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# 10 Perfect Weekends

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## FOODIE

A full L.A. gastro tour includes everything from cooking classes to truffle hunting. Plus, Courteney Cox's favorite new neighborhood Chinese

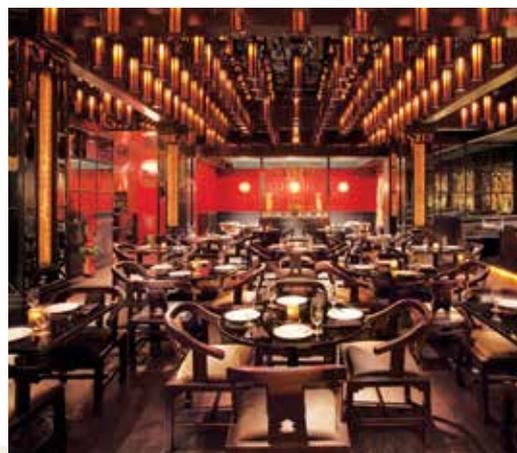
**FRIDAY** Kick off your culinary tour with dinner at the lively **Connie and Ted's** (8171 Santa Monica Blvd.) in West Hollywood. It's the latest in L.A.'s big new embrace of classic East Coast seafood shacks, as reconceived by top local chefs. (Think Jon Shook and Vinny Dotolo at Son of a Gun, Jason Travi at Littlefork and David LeFevre at Fishing With Dynamite.) This one is all about the steamers and chowda, creations of Michael Cimarusti, known for the fish-focused Providence (which earned two Michelin stars when the guide was still covering the city), all served up in a postmodern swoop of a building that recalls Google architecture.

**SATURDAY** First thing, visit the most-talked-about breakfast spot in town, Silver Lake's **Sqirl** (720 N. Virgil Ave.), which is at the forefront of the jamming movement. Exhibit A: burnt brioche toast with house ricotta and Blenheim apricot jam. Stay on the Eastside and nab a spot at a suitably summery **Hipcooks** (eastla.hipcooks.com) class like "The Thrill of the Grill," held in a loft at the Brewery Arts Complex near downtown L.A. For lunch, go old school with a No. 19 on double-baked rye at **Langer's** (704 S. Alvarado St.) in MacArthur Park. The late New York supremacist Nora Ephron once declared it "the finest hot pastrami sandwich in the world." Afterward, download a neighborhood map



◀ Littlefork's heaping lobster roll.

▼ The glam dining room at Chi Lin on the Sunset Strip was designed by Studio Collective, the chic firm behind Public and The Spare Room.



from nonprofit **Fallen Fruit** (fallenfruit.org) and go on an urban produce-picking adventure among the trees and bushes of Pasadena. Then stop by Janet Jarvits' singular shop **Cook Books** (1388 E. Washington Blvd.) in the same neighborhood to select a tome from her 30,000 titles, many of which are rare finds. For dinner, book a table — far in advance — at the toughest new reservation in town: the Italian sensation **Bestia** in

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▲ Chef Cimarrusti's West Hollywood seafood stop is named after his grandparents.

downtown's Arts District (2121 E. Seventh Place). (Warning: Seating for two at 7:30 on a Saturday night is booked two months out, so your assistant better know how to pull strings.) If that sort of planning ruins your appetite, then head west to Brentwood's **Vincenti** (1930 San Vicente Blvd.), which has just begun sourcing an Australian truffle variant of the traditional French black Perigord fungus — joining the likes of Santa Monica's **Melisse** and downtown L.A.'s **Patina**. Vincenti's top toque, Nicola Mastronardi, doesn't just employ truffles over pasta but with everything from hamachi carpaccio and white asparagus to vanilla gelato. The Down Under market is beginning to boom as U.S. chefs realize they no longer need to fall back on frozen truffles outside of autumn.

