

Community Calendar

October – December 2026

This timeline is updated frequently as CWC activity leaders and board members add new events and share changes to existing ones.

WAITLIST ONLY

Oct 17

Come From Away at A Noise Within. \$75 tickets; the CWC group block is full

[Join Waitlist →](#)

REGISTER NOW

Oct 29

The **Inauguration** of President Jayawardhana celebrates the spirit of First Light, the threshold moment in astronomy when a telescope makes its first observation and opens a new window to discovery.

[Register Now →](#)

RSVP DEADLINE

Nov 3

Sign up for the **CHATS Modern Campus Walking Tour** (Nov 10). Free for members and one guest, limited to 50

[RSVP Here →](#)

October 2026

FRI OCT 2

First Friday, Friends & Food

12:00–1:00 PM • THE ATHENAEUM

Social table on the first Friday of the month. RSVP by the Tuesday before. Contact the activity leader.

TUE OCT 6

Caltech Playreaders: 'Play On!'

6:30 PM • ATHENAEUM, HALL OF ASSOCIATES

A behind-the-scenes comedy by Rick Abbot about a community theater group struggling to stage a mystery play, as its novice playwright keeps rewriting her masterpiece. Directed by Ashley Stroupe. Presented by special arrangement with Concord Theatricals. A donation of \$8 is requested at the door (\$5 for CWC members or students). No auditions. With one rehearsal, Playreaders perform simply staged script-in-hand readings.

WED OCT 7

CWC Board Meeting

12:00–1:00 PM • ZOOM

Contact the board secretary for Zoom details.

THU OCT 8

Walkers

9:00 AM

If the forecast temperature is over 90°F, the walk will be postponed. Contact the activity leader.

THU OCT 8

Parents' Community & Casita: Playdate & Exchange

5:00–7:00 PM

Weekly playdate and Casita Exchange for families. Email for the exact address and to confirm the current date and time.

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FRI OCT 9

Fall Gathering

5:30–7:30 PM • DABNEY LOUNGE

An evening of friendship, food, and fun. Bring a guest, partner, friend, or colleague. Cost: \$50 members & guests; \$20 postdoc/grad students. The RSVP deadline was Fri, Oct 2.

[Event Page →](#)

MON OCT 12

Book Lovers' Soiree

7:30 PM • ZOOM

The Convenience Store by the Sea by Sonoko Machida. Meets the second Monday of the month. Join regularly or drop in for a single discussion. Contact the activity leader.

WED OCT 14

CW Investment Club

7:00 PM

Meets the second Wednesday of the month. Contact the activity leader.

THU OCT 15

Parents' Community & Casita: Playdate & Exchange

5:00–7:00 PM

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FRI OCT 16

Wealth Management Essentials

11:00 AM–12:00 PM • KECK INSTITUTE FOR SPACE STUDIES, 345 S. MICHIGAN AVE.

Campus event. Hosted by the Office of Gift Planning, Caltech Advancement and Alumni Relations, this panel discusses practical estate and financial planning strategies. Speakers: Kristen Dugdale, JD, Senior Director of Relationship Management at TIAA Kaspick, and John Lansing, a trusts and estates and elder law attorney with Hahn & Hahn LLP in Pasadena. For questions or to RSVP, call (626) 395-2927 or email the Office of Gift Planning.

[RSVP by Email →](#)

SAT OCT 17

Urban Adventures: 'Come From Away'

2:00 PM • A NOISE WITHIN, 3352 E. FOOTHILL BLVD, PASADENA

A CWC outing to see the musical Come From Away at A Noise Within in Pasadena. Tickets \$75 each. The CWC group ticket block is full; waitlist only. Contact the activity leader.

[Join Waitlist →](#)

TUE OCT 20

Parents' Community & Casita: Playdate & Exchange

5:00–7:00 PM

Weekly playdate and Casita Exchange for families. Email for the exact address and to confirm the current date and time.

