

The Kinky Gay Man's Guide to the San Francisco Bay Area

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www.facebook.com/groups/kinkgatherings

This guide provides gay men information about the San Francisco Bay Area kink scene. It's updated regularly and available in PDF format or occasionally as handouts. Send revision suggestions to Race Bannon at race@bannon.com (last updated January 21, 2019). To keep the guide useful, entries are short, headings are listed alphabetically, and websites are listed for more information.

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Calendars

- Bay Area Reporter – Bar Tab Leather/Kink column by Race Bannon. Bi-monthly column and calendar. www.ebar.com
- LA Event Calendar - The FIST (Los Angeles area). A one stop shop to find and post events in and around LA. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/467471770107265/>
- Race's Bar. Group focused on kink events for local gay men with maintained calendar. www.facebook.com/groups/kinkgatherings
- See also Folsom Street Events and Leather Alliance listings under Coordinating Organizations, Society of Janus under Clubs, and FetLife under Sites and Apps for kink calendars.
- Master Calendar of Leather (national) events page. <https://www.facebook.com/Mastercalendar/>
- LA Event Calendar – The FIST. Since many Bay Area guys go to Los Angeles often, this group lists events there. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/467471770107265/>

Clubs

- Alameda County Leather Corps. East Bay leather/kink club. www.aclweb.org
- BLUF. Local SF chapter. Breeches, leather and uniform fanclub. www.bluf.com

- Defenders/SF. Leather/kink spirituality club (not only Christian). www.facebook.com/DefendersSan-Francisco-52926942387
- Golden Gate Guards. Leather-levi non-profit organization. www.gguards.org
- Men of Discipline. Gay men's BDSM club. www.menofdiscipline.org or @menofdiscipline
- Onyx Northwest. Local chapter of national organization for men of color. www.onyxnorthwest.com
- Santa Clara County Leather Association. Social and educational club. www.sccleather.org
- SF Grapplers. Men's wrestling group. www.facebook.com/sfgrapplers
- SF K9 Unit. Social organization for people who enjoy puppy play. www.sfk9unit.org
- Society of Janus. Pansexual BDSM organization with Bay Area calendar. <http://soj.org/calendar>

Coaching

- Paul Johnson. Provides fetish and embodiment training for increased confidence, satisfaction, and self-awareness. www.kinkycoach.com
- Frank Strona. Offers in-person and web-based engagement strategies for personal and professional development. www.MentorSF.com

Coordinating Organizations

- Folsom Street Events. Produces Up Your Alley, Folsom Street Fair and other events. www.folsomstreetevents.org
- Leather Alliance. Central SF Bay Area leather/kink organization. Emergency grants for community members. www.leatheralliance.org

Education/Mentoring/Discussion/Art

- Kink.com Workshops. Lots of varied classes, usually with a fee. Mixed and often heterosexual-leaning audience, but open to all <http://armworkshops.wpengine.com/>
- Rope Burn SF. Rope bondage skill share for men who like to tie men. www.ropeburnsf.com
- SF Leathermen's Discussion Group. Monthly discussions and presentations. www.sfldg.org
- SF Young Leathermen's Discussion Group. For under 40 guys. www.sfyldg.org
- SF Ring. Bi-monthly BDSM education classes. No website currently, events on Facebook.
- Gay Men's Sketch. Mark I. Chester's kink-friendly gay male figure drawing group. www.markichester.com/draw.html

Events and Gatherings

Occasional, Monthly or Quarterly:

- Leathermen at the Movies. Movie group for leather/kink men. www.facebook.com/groups/LeathermenAtTheMovies
- SF Stogie. Cigar enthusiasts group. www.facebook.com/groups/490506734339746
- Whips in the Park. Whip enthusiasts group, throwing whips in the park. www.facebook.com/groups/302231393245971

Annual:

- Woof Camp Weekend. Held Easter weekend by SF K9 Unit. www.sfk9unit.org
- Up Your Alley Fair (often called Dore Alley Fair). Held latter part of July. www.folsomstreetfair.org/upyouralley
- Folsom Street Fair. Held latter part of September. www.folsomstreetfair.org/folsomstreetfair
- Holiday Puppy Park. Held in December by SF K9 Unit. www.sfk9unit.org

Most events of interest to local kinky gay men end up having a Facebook event page created for them.

If you are on Facebook, be on the lookout for events under the Events section of your Facebook feed.

Food/Catering

- Simply Luscious Catering, kink-friendly catering and private affairs brought to you by Sabra, 510-395-1776, www.simplylusciouscatering.com
- Eric Burkett's Personal Chef and Private Event Catering business. www.ericburkett.com
- Ms. SF Leather 2012, Nerine, is a kinky chef for private parties and general catering. She also does weddings and other types of events. www.facebook.com/nerine.mechanique

HIV/STI Testing/Safer Sex

- Strut. You can make appointments online. 470 Castro St. www.strutsf.org
- San Francisco City Clinic, 356 7th St. www.sfcityclinic.org
- Play Spray™. Topical spray disinfectant perfect for BDSM/kink. www.playspray.net

Housing

- Friends of Juanita Housing Apartment List. Juanita More's Facebook group for housing/apartments in SF for friends, family and the kinky. www.facebook.com/groups/636724706422144
- San Francisco Kink Friendly Housing. Kink-friendly housing information available on FetLife (adult site, all sexual orientations). www.fetlife.com/groups/6205

Leather/Kink Friendly Bars and Gathering Places (no bar is 100% leather or kink)