**SUNDAY** Bring a basket to the bountiful Sunday farmers market in Hollywood, which draws top chefs — like the kitchen team behind **Cooks County** — and Jake Gyllenhaal alike to scout out A-list Southern California vendors like **Gardens Of...**, known for its lettuce and potatoes. When you're finished, tuck into a barbecue brunch at the stylish new **Bludso's Bar-& Que** (609 N. La Brea Ave.) in Mid-City. Kanye West is a stalwart of the storied original outpost in Compton. Once you're sated, hit the Eastside to stock up on libation ratings. **Silver Lake Wine** (2395 Glendale Blvd.) boasts a

Wally's-esque array of vintages and \$20 four-pour tastings — typically regionally themed — at 3 p.m. on Sundays. Close by, **Bar Keeper** (3910 W. Sunset Blvd.) has all of the nouveau-mixology accoutrements for at-home sipping, such as vintage glassware and small-batch bitters including the sought-after Miracle Mile brand, produced by former Miramax executive Louis Anderman. Then, over in Highland Park, stop by the unparalleled **Galco's Soda Pop Stop** (5702 York Blvd.) to select among hundreds of carbonated rarities, from colas (Fukola, Double) and sarsaparillas (AJ Stephans, Baron's Boothill) to such experimental flavors as juniper berry and lemongrass that make Dr. Brown's Cel-Ray really seem old-fashioned. Finish your 48-hour tour with this summer's periodic weekend **626 Night Market** (626nightmarket.com), situated along the ornate Paddock Gardens in front of the Santa Anita Park horse-racing track in Arcadia. Mimicking the jam-packed night markets of Asia, vendors — many from nearby San Gabriel Valley communities — offer a dizzying array of street eats such as stinky tofu, pig intestine skewers and mango ice drinks. Or, at the other end of the Asian dining spectrum, there's the glitzy **Chi Lin** (9201 Sunset Blvd.), across from Soho House. It's a favorite of Courteney Cox. "I love having a great Chinese restaurant in my neighborhood, especially one that has such a good atmosphere," she says of the weeks-old newcomer, which specializes in Hong Kong haute cooking with a vaguely Trader Vic's flair (expect the shrimp-and-chicken fried rice to be served in a hollowed-out pineapple and retro cocktails to be adorned with plastic monkeys). — GARY BAUM

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**JULY 27**  
**Luckyrice Feast**  
 Culver City's Asian cuisine fest features top talents like Kris Yenbamroong (Night+Market) plus cocktails from Hinoki & the Bird (luckyrice.com).



SHOPPING

Prepare to part with a stash of cash at hot new stores in Venice, downtown and on Rodeo, where jewelry designer Jennifer Meyer indulges in her latest obsession

**FRIDAY** Combine the best of both worlds, shopping and being near the beach, by starting out your retail adventure in Venice. While boho-chic Abbot Kinney is the main go-to, some of the Westside's most exciting retailers are setting up shop on an up-and-coming stretch of Lincoln Boulevard. Start at **Pearl Drop** (328 S. Lincoln Blvd.), the latest retail offering from longtime L.A. designer (and Jack Nicholson spawn) Jennifer Nicholson, who stocks her eclectic digs with hand-dyed wares by fellow L.A. clothier Gregory Parkinson (Lily Collins is a fan), statement baubles by famed hippie jewelry label Alex & Lee as well as her own namesake collection. Pick up Pendleton jackets and other heritage-heavy gear at **Tradesman**, the plywood-accented men's shop owned by former Gap visual merchandising vets Doug Behner and Ruben Leal (1807 Lincoln Blvd.). For a jewelry fix, **All For the Mountain/Sacred Door** (2118 Lincoln Blvd.) showcases local artist Carly Margolis' futuristic-meets-tribal necklaces and the occasional tie-dye workshop. For drinks, the intimate rooftop at **Hotel Erwin** (1697 Pacific Ave.) is ideal for sipping a blood orange julep at sunset before grabbing a lobster roll at breezy new seafood spot **Salt Air** (1715 Pacific Ave.).



