

Mendocino County Tourism Commission (MCTC) 2016-17 Marketing Plan

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2016-17 Marketing & PR Budget

Print & Direct Mail	\$105,593.00
Emarketing	\$31,800.00
Digital & Broadcast	<u>\$133,200.00</u>
	Sub-Total \$270,593.00
Public Relations	<u>\$150,000.00</u>
	Sub-Total <u>\$150,000.00</u>
	Grand Total \$420,593.00



2016-17 GOALS & OBJECTIVES

- Increase overnight rooms & economic impact to sales tax businesses during the defined low season
 - Low Season December, January & February
- Lengthen the overnight room stay to impact both lodging and sales tax businesses
- Attain 250,000 unique visitors to the consumer website this fiscal year
- Inspire and make lasting impressions on existing & future travelers to Mendocino County

a goal without a plan is just O WISN - Antoine de Saint Exupéry



Goals & Objectives: How will we reach them?

- Marketing connectedness & alignment
- Multi-platform marketing push December-February
- Hwy 101 & 20 Geo-Fencing Digital Program
- Increased VMC emarketing frequency
- Sales support to drive individual & group business during this period



This fiscal year, the organization will be **supporting** its print, shows, events and public relations with emarketing, social media, blog content, digital advertising and re-targeting.

Example: President's Day Weekend & Spring Break

- Press release in February: Renegade Travel/Tribal Travel
- Special blog posts for the VMC site on the favorite family spring break spots
- Lodging specials and other events collected and posted to the VMC site
- Scheduled social media advertising to geos & demos during the planning process
- Social media posts geared towards families for inspiration
- VMC emarketing to drive traffic and visibility to the assets on the site
- VRBO Stand Alone Email to drive traffic to the VMC site and drive bookings
- Supported digital advertising with Google Ad Words & Retargeting in specific geos & demos
- Supported digital advertising with The Enthusiast Network to support President's Day Weekend/spring break, sports show & travel & adventure show



2016-17 Trade & Consumer Shows & Sales Missions

July	Fillmore Jazz Festival, San Francisco, CA
August	Visit California Australian Sales Mission (NCTC)
September	Bark in the Park; San Jose, CA
October	Here & There Travel Show; Portland, OR
	Visit California Canadian Sales Mission (NCTC)
January	Sportsmen's Expo, Sacramento, CA
February	Bay Area Travel & Adventure Show
	LA Travel & Adventure Show
	RTO (NCTC), Los Angeles
May	Sunset Celebration, Sonoma, CA
June	IPW (NCTC), Washington, DC

IF YOU WANT TO GO FAST, GO ALONE. IF YOU WANT TO GO FAR, GO TOGETHER.

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2016-17 Cooperative Advertising Programs





2016-17 Cooperative Advertising Breakdown



October 2016, January, February & March 2017		
	Mother Jones Magazine (digital)	
	26,000 reach California & Oregon	
December 2016	Alaska Airlines Magazine (print) 630,000 reach Western Region	
January 2017	Today's Bride Magazine (print & digital) 33,000 reach San Francisco Bay Area)	
January 2017	Bay Area News Group (print & digital) 423,448 reach Bay Area	
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January & March 2017

Small Market Meetings (digital)
8,600 reach | US meeting professionals







New Partners & New Direction





- Broadcast option
- Commercial Production
- Use of existing video content
- Editable to use in digital advertising clips
- Feeder market
- Market of TV watchers
- Supports other marketing





Reach 70% of Mendocino-North Coast visitors with just these 15 networks!



Socially-Conscious Media

MCTC hosted Wire Walker Studios, a film production company earlier this year to produce not just video, but a video that told a story and captured the true essence of Mendocino County.

Wire Walker Studios is a team of award-winning filmmakers who are pioneering a movement of high-quality socially-conscious film.

They were chosen to do this project as they create story-driven media that can spark a conversation, inspire people to take action, and create meaningful change.

We are excited to begin production begins this October and share with the board the progress and final product.







New Partners & New Direction





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2016-17 New Partner Breakdown

October 2016	Every Door Direct Mail (print) 20,000 reach San Francisco, Oakland, Sacramento & Santa Rosa Focus: Events November-April
Oct., November December, January	Madden Media & Vacationfun.com (digital) / 1 million reach United States Focus: Destination & Festivals
Nov., December January, February	Queerty (digital) 1 million reach San Francisco & Los Angeles Focus: LGBTQ market
January, February March, April	The Enthusiast Network (digital) GrindTV, Bike Magazine, Canoe & Kayak, Surfing Magazine 10 million reach Worldwide Focus: Outdoor sports & recreation



2016-17 Hwy 101 & Hwy 20 Geo-Fencing Program



Program: October 1, 2016-May 31, 2017 Along Highway Boundaries: Within 1.5 Miles

Northern Boundary:

- Garberville, CA (Southbound) Southern Boundary:
- Santa Rosa, CA (Northbound) Eastern Boundary:
- Williams, CA (Westbound)

In-County:

- Laytonville, CA
- Willits, CA
- Ukiah, CA
- Hopland, CA

Messaging Time(s) of Day:

- 11am-1pm
- 1-3pm
- 4-7pm
- 7-8pm

Goals:

- Increase in-county visitor spending
- Increase overnights along Hwy 101 corridor



MCTC Low Season: Month One

DECEMBER

- VRBO Email focusing in on the holiday season (sent in November) sent to 6.6 million subscribers
- Hwy 101 & 20 Geo-Fencing Digital Program
- Weekly VMC Email Messaging
- Queerty Digital Program to reach LGBTQ market
- Alaska Airlines Magazine Co-op (630k reach)
- Supporting editorial, blogs, social media, digital and emarketing of holiday season focus and Alaska Airlines Co-op



MCTC Low Season: Month Two

JANUARY

- Hwy 101 & 20 Geo-Fencing Digital Program
- Weekly VMC Email Messaging
- Queerty Digital Program to reach LGBTQ market
- The Enthusiast Network Digital Program
- Visit California Travel Guide
- Today's Bride Magazine Co-op
- Bay Area News Group: Eat Drink Play Co-op
- Mother Jones Magazine Email Co-op
- Small Market Meetings Co-op
- Sportsman's Expo in Sacramento



MCTC Low Season: Month Three

FEBRUARY

- Hwy 101 & 20 Geo-Fencing Digital Program
- Weekly VMC Email Messaging
- Queerty Digital Program to reach LGBTQ market
- The Enthusiast Network Digital Program
- Mother Jones Magazine Email Co-op
- VRBO Stand Alone Email
- Bay Area Travel & Adventure Show
- LA Travel & Adventure Show



2016-17 GOALS & RESULTS

- An increase overnight rooms & economic impact to sales tax businesses during the defined low season
 - Goal: 5-7% increase in occupancy (baseline 50%)
- Lengthen the overnight room stay to impact both lodging and sales tax businesses
 - Goal: 0.5 Night Increase
- Attain 250,000 unique visitors to the consumer website this fiscal year
 - Goal: Meet or exceed goal



QUESTIONS?