- 440 Castro. 440 Castro St. www.the440.com
- The Edge. 4149 18th St. www.edgesf.com
- The Lone Star Saloon. 1354 Harrison St. www.lonestarsf.com
- Powerhouse. 1347 Folsom St. www.powerhouse-sf.com
- Renegades. 501 W. Taylor St, San Jose. www.renegadesbar.com
- SF Eagle. 398 12th St. www.sf-eagle.com
- Wicked Grounds Kink Cafe and Boutique. 289 8th St. www.wickedgrounds.com

Leather – Custom and Repair

- Fog City Leather (leather), 2060 Union St. www.fogcityleather.com
- Johnson Leather Corp. (leather), 1833 Polk St. www.johnsonleather.com

Mental Health, Therapy and Medical Care

General Providers

- Ask-the-Doctor (Handball Academy). Panels of medical professionals answering sexuality and kink related questions. www.handballacademy.org
- Bay Area Open Minds. Psychotherapy services sensitive to BDSM/kink, polyamory, trans concerns, gender identity, same-sex relationships, sex work, and more. www.bayareaopenminds.org
- Get Out and Love. Project challenging people to get out and connect with people face to face, to share real connection with other humans, and in doing so help relieve the ever increasing effect of depression and isolation in our community. www.getoutandlove.com
- Kink Aware Professionals. Referrals to kink-aware therapists, doctors and attorneys. www.ncsfreedom.org

- San Francisco Bay Area Leather Alliance and Stop AID Project Suicide Prevention Project. www.leatheralliance.org
- San Francisco Suicide Prevention. www.sfsuicide.org
- TASHRA. Improving health services to the kink communities through research, training, and providing low-cost mental health therapy. www.tashra.org

Individual Psychotherapy Providers

Providers are listed alphabetically. Each has been recommended by someone within the leather/kink communities, but everyone should research and interview potential therapists carefully. The proper fit between therapist and client is important.

San Francisco:

Luke Adams, www.emergeatcf.org
 Robert Coe, www.alltherapist.com/robert-coe.html
 Christopher Corey, www.coreytherapy.com
 Jessica Craig, www.jessicacraigsf.com
 Cal J. Domingue, www.caltherapy.org
 Myles Downes, www.mylesdownes.com
 Kat Moghanian, www.greenlighttherapy.com
 Carlos H. Morales, www.moralespsychservices.com
 David Ortmann, www.davidortmann.com

Oakland:

Karen Davison, www.dr-davison.com
 Lindsay Ellch,
https://therapists.psychologytoday.com/rms/name/Lindsay_Ellch_PsyD_Oakland_California_346449
 Beth Gadowski, www.integrativecounseling.com

Individual Medical Providers

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Maura Devereaux, PA at Dr. Charles Moser's office, www.sutterpacific.org/maura-t-devereux.html
 Jesse Dohemann, M.D., www.cpmc.org/dr-jesse-h-dohemann.html
 Mark Higgins, M.D., <http://www.cpmc.org/dr-mark-e-higgins.html>
 Shawn Hassler, M.D., www.optimusmedical.com
 Mark Ileman, NP at Dr. Feldman's office, www.linkedin.com/in/mark-illeman-85004ba
 Charles Moser, M.D., www.sutterpacific.org/dr-charles-a-moser.html
 John Kenneth Quatannens, M.D., Kaiser Permanente,
www.mydoctor.kaiserpermanente.org/ncal/provider/jquatannens
 Christopher Schiessl, M.D., www.onemedical.com/sf/physicians/christopher-schiessl
 Felicia (Lisa) Sterman, M.D., www.cpmc.org/dr-felicia-l-sterman.html

Play Spaces

- 442 Natoma. Sex club, slings, kink-friendly. Fridays are gear night. www.442parties.com
- Blow Buddies. Monthly piss and leather/gear theme nights. www.blowbuddies.com
- The Citadel. Mixed BDSM dungeon play space. www.sfcitadel.org
- SF Catalyst. Rentable dungeon play space that also has parties. www.sfcatalyst.org
- South Bay Spot. San Jose. Mixed orientation dungeon playspace and social club. www.thesouthbayspot.com
- Steamworks. Berkeley. Gay bathhouse open to leather/kink. www.steamworksbaths.com/berkeley

Retail

- Chaps. Adult store with leather and kink gear. www.chapssf.com
- Does Your Mother Know. Adult store with leather and kink gear. 4141 18th St.
- Leather Etc. Leather clothing, BDSM, fetish accessories. www.leatheretc.com
- Leather Masters. San Jose leather/kink store. www.leathermasters.com
- Mr. S Leather. Brick and mortar and online leather/gear/toy company. www.mr-s-leather.com
- Rock Hard. Adult store with leather and kink gear. 518 Castro St.
- Wrath & Co. Buy and sell previously-owned leather, fetish wear and other collectible gear. www.wrathco.store

Sex/Play Parties, Groups and Clubs

- The 15 Association. Men's BDSM play club. www.the15association.org
- 442 Natoma. Sex club. Parties Friday (gear night), Saturday and Monday. www.442parties.com
- Blowbuddies. Sex club. Piss and leather/gear nights monthly. www.blowbuddies.com
- Club Eros. Sex club. SF Ring has BSDM education sessions here. www.erossf.com
- GearUp Weekend. Gay men's BDSM/kink weekend and in-town events. www.gearupweekend.com
- Hell Hole. Men's fisting events. www.hellholesf.com
- KuF (Kinky Under Forty). Gay men's play group for ages under 40. www.sfkuf.org
- SF Catalyst. Rentable dungeon play space that also