▲ Meyer was photographed June 17 at her shopping mecca, Barneys New York in Beverly Hills. ▲ Gogosha Optique carries uncommon styles like Lasry's Sexxy frames, \$435.

**SATURDAY** Start with brunch at **Barney Greengrass** (9570 Wilshire Blvd.), the rooftop lox-plate purveyor at Barneys New York that CFDA-nominated jewelry designer Jennifer Meyer calls "delicious and decadent." After drooling over Meyer's delicate, playful gold pieces and Alexander Wang cutout bathing suits, head down the street to try on sleek foot candy from supermodel Anja Rubik's new capsule collection for **Giuseppe Zanotti** (9536 Brighton Way). On Rodeo Drive, engage in some shopping damage at Carolina Herrera's new **CH boutique**, which carries her classic, ladylike, lower-priced line as well as her collection of crisp, white button-down shirts (230 N. Rodeo Dr.). And don't miss **Saint Laurent's** too-cool-for-school metallic sandals and tailored blazers at its marble-and-chrome-filled temporary digs (469 N. Rodeo Dr.). "I'm obsessed with everything sort of Saint Laurent — Hedi Slimane's new grunge everything!" says Meyer. Next, head over to La Brea, where a stretch between 2nd Street and Beverly Boulevard is shaping up to be one of the new great shopping zones. Pre-sneeze, grab a chicken salad and Greek yogurt toast with a side of people watching at **The Sycamore Kitchen's** outdoor patio (143 S. La Brea Ave.). Then hit up the second outpost of Venice design mainstay **A+R** (171 S. La Brea Ave.) — owned by style journalist and curator Rose Apodaca and one-time film editor husband Andy Griffith — which is the place to find limited-edition welded steel chairs by artist Oskar Zieta mingling with inexpensive Pantone color coffee mugs. High-end vintage emporium **What Goes Around Comes Around** (159 S. La Brea Ave.) has a major collection of '80s Chanel and a secret back VIP room full of rare Alaïa and Valentino goods that top Hollywood stylists like Karla Welch love to pull. Other top shops include **Undeclared**, the superstore that helped put American sneaker culture on the map

(112.5 S. La Brea Ave.), men's shop **General Quarters** (153 S. La Brea Ave.) and the airy, namesake boutique (318 N. La Brea Ave.) from T-shirt maven **Sho Yann Benedict**, the founder of C&C California. Check off your new grab at **Petty Cash Taqueria** (7360 Beverly Blvd.), a casual contemporary Mexican spot with a good scene, even better octopus-infused tacos and Mezcal for days. **SUNDAY** Grab some eggs and hash browns at trusty mainstay **101 Coffee Shop** (6145 Franklin Ave.), which lures names like Ryan Gosling and Carey Mulligan, and then head five blocks east to **Counterpoint Records & Books** (5911 Franklin Ave.) to peruse a mighty selection of gently loved art and design tomes. Next, get ready to explore the best of the Eastside and downtown. In Los Feliz, stop in to **Confederacy** (4661 Hollywood Blvd.), the mostly menswear outpost co-owned by top stylist Ilaria Urbinati, who works with Bradley

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**JULY 13-14**  
**Unique LA**  
 More than 140 vendors, including L.A.'s Mr. Kate jewelry, gather for this retail fair at Santa Monica's Barker Hanger (stateofunique.com), hawking U.S.-made goods.

