

MUSIC, CRAFTS AND MORE

# Faire, fun in the sun



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Saturday's sunshine and musical selections moved San Lorenzo Valley resident Lati ThureOckes to dance during the Redwood Mountain Faire at Roaring Camp. The event continues today.

## Nonprofits benefit from Felton's annual Redwood Mountain Faire

**Fairs**

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**FELTON** — Since it rained last year during the Redwood Mountain Faire, few people showed up to the two-day arts and music event at Roaring Camp in Felton. The sun coaxed people out Saturday for the faire's third year, though, allowing patrons to enjoy local beers and bands in the sun.

The faire, which concludes its run today, is a benefit for local nonprofit organizations. Performers such as David Lindley, Sista Monica and Extra Large will continue jamming through the weekend while artists and crafters showcase their work at the historic railroad depot.

Families perused local vendors, danced in front of the two stages and drank beer from Boulder

Creek Brewery and Uncommon Brewers as the trains continued to roar on Saturday. While people showed up for various reasons, everyone seemed to agree that the sunny day was a great way to enjoy a day spent in the Felton sun.

Kellen Coffis of the local band The Coffis Brother and the Mountain Men said the faire was a great

## IF YOU GO

THE REDWOOD MOUNTAIN FAIRE

**WHERE:** Roaring Camp, 5355 Graham Hill Road, Felton

**WHEN:** 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. today

**TICKETS:** \$18 (two for \$30) in advance or \$20 at door for adults; \$13 (two/\$25) or \$15 at the door for senior and students; kids 10 and younger, free

**INFORMATION:** [www.SLVRMF.com](http://www.SLVRMF.com)

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opportunity to perform. The band, prepped to release a two-song EP soon, is also performing at Don Quixote's on June 22.

"It's great; the weather's great, the atmosphere's great," Coffis said. "All my friends are coming out, and I love that the organizers have really made this a music festival."

Lati ThureOckes came out just to see Funkranomicon, a funk band from the Santa Cruz Mountains opening the event on Saturday.

"I love to see them all the time," ThurOckes said. "I saw them a few months ago, and they are super danceable. They do some amazing covers of all the super great funk songs."

The day went beyond music, though. Various local crafters and vendors set up booths around the perimeter of the main Roaring Camp lawn, selling everything from soap to hula hoops.

Scotts Valley resident Jeremy Carlson sold his tie-dyed shirts, dresses and socks, told patrons how rainbow swirls on clothing could lift any mood. The name of his store he plans to open on Walnut Avenue in the next few months exemplifies this philosophy: A Brighter World.

"My motto is, 'Dying for a better world,'" said Carlson,

who has been tie-dying for 24 years. "I like this festival because it's part of the alternative scene. It's not a store, it's a festival, so it's supposed to be festive."

Brittany Broadwood, an 11-year-old selling duct tape wallets, jewelry and other accessories under the name Duct Tape by Red, said the faire was a great way to communicate with locals.

"It's really fun to interact with people and see what they like," Broadwood said. "I got really into making duct tape products about a year and a half ago. I even wore a dress completely made of duct tape on my birthday."

Yet while the faire potentially helped promote local artisans, ceramicist Jennifer Hennig said Santa Cruz artists have a long way to go before they start making large profits off their work.

"The Redwood Mountain Faire is still trying to grow," said Hennig, who was volunteering at the Santa Cruz Mountain Art Center booth, promoting the Boulder Creek arts organization. "It's hard to promote the arts; so many people are strapped for cash."

Despite not working in the most lucrative profession, Carlson said the faire provided a comfortable space for locals to enjoy each others' company.

"I love the people, the music, the mountains," Carlson said. "It helps pay the bills so I can keep living in Scotts Valley."