional factory). While we might not ever manage a real, full sized factory, this exercise gives us the opportunity to learn to adjust to the situations we encounter.

What and why? The Handmade Carnival Project

The Handmade Carnival re-imagines carnival games, with new STEAM games (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) and activities appropriate to the event theme.

If we are making products, we must have a way to create value for them. Each animal takes at least two hours to make. The Carnival pricing is equal to the pricing of games at amusement zones and parks.

Why are the Games Free/Not Free at My Event?

If we are able to gather a certain level of sponsorship, we can provide some free activities. The activities that are not free will provide funding for premium materials and awards). Some situations require that activities be free, in which case, we will have secured sponsorship for those situations. In some instances we are raising funds for our programs.

Why Handmade?

We are Makers, and we make things. Making something by hand and being a part of creating it gives us an awareness of the product itself that we would not have if it was simply purchased. We can then share with others (with you) our experience and pride in making one, twelve, fifty items.

Why do you only have a few games?

This is one of the first times we are trying out the Handmade Carnival concept. Our team will learn from this experience and work to bring you new experiences and games at various events around Long Beach and Los Angeles.

How did you start this project?

The project started during the pandemic. Everyone who could sew was sewing masks. There was something beautiful about the community that gathered around making masks. Makersville started a kiosk at Shoreline Village and a brand we called Fashion Masques. We hosted a number of designs from different sewists and taught sewing outdoors. From that experience, I came up with the idea for many microfactories in community centers and maker spaces producing the same or similar product.

Do you do Other Events? Can I Help?

YES! We work with companies, event managers, schools and private parties to develop customized experiences. No funding? We coach you in grantwriting to help you to bring our events to you. To volunteer for, participate in or sponsor our Practical Microfactory project, please contact Squigglemom, Trish Tsoiasue at Patricia@makersvilleservices.org or at 562-225-9589.

Where else can I find Makersville?

Tuesdays/Thursdays 3-5 PM and 3rd Sundays 3-5 PM at 419 Shoreline Village Drive, Suite Q, Long Beach, CA 90802 (above the Pirate's Cove Gift Shop).

Event Date	Name
March 16th 2025	Rube Goldberg Competition/ El Dorado Park West
April 2, 2025	2x4 Day
April 12th 2025	City of STEM/LA Makerfaire
April TBD	RoboTech Fest / LBCC
TBA	Children's Day / Rec Park
June 2025	AI Hack A Thon (Date pending confirmation)
Summer 2025	Sister Cities Festival
September 2025	Planning for a Maritime Symposium / LBCC and Studio
June/ July / August 2025	Summer Activities and Camps
Dec 2025	Teen Entrepreneurs Meeting and Holiday Event