Cooper and Nina Dobrev. Less than a mile east, gawk at the artsy, affected street style in Silver Lake's Sunset Junction, where DJ Kevin Carney and wife Bo have just expanded their popular **Mohawk General Store** (401 W. Sunset Blvd.) to include a stand-alone men's shop filled with all the Dries Van Noten gear fit for a modern moneyed hipster. Farther along Sunset is of-the-moment leather maker **Clare Vivier's** flagship shop (3339 Sunset Blvd.) as well as **Gogosha Optique** (3208 ½ Sunset Blvd.), with an expertly curated collection of head-turning Mykita and Thierry Lasry shades that has a big fan in Lady Gaga. It's then just a 10-minute drive to downtown's Arts District. Find preppy, fair trade blazers and gingham button-downs at **Apolis Common Gallery** (806 E. 3rd Street) and pieces by the likes of Vivienne Westwood and Timo Weiland at former stylist Thed Jewel's graffiti-decorated **12345** (811 Traction Ave.). Cap the day with an indulgent slice of Mexican chocolate pie from the **Pie Hole** (714 Traction Ave.). — ERIN WEINGER



▼ YogaAqua's paddleboard yoga class in Newport Beach.

**OUTDOORS**  
 Hit the open road, the hiking trail and the L.A. River rapids on this rugged tour of the city's sweatiest, splashiest hot-weather to-dos

**FRIDAY** Put the top down and motor to the beach for a moonlight swim and an overnight under the stars: **Active Tours**, a new adventure-guide company, offers a camping concierge service that will set up a tent for you at **Leo Carrillo State Beach** or **Malibu Creek**, complete with s'mores supplies and a ready-to-light campfire (\$399 a night for two, activetours.com). **SATURDAY** Cruise east on Sunset for a hike

in the **Trebek Open Space** (donated by, yep, Alex Trebek!) parallel to Runyon Canyon — the Bantam and Castair trails are a moderate 2.5 miles combined — or try Brentwood's **Westridge Trail** (trailhead at the end of Westridge Road off Mandeville Canyon Road), which leads to an abandoned Cold War missile site. The round trip is 7.4 miles with a 900-foot elevation gain. Once you brush off the dust, hit Robert De Niro's **Nobu Malibu** (22706 Pacific Coast Highway). The new location, opened last summer, has a breezy, beach-chic patio over the sand. After you savor a king crab salad, join the locals peering across the parking lot at the soon-to-be **Nikita**, Oracle CEO Larry Ellison's buzzed-about Mediterranean restaurant (likely named for his girlfriend, Ukrainian stunner Nikita Kahn), set to open in July. David Geffen may not want you hanging out in front of his Carbon Beach house, but with environmental writer Jenny Price's new app **Our Malibu Beaches** (released by Escape Apps), you can navigate past warning signs and fake driveways for an

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**AUG. 12**  
**The Perseids Meteor Shower**  
 Commune with the cosmos as comet Swift-Tuttle makes its yearly crossing! Head north to the open hiking trails of Las Virgenes for the best dark-sky conditions in L.A.

afternoon on the sand. Price's favorite beach find is **Lechuza**, on the west end of Broad Beach Road. Download and explore! DreamWorks CEO Stacey Snider's chef, Helene Henderson, never goes to the beach unless it's to walk her goats, Casey and Quincy, but the former Ford model's roving **Malibu Farm** dinners (malibu-farm.com) take ample advantage of the area's bounty. Dishes make use of local olive oil, honey and produce, all served in the open air to guests who have included Rick Rubin and Beck. Tickets are on sale for the next feast (\$150 a person) at **The Darjeeling Limited** producer Alice Bamford's One Gun Ranch on July 13. **SUNDAY** Wake up early for breakfast at the



▲ Henderson (inset) hosts Malibu Farm dinners like this one in May at an actual Malibu farm.

