

For last-minute up-to-date information on what to do and entertainment options: www.bakersfield.com.

Other information: The Kern County Visitors Guide (www.visitkern.com) that lists all kinds of events, including areas surrounding Bakersfield. Here are other ones:

GOLF OPPORTUNITIES
in and around Bakersfield
(public, as far as I know):

North Kern Golf Course, 17421 Quality Rd., Bakersfield, 661.399.0347, www.kernrivergolf.com

Kern River Golf Course, Lake Ming Drive off Highway 178, Bakersfield, 661.872.5128, www.kernrivergolf.com

Links at Riverlakes Ranch Golf Course, 5201 Riverlakes Dr., Bakersfield, 661.587.5465, www.riverlakesgc.com

Buena Vista Golf Course, 10256 Golf Course Road, Taft, 661.763.5124,

Valley Rose Golf Course, 301 Leonard Ave., Wasco, 209.669.0626, www.valleyrose.com

Kern County Museum (aka Pioneer Village):

3801 Chester Avenue, Bakersfield, 661.852.5000, www.kcmuseum.org

(Restoration of early Kern County homes and village, with special emphasis on the oil industry, country music, a special children's museum. Has excellent .pdf file for further information).

California Living Museum: (aka CALM):

10500 Alfred Harrell Highway, Bakersfield, 661.872.2256, www.calmzoo.org (a zoo in a natural local environmental setting and several displays, excellent experience for children and adults in a major county park and lake setting).

Buck Owens Crystal Palace:

2800 Buck Owens Blvd, Bakersfield, 661.328.7560, www.buckowens.com (a "must" highlight for country music fans with dinner shows by the Buckaroos every Friday and Saturday night if there is not a headliner entertainer. Reservations in advance a must.) For early conference arrivals, there is a program on Thursday, Sept. 17 called "Travis Tritt Unplugged." Call for further information and updated schedule of events.

Minter Field Air Museum:

401 Vultee Street, (Shafter Airport/Minter Field), Shafter, 661.393.0291,
www.minterfieldairmuseum.com.

FOX THEATER:

2001 H St, Bakersfield, 661.635.0543 www.foxtheateronline.com (The Fox is both a movie and legitimate stage theater in the old style). Performing on Sept. 19 (Saturday night of the conference for those not going to the banquet) is "Gov't Mule," a southern rock and jam band spinoff of the Allman Brothers. Call for updated schedule, ticket cost and availability.

Cal State Bakersfield Amphitheater:

Saturday, Sept, 19, 3 p.m., B-Town Blues Festival, 9001 Stockdale Highway, Bakersfield. Call 661.831.3100 for ticket availability and cost.

White Water Rafting:

Parts of the Kern River provide excellent whitewater rafting opportunities. However, tours depend on water flows. Although it will be late in the season, one source of information is Kern River Rafting Tours, 1.800.844.7238, www.kernrivertours.com.