

# Kids Corner Reference Booklet

at the

## Lunar New Year 2024

Event Host

Long Beach - Qingdao Sister City Association



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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 2024, the year of the Dragon. It is a new Dragon year every 12 years. This year, the new year begins on February 10, 2024 and will continue to January 29, 2025.

## 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 Dragon.

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 ...
<b>Dragon</b>	<b>... 1952, 1964, 1976, 1988, 2000, 2012, 2024 ...</b>
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

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<b>Activity</b>	<b>Pricing</b>
Shopping	See price of items
Lantern Making	Free
Paper Dragon Making	Free
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

## Shopping

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



<b>Item</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>Description</b>
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.
Red Handmade Lunar Animals	\$30	Red is the color of celebration and prosperity. There are just a few of these animals.
Party for 6 at Makersville	\$120	Join us at Makersville for a customized party experience making things. 6 A, or 6 Y and 2-4 A.

## 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.

<b>Situation</b>	<b>Points scored/subtracted</b>
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)

<b>Points Scored (team or indiv)</b>	<b>Prize</b>
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

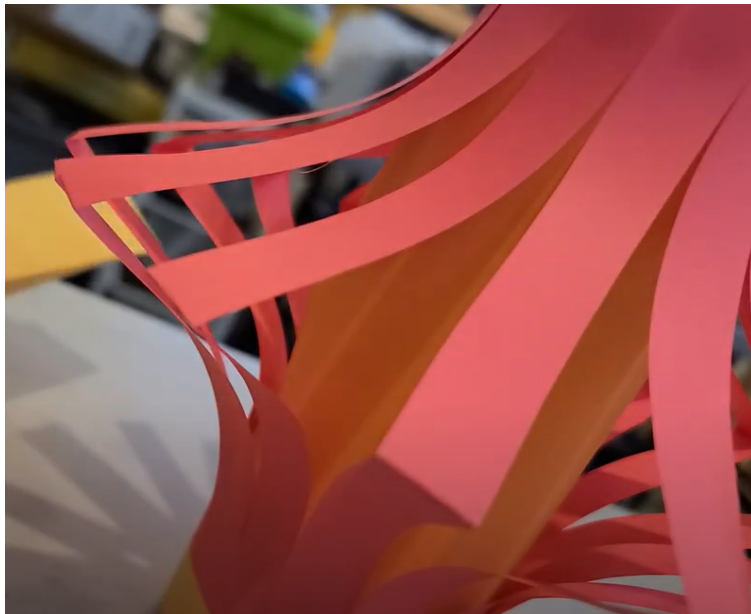


## Make A Paper Dragon (Free)



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

## Make a Paper Lantern (Free)



Materials: Paper, Glue Sticks, Scissors

**Build A LEGO(r) Bunny \$10, Dragon \$15 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).

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## **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.



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## **Sister Cities of Long Beach, Inc.**

<https://sistercitiesoflongbeach.org/>

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.

### **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.

### **Do you only have sewn products?**

No. We are working on other products.

### **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](mailto:Patricia@makersvilleservices.org) or at 562-225-9589.

## Where else can I find Makersville?

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

Event Date	Name	Lead
March 24th 2024	Rube Goldberg Competition/ LBCC	Onyx and Morgan - Rube Goldberg, Practical Microfactory and Handmade Carnival
April 2, 2024	2x4 Day/LBLUG meeting	Trish Makersville Studio
April 6th 2024	City of STEM/LA Makerfaire/ LA State Historic Park	Onyx and Morgan- Rube Goldberg, Practical Microfactory and Handmade Carnival
April 14th 2024	RoboTech Fest / LBCC	Trish,2x4 Day Onyx and Morgan - Practical Microfactory and Handmade Carnival (paid setting) Rube Goldberg Skills Learning.
What date	Disability Festival	LEGO something.
April 27th 2024	Children's Day / Rec Park	Rube Goldberg, Practical MicroFactory and Handmade Carnival (free setting).Onyx Arts Council Grant.
May 2024	Long Beach Spring Festival / City Hall	Onyx - Practical Microfactory and Handmade Carnival
June 23 2024	Planning for a Maritime Symposium / LBCC and Studio	Gloria and Morgan (Rube Goldberg) and Onyx (Practical Microfactory/handmade carnival) Trish. Tools for Creative Problem Solving. Arts Council Grant.
July / August 2024	Multi-National Creativity Conference for Educators	Trish and Morgan and Onyx. School Makerfaire, Rube-A-Thon, Practical Micro-Factory and Handmade Carnival