saloon-style **Old Place Restaurant** (29983 Mulholland Highway). The winding drive will test your road skills, especially when you make a screeching right — watch out for peacocks! — off Mulholland into the revived town of Cornell. This half-century-old eatery once was frequented by Steve McQueen and Sam Peckinpah, who surely

would appreciate the "Manmosa," a mimosa served in a pint glass. **Hitchcock** director Sacha Gervasi is a fan of the joint's nighttime offerings: "Old-school steaks, clams and fascinating people," he says. "It's hard not to love a place where a one-toothed woman will play Neil Young for you on her acoustic for a Corona with

lime." If you've never done a downward dog, this might not be the day to try Stand Up Paddle yoga, but even novice yogis enjoy the challenge of this fusion water workout. **YogaAqua**, whose founder was one of the first instructors to teach SUP yoga in the U.S., offers classes in Marina del Rey and Newport Beach (class and rental, \$39; yogaaqua.com). Once you dry off, dive into one of the already legendary buttermilk biscuits — delicious under a smoked trout Benedict or smeared with burnt orange honey butter — on the large shaded patio at chef Govind Armstrong's new Venice outpost, **Willie Jane** (1031 Abbot Kinney Blvd.). Indulge al fresco. Finish the day with something you never thought you'd do on the L.A. River: kayaking. A 2.5-mile stretch dubbed the Glendale Narrows, which runs from Fletcher Drive to San Fernando Road, is open to boaters and even has occasional Class II rapids. Bring your own kayak or sign up with **L.A. River Expeditions** (\$60 for a guided trip, lariverexpeditions.com), whose advocacy was crucial in the effort to develop a recreational river. — JADE CHANG







▲ Grey was photographed June 23 at The Sayers Club. "I saw Prince here, and it was crazy," she says. "His horn players were basically in the audience because it's such a small place. It was an experience."

# MUSIC

From hip-hop to jazz to indie pop to good old rock 'n' roll, music has long called L.A. home. Party like a rock star at Slash's favorite late-night noshery and Perry Farrell's preferred hang

**FRIDAY** Bask in the sunny sounds of SoCal with a late morning visit to **The Grammy Museum** (\$12.95 entry; 800 W. Olympic Blvd.), which opens its doors at 11:30 a.m. The colorful current exhibit *50 Years of the Beach Boys* runs through September and features rare family photos, instruments and vintage posters. Now that you're in the retro spirit, zip across town to the **Morrison Hotel Gallery** at the **Sunset Marquis** (1200 Alta Loma Road), where iconic images by such noted rock photographers as Ross Halfin and Bob Gruen are on display. Steps away is the

dark and leathered **Bar 1200** — where guests like Elton John and ZZ Top's Billy Gibbons are known to gather — and the pool, which recently was opened to non-hotel guests (for a \$2,000 membership fee). Eat there, or make a reservation just up the Sunset Strip at the **Chateau Marmont** (8221 Sunset Blvd.), another rocker hotel where you just might run into Jane's Addiction frontman Perry Farrell. "Great atmosphere, unique clientele, there's no better late-night experience in L.A.," he says of the \$500-a-night landmark. For those Westsiders who prefer to stay



▲ Amoeba is housed in a 31,000-square-foot warehouse space.

## SAVE THE DATE

AUG. 24-25

### FYF Fest

A Coachella-worthy bill in your own backyard — just down the 10 at L.A. State Historic Park. This year's lineup: Yeah Yeah Yeahs, Solange, MGMT and more (fyffest.com).

on the beach side of the 405, swap the Sunset crawl for the **Skirball Cultural Center** (2701 N. Sepulveda Blvd.), which is hosting a summer concert series as well as after-dark parties featuring indie acts and sets by KCRW DJs (July 12 and Aug. 30; \$20). **SATURDAY** Spend your morning at **Amoeba Music** (opens at 10:30 a.m.; 6400 Sunset Blvd.), the mecca for music connoisseurs and vinyl lovers, with nearly 1 million new and used CDs, records, DVDs and more. Says Incubus and Sons of the Sea singer Brandon Boyd: "Going into Amoeba brings back all kinds of good vibrations — even down to the tattooed, disgruntled record store clerk who you will never impress with your choices in music." You may have to suffer similar standoffishness at your next shopping destination, the **Odd Future** store (410 N. Fairfax Ave.), named for the hip-hop collective that first sent the industry buzzing in 2011 and spawned R&B darling Frank Ocean. But buying your niece or nephew an officially branded OF shirt — or better yet, a skateboard — instantly will make you the coolest family member ever. Feeling peckish? Skip across Fairfax for a pastrami sandwich (\$12.50) at **Canter's Deli** (419 N. Fairfax Ave.), where Guns N' Roses spent their formative years noshing on Jewish grub. Guitar god Slash had a running tab at the 24/7 institution for decades thanks to his high school friend Marc Canter, now the owner, whose photos of the band's early days decorate the walls of the 82-year-old fixture. Another always-there food option: "Those street vendors with small grills making hot dogs and bratwurst wrapped in bacon," offers songwriter and artist Bonnie McKee (Britney Spears' "Ooh La La," Katy Perry's "Teenage Dream") of the delicacy sometimes called danger dogs. "I have literally driven into