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THU OCT 22

CHATS Tour

10:30 AM–12:00 PM

Caltech History and Architectural Tour Service. Please sign up in advance.

[Sign Up →](#)

FRI OCT 23

Afternoon Book Club

12:00–1:00 PM • THE ATHENAEUM

Discussing The Wayfinder by Adam Johnson. RSVP by the Tuesday before. Contact the activity leader.

WED OCT 28

Parents' Community & Casita: Playdate & Exchange

5:00–7:00 PM

Weekly playdate and Casita Exchange for families. Email for the exact address and to confirm the current date and time.

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THU OCT 29

Inauguration of Caltech's Tenth President

10:00 AM–12:00 PM • BECKMAN MALL

The Caltech community is invited to this formal ceremony inaugurating Dr. Ray Jayawardhana, Caltech's 10th president, with remarks by representatives of the Board of Trustees and faculty, an inaugural address, and musical performances and speeches by members of the Caltech community. Guest seating opens at 9:00 AM; first-come, first-served.

[Registration Page →](#)

THU OCT 29

Inauguration Celebration Lunch

12:00–2:00 PM • OLIVE WALK

All members of the Caltech community are invited to a celebratory outdoor lunch following the ceremony, with food stations and activations along Olive Walk showcasing campus life. Advance registration is not required.

SAT OCT 31

Pasadena Walktober: CHATS Modern Campus Tour

1:00 PM • BEGINS IN FRONT OF THE CAHILL CENTER, 1216 E. CALIFORNIA BLVD., PASADENA 91106

Community event. Walktober is a month-long, citywide celebration of walking, wellness, and community with free events that invite everyone to explore Pasadena on foot. Caltech participates every year, and this year CHATS docents lead a Modern Campus tour.

[WalktoberPasadena.org →](#)

November 2026

TUE NOV 3

RSVP DEADLINE

Advance sign-up required

RSVP deadline for the CWC Program: CHATS Modern Campus Walking Tour. Free for members and one guest; space is limited to 50.

Affects: CHATS Modern Campus Walking Tour, Nov 10

[RSVP Here →](#)

WED NOV 4

CWC Board Meeting

12:00–1:00 PM • ZOOM

Contact the board secretary for Zoom details.

WED NOV 4

Parents' Community & Casita: Playdate & Exchange

5:00–7:00 PM

Weekly playdate and Casita Exchange for families. Email for the exact address and to confirm the current date and time.

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THU NOV 5

Walkers

9:00 AM • MONROVIA CANYON PARK

Contact the activity leader.

FRI NOV 6

First Friday, Friends & Food

12:00–1:00 PM • THE ATHENAEUM

Social table on the first Friday of the month. RSVP by the Tuesday before. Contact the activity leader.

MON NOV 9

Book Lovers' Soiree

7:30 PM • ZOOM

The Girl from the Grand Hotel by Camille Aubray. Meets the second Monday of the month. Join regularly or drop in for a single discussion. Contact the activity leader.

TUE NOV 10

CWC Program: CHATS Modern Campus Walking Tour

10:30 AM • BEGINS IN FRONT OF THE CAHILL CENTER, 1216 E. CALIFORNIA BLVD.

CHATS docents lead CWC members on a walking tour of the modern Caltech campus. Free for members and one guest; space is limited to 50. Advance sign-up is required so CHATS can schedule enough docents. Please RSVP by Tue, Nov 3. The tour ends at the center of campus, where members are welcome to linger and enjoy each other's company.

[RSVP Here →](#)

TUE NOV 10

Caltech Playreaders: 'Fezziwig's Fortune'

6:30 PM • ATHENAEUM, HALL OF ASSOCIATES

By Sara Jean Accardi and Josie Seid; directed by Joanne Doyle. The beloved Mr. Fezziwig steps out of the pages of A Christmas Carol and into a story of his own, facing grief, financial troubles, and an uncertain future, with a young Ebenezer Scrooge watching and learning at his side. A warm, funny holiday story of love, loss, forgiveness, and the ties that hold a family together. A donation of \$8 is requested at the door (\$5 for CWC members).

