Morris on May Day!

Help the sun rise for yet another year! Morris dancers throughout the San Francisco Bay Area will gather together in the very early morning on Tuesday, May 1st, 2012, armed with sticks, ribbons, bells, hankies, and baldrics. Join the dancers in dancing up the sun! Watch the Sun make a grand entrance! Wonder why you’re up at this hour!

http://bacds.org/mayday

BERKELEY

BERKELEY MORRIS — INSPIRATION POINT in TILDEN PARK
Berkeley Morris dances at Inspiration Point from 5:20 - 6:45 a.m. Sunrise happens around 6:15 a.m. For information on times and other locations, email berkeley-morris@berkeley-morris.org or visit http://berkeley-morris.org/mayday. For information on other performances in May and June, visit http://berkeley-morris.org/performances.html

PALO ALTO

MAD MOLLY and other teams TBA — the BAYLANDS NATURE PRESERVE
Meet at the Palo Alto Baylands at 5:30 am. Take Embarcadero East from the US-101 to the end of the road, turn left, go past the airport, bear right, past the Duck Pond and Gate B, right again to the parking lots. These teams may also perform around the South Bay throughout the day. Check the Mad Molly webpage at http://madmolly.wordpress.com, or the BACDS May Day web page, http://bacds.org/mayday, for more specifics closer to May 1st.

SAN FRANCISCO

GOAT HILL — TWIN PEAKS
Meet around 5:45 a.m. in the Twin Peaks parking lot overlooking downtown, the East Bay, and (in theory) the rising sun. Dancing starts at 6 a.m. For more info, call Heather at 510-653-7507 or contact the squire at goathillsquire@oakashthorn.com. Call or email for information on other performances in May or June.

SANTA CRUZ

SEABRIGHT MORRIS & SWORD — the LIGHTHOUSE on WEST CLIFF drive
Meet at the Lighthouse on West Cliff Drive around 5:30 a.m. Take Hwy 1, turn on Bay St. towards the ocean, go all the way to the end, then turn right onto West Cliff Drive — leave extra time to find parking. The schedule for the rest of the day will be available at the Lighthouse. For more information on Seabright Morris and Sword, email rinaldi@sans-serif.com, call 831-338-4687, or visit http://seabrightmorris.wordpress.com/upcoming-events-dancing-out.

If you’re reading this in the North Bay, check out the NBCDS team!

SANTA ROSA

APPLE TREE MORRIS — SEBASTOPOL COMMUNITY CENTER YOUTH ANNEX
Dancing starts at 5:30 a.m. Morris dancing performed, country dances to join in, potluck breakfast afterward. Location: 425 Morris Street (actually behind the annex, between the pond and the traffic circle). There will likely be a local tour with a couple of stops to follow, details TBA. For more info, email cliff@kichu.com, call 707-823-6925, or go online to http://nbcds.org/morris/

If you’re not an early riser, you can still experience Morris on May Day – teams are often out and about all day. Check with individual teams. We suggest that you confirm starting times and locations before you go, because locations and times may change as May Day gets closer.

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