GREY: HARR BY KRISTIN HETTKOTTER AT CELESTINE AGENCY; MAKEUP BY CHRISTINA GUERRA AT CELESTINE AGENCY FOR ANNOUR BEAUTY; CLOTHING PROVIDED BY FLIGHT BOUTIQUE IN PARK CITY, UTAH; REHAB SHIRT: MACHINE FOUR NEW YORK; JEANS: JEFFREY CAMPBELL SHOES; AMOEBA: HILLINGLOTT OVERLOOK CREATIVE COMMONS.

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Hollywood, rolled down the windows and just followed my nose. You can smell the peppers and onions from miles away." And for your nighttime hang, head to **The Sayers Club** (1645 Wilcox Ave.), where both chart-toppers and bubbling-under bands play to a more intimate crowd of friends and insiders. "Sayers is a special venue," says Skylar Grey, one such artist who'll perform there July 2, one week before the release of her Eminem-produced debut album, *Don't Look Down*. "It's more music-centric. And the environment, the decor and the people make it very homey and comfortable." That "living room experience" is just what curator Jason Scoppa was going for. "The exclamation point comes with the unexpected," he says. "Shows by Prince, The Black Keys, Gotye. ..." For a more traditional rock experience, a bevy of legendary nightspots still stand strong on Sunset, including **The Roxy** (9009 W. Sunset Blvd.) and **Viper Room** (8852 W. Sunset Blvd.), where on any given weekend night you'll find emerging acts, the occasional tribute band (The Fab Four are on tap for July at the Roxy) or a headliner like Linkin Park, who'll top the bill at the **Sunset Strip Music Festival** (sunsetstripmusicfestival.com) on Aug. 3. The band got its start at another strip mainstay, the **Whisky a Go Go** (8901 W. Sunset Blvd.), one of the clubs that will host rock fans and the industry for the street fair (tickets run from \$79 to \$250). **SUNDAY** Spend your day outdoors taking in live music at perennial favorites like the **Hollywood Bowl** (2301 N. Highland Ave.), **Greek Theatre** (2700 N. Vermont Ave.) or Pasadena's **Levitt Pavilion** (85 E. Holly St.). Weekend headliners at the majestic Bowl include the Brooke Shields-directed *Chicago* (July 28) and Edward Sharpe and the Magnetic Zeros (Aug. 4), while the Greek hosts the Jerry Garcia Symphonic Celebration (Aug. 4). Not down with open air? Head to the **W Hollywood** (6250 Hollywood Blvd.) for its Sunday Jazz Nights series. "Good food, great atmosphere, I always have an amazing time," says regular Carly Rae Jepsen. Fair warning: Your evening may not be flutin'-free. — SHIRLEY HALPERIN



▲ The Odd Future store on Fairfax, one of the ventures of rapper Tyler, the Creator (inset).

PHOTOGRAPHED BY Ramona Rosales



▲ A Faery Hunt, Griffith Park's interactive theater adventure.

## SAVE THE DATE

JULY 27-28

### Skirball Family Sleepover

Parents and kids ages 6 and up can enjoy an overnight of art and activities centered on animator and toy designer Gary Baseman's work (\$55; \$45 for members).