[Playreaders Website →](#)

WED NOV 11

Parents' Community & Casita: Playdate & Exchange

5:00–7:00 PM

Weekly playdate and Casita Exchange for families. Email for the exact address and to confirm the current date and time.

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WED NOV 11

CW Investment Club

7:00 PM

Meets the second Wednesday of the month. Contact the activity leader.

WED NOV 18

Parents' Community & Casita: Playdate & Exchange

5:00–7:00 PM

Weekly playdate and Casita Exchange for families. Email for the exact address and to confirm the current date and time.

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THU NOV 19

CHATS Tour

10:30 AM–12:00 PM

Caltech History and Architectural Tour Service. Please sign up in advance.

[Sign Up →](#)

FRI NOV 20

Afternoon Book Club

12:00–1:00 PM • THE ATHENAEUM

The Beekeeper of Aleppo by Christy Lefteri. Lunch is optional; non-members of the Athenaeum can order and arrange payment with another member. RSVP by the Tuesday before. Contact the activity leader.

WED NOV 25

Parents' Community & Casita: Playdate & Exchange

5:00–7:00 PM

Weekly playdate and Casita Exchange for families. Email for the exact address and to confirm the current date and time.

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NOVEMBER

Watson Lectures Return

BECKMAN AUDITORIUM

Campus event. The 2026–27 Watson Lecture season returns to Beckman Auditorium beginning in November. Enjoy interactive science demonstrations, food, and music before each lecture as Caltech's leading researchers share their work.

[More Info →](#)

December 2026

WED DEC 2

CWC Board Meeting

12:00–1:00 PM • ZOOM

Contact the board secretary for Zoom details.

THU DEC 3

Walkers

9:00 AM

Location to be announced. Contact the activity leader.

FRI DEC 4

First Friday, Friends & Food

12:00–1:00 PM • THE ATHENAEUM

Social table on the first Friday of the month. RSVP by the Tuesday before. Contact the activity leader.

WED DEC 9

CW Investment Club

7:00 PM

Meets the second Wednesday of the month. Contact the activity leader.

MON DEC 14

Book Lovers' Soiree

7:30 PM • ZOOM

The Astral Library by Kate Quinn. Meets the second Monday of the month. Join regularly or drop in for a single discussion. Contact the activity leader.

Book Lovers' Soiree

2nd Monday, 7:30 PM, Zoom

Oct 12
The Convenience Store by the Sea by Sonoko Machida

Nov 9
The Girl from the Grand Hotel by Camille Aubray

Dec 14
The Astral Library by Kate Quinn

Afternoon Book Club

4th Friday, noon, The Athenaeum

Oct 23
The Wayfinder by Adam Johnson

Nov 20
The Beekeeper of Aleppo by Christy Lefteri

Winter
Stone Yard Devotional by Charlotte Wood
Later Days by Chip Jacobs
The World of Vijay Gupta by Vijay Gupta

Board Meetings 2026–27

Wednesdays at noon on Zoom

[Sep 2](#) [Oct 7](#) [Nov 4](#)

[Dec 2](#) [Feb 3](#) [Mar 3](#)

[Apr 7](#) [May 5](#) [Jun 2*](#)

CHATS Tours 2026–27

Thursdays at 10:30 AM • reservations required. Select a date to register

[Oct 22](#) [Nov 19](#) [Jan 28](#) [Feb 25](#)

[Mar 25](#) [Apr 22](#) [May 27](#)

ONGOING • **Walkers:** walks resume Thursday, Oct 8 after the summer hiatus, then Nov 5 and Dec 3, 9:00 AM; contact the activity leader. • **French Language Group:** most Tuesdays, 12–1 PM on campus, all levels welcome; contact the activity leader.