

# *Mendopendence!*

**Date:** Sunday July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010

**Location:** Friendship Park, found at the corner of Little Lake Road & School Street, Mendocino

**Time:** 2 pm to 6 pm

**Admission:** \$5 suggested donation. Children 16 & under are FREE. No one will be turned away for lack of funds. Proceeds go to Friendship Park maintenance.

Every year, the benefit at Friendship Park brings together families, friends and visitors in the community to renew bonds, relax and have a good time with everyone. This year, please join us for *Mendopendence*, a community wide celebration of Independence Day at Friendship Park after the Main St. Parade.

*Mendopendence* festivities features live entertainment from the internationally known world music group, SambaDa; Mendocino's finest, The Lavender Grace Band; and Humboldt County's foot stompin' acoustic bluegrass group, The Bucky Walters Band. Other entertainment for kids and adults alike include: bounce-houses, games, rides and farmers market booths, crafts, massage and art displays.

There will also be educational booths at *Mendopendence*, where local farmers, schools and nonprofit organizations in the county will provide information on how to contribute to a more sustainable planet. When you get hungry, stroll over to the Food Court where local vendors will serve you the finest assortment of meat and vegetarian dishes, fruits and vegetables, juices, water, chocolates and desserts.

We are making every conscious effort to minimize waste and will use environmentally friendly utensils, along with nutritional organic and gluten free foods. Please bring your own reusable water bottle for discounts on drinks at *Mendopendence*. Information can be found at [www.friendshipparkmendocino.org](http://www.friendshipparkmendocino.org).

## **Entertainment:**

### **Schedule:**

**2:00 pm The Bucky Walters**

**3:00 pm The Lavender Grace Band**

**4:00 pm Drum Circle**

**4:30 pm SambaDa**

### **The Bucky Walters – 2 pm**



The name may sound like some folk legend or baseball player, but The Bucky Walters is also an up-and-coming band hailing from the soggy bottoms of Arcata, California. This young acoustic sextet, offers an original high-energy performance and a foot stompin' fun atmosphere. Their sound has a nostalgic bluegrass vibe that maintains a fresh, hot-pickin' intensity, attracting music lovers across the board.

Since their establishment in 2005, Bucky Walters has performed countless shows in northern California, sharing the bill with artists such as David Grisman, Peter Rowan, Todd Phillips, Lorie Lewis, Joe Craven, Mike Marshall, Jimmy Ibbotson (of Nitty Gritty Dirt Band), Greensky Bluegrass, Hot Buttered Rum, and The Blue Turtle Seduction. [www.myspace.com/thebuckywalters](http://www.myspace.com/thebuckywalters)

## The Lavender Grace Band – 3 pm

A modern renaissance woman and a native of Northern California, Lavender has been surrounded by abundant creativity from birth. For over 3 decades she has been moving audiences with the sincerity her voice and scope of her talents. On the Mendocino coast she has forged a sustainable community arts enterprise to communicate with contemporary artists on a global level and transfer these arts to succeeding generations.

The Lavender Grace Band offers original neo-coastal soul music from Mendocino, California with a vocally driven acoustic ensemble full of harmony, bass and world influences. Playing together are Lavender Grace - Vocals, Cajon & Percussion; Aurelia Bassidi - Vocals, Moves & Percussion; Paloma Carmona - Vocals, Didjeridu, Moves & Percussion; Laura Maione- Stand up Bass, Vocals, percussion.

[www.lavendergrace.com](http://www.lavendergrace.com)



## SambaDa – 4:30 pm



There's a beach where one sunny afternoon you may witness an offering to an Afro-Brazilian Orixá spirit of the ocean, the next day watch master capoeiristas practicing Brazil's martial art dance form, and still another day join a gathering of thousands of surfers-cum-dancers rocking out to hybrid musical sounds informed by bloco afro (Afro-Brazilian percussion music), samba-reggae, surf-rock, and California funk. No, these are not the shores of Bahia, Brazil. This is Santa Cruz, California, home of the surf-and-skate, capoeira-kicking, scene-busting phenomenon known as SambaDa. This smoldering and soldering band is a magnet of unexpected particles shaved from Brazilian and American sources. This community of people—their local fan base and their Brazilian ancestors, their people—are honored in the title of SambaDa's new album Gente! (February 23, 2010). [www.sambada.com](http://www.sambada.com)

## VENDING

If you are interested in vending at this year's Mendependence, please complete and send in your vending application to Friends of MCRPD, P.O. Box 1603, Mendocino CA 95460. For more information please contact Nicole Kench at [mendependence@gmail.com](mailto:mendependence@gmail.com) with a subject title: VENDING

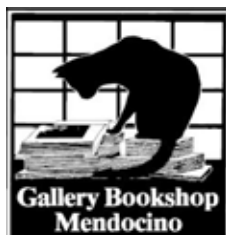
## **Volunteering**

*Mendependence* relies on enthusiastic volunteers to make this event a success. Current positions available are: Street Team, Backstage Hospitality, Green Clean Team, Greeters (costumes a plus), Stage Hands, Set Up, Tear Down, Security, Jugglers, Stilt Walkers. If you are interested in volunteering for this year's *Mendependence*, please email personal information and your desired job to Nicole Kench at [mendependence@gmail.com](mailto:mendependence@gmail.com) with a subject title: VOLUNTEER

## Sponsorship

Mendependence is only happening with the help of gracious donations and sponsorships provided by local businesses and community members. If you would like to donate or be a sponsor for this year's event, please contact Nicole Kench at [mendependence@gmail.com](mailto:mendependence@gmail.com) with a subject title: SPONSOR or email a check to: Friends of MCRPD, P.O. Box 1603, Mendocino CA 95460 Re: Mendependence

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## **Driving Directions**

Take Highway 1 to Mendocino and make a turn at the traffic light going WEST onto Little Lake Road. The park is 500 feet on your Left. Please note that parking will be very limited because of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade that will take place on Main Street in the town of Mendocino from 1 pm to 2 pm. Carpooling and biking is encouraged!