Please even the fussiest pint-size critic with seaside adventures, 'faery' fantasies, Jessica Alba's ice-cream snack stop and a Sunday bakery breakfast a la Ben and Jen

**FRIDAY** Coming on the heels of a busy workweek (even in the summer), Friday night is a difficult one to plan for with kids: Free your mind — and theirs — at **Art Rebel** (14382 Ventura Blvd.). On the first and third Friday nights of each summer month, you and your brood (ages 5 and up, \$25 per person) can do glow-in-the-dark painting in a wacky, black-lit room, followed by a pizza dinner (provided), all under the watchful eye of Ponti, whose art is owned by the likes of Sean Penn.

**SATURDAY** Start your day at the **Annenberg Community Beach House** (415 Pacific Coast Highway) with the 9 a.m. stand-up paddleboarding class (reserve the Friday before). Then splash the late morning away in the tide pools at **Leo Carrillo State Park** in Malibu, where you can call ahead to have a park ranger (Rick comes highly recommended) give you a guided tour (310-457-8185). Before you leave the area, grab corn on the cob at **Cafe Habana Malibu** (3939 Cross Creek Road), a favorite of Soleil Moon Frye (co-founder of children's clothing line The Little Seed) and her kids. If you're loath to battle beach crowds, head north into the woods: Sarah Chalke, Amy Brenneman, Noah Wyle, Julian Sands and the late Huell Howser are among those who have chased down pixies at Griffith Park during **A Faery Hunt**, an interactive theater experience at 10:30 Saturday mornings. (Tickets are \$15 to \$25 a person and locations vary, so check the schedule; afaeryhunt.com.) Head west for lunch at Westwood's **800 Degrees Pizza** (10889 Lindbrook Drive), an assembly-line create-your-own joint, then take your littlest beauty queen for a mommy-and-me manicure at **Plush Beauty Bar** (7879 Santa Monica Blvd.). Not only is the salon formaldehyde-free, but kids too young and restless to enjoy the pleasures of grooming can hang out in a toy area while you and a big kid get your digits polished (open Saturday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.). If beauty's not your kids' bag, trot over to **Will Rogers Polo Club** in Will Rogers State Park (the club is free to the public from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays, following \$12 parking — bring cash; 1501 Will Rogers State Park Road), where kids can watch polo matches and play in the large picnic area. For a sweet afternoon snack, make your way to **Ice Cream Lab** (9461 S. Santa Monica Blvd.), Beverly Hills' science experiment/creamery. Beyond the calories, the spectacle is worth the trip. The

under 5; eatseehear.com.) **SUNDAY** Ben Affleck and Jennifer Garner have taken their clan to **Duff's Cakemix** (8302 Melrose Ave.), a bakery and DIY cake-decorating studio where cake artists re-create the venom and victory of an *Ace of Cakes* episode. Frye's family loves the **Larchmont Village Farmers Market** (10 a.m.-2 p.m., 209 N. Larchmont Blvd.) because of the great food and "homey vibe."

While you're there, drop by **BlueBird LA Kids** (652 N. Larchmont Blvd.), an upscale used-clothing store that's a favorite of Alicia Silverstone. If you're up for an afternoon drive — car nap! — take your kids to Santa Clarita's **The Gentle Barn** (Sundays only, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., \$10 suggested donation; 15825 Sierra Highway), where they can interact with animals that have been rescued from abuse. Portia de Rossi visited recently. And once you make it to Sunday night, you deserve some carbs — and a break. **Cecconi's West Hollywood** (8764 Melrose Ave.) provides a family-style Italian dinner plus a magician and babysitter to entertain your kids once they sit still and eat for two minutes. — TAFFY BRODESSER-AKNER

# KIDS



▲ Kids can pet rescued llamas, pigs and more at The Gentle Barn in Santa Clarita.



▲ Annenberg Community Beach House offers swim and paddleboarding classes.