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## **Celebrate the 2026 Father's Day at Monterey's Old Fisherman's Wharf & Honor Our Dads by Participating in the "Dad's Favorite Story" Essay Contest**

Monterey, CA, May, 2026. Come and Celebrate Father's Day at Monterey's Old Fisherman's Wharf & Honor Our Dads by Participating in the "Dad's Favorite Story" Essay Contest. Typically, our fathers always told us a special story we will never forget and that always makes us think of him.

Families are invited to celebrate the 2026 Father's Day at Monterey's Old Fisherman's Wharf on Sunday, June 21, 2026. That weekend, the Wharf will be adorned with festive decorations, creating the perfect backdrop for family photos and selfies. Take him and the family whale watching, fishing, shopping and to a delicious dinner or lunch!

Let's honor our fathers by sharing something special about them! Participate in the Old Fisherman's Wharf "Dad's Favorite Story" Essay Contest. Entrants can send an email to [info@montereywharf.com](mailto:info@montereywharf.com) with up to 200 words describing Dad's favorite story. One entry per person. Submissions are due by Monday, June 22, 2026 at Midnight. There will be a drawing and the three winners will receive either \$100, \$50 or \$25 in Wharf Dollars Certificates that can be used at any merchant on Old Fisherman's Wharf. Further submission details are on the Father's Day Event Page on [MontereyWharf.com](http://MontereyWharf.com). Celebrate your Dad's love...and his favorite unforgettable story!

Wharf restaurants and stores will offer delicious special Father's Day specials for lunch and dinner, along with exclusive sale items at various shops. Visitors can also indulge in sweet treats from the three candy shops located on the Wharf.

For those seeking unique gift ideas, businesses on the Wharf provide gift certificates for whale watching, fishing, sailing, and glass-bottom boat trips, ensuring an unforgettable experience for dads.

Monterey's Old Fisherman's Wharf invites everyone to come and shop local this Father's

Day!

### **About Monterey's Old Fisherman's Wharf**

Old Fisherman's Wharf in Monterey, California, is a historic waterfront district with a rich legacy spanning over 181 years. Established in 1845 for passenger and freight services, the Wharf is conveniently situated near Downtown Monterey, just off the Monterey Recreation Trail.

The Wharf boasts many exceptional restaurants, fish markets and gift shops, all highlighting the region's cultural heritage and fresh seafood cuisine. Visitors can enjoy award-winning dining, family-friendly events, and breathtaking views of the Monterey Bay. With both outdoor and indoor dining options, guests can savor stunning harbor views or engage in vibrant people-watching.

Gastronomy enthusiasts can delight in a variety of culinary offerings, from Italian cuisine and sustainable seafood to steaks and pizza, including the area's famous clam chowder and calamari. The Wharf's three candy shops and an ice cream shop offer a wide array of treats, such as saltwater taffy, homemade chocolates, caramel apples, and cotton candy. Wildlife enthusiasts can observe sea otters, sea lions, dolphins, whales, and seabirds up close. Fishing aficionados can watch locals and chartered boats bring in their daily catches.

In addition to its dining and shopping attractions, Old Fisherman's Wharf features four whale-watching tour companies staffed with knowledgeable marine biologists and naturalists, two fishing charters, sailing excursions, and glass-bottom boat rides that explore the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary.

Recognized as the "Whale Watching Capital of the World," Old Fisherman's Wharf draws around 4 million visitors annually. It also served as a prominent filming location for HBO's acclaimed series, *Big Little Lies*, Season 1.

Whether it's enjoying award-winning cuisine, observing marine life, or taking a scenic stroll, Old Fisherman's Wharf is an essential destination for anyone visiting Monterey, California.

Ample parking is available in the adjacent parking lot.

For more information, visit [www.montereywharf.com](http://www.montereywharf.com) or call (831) 238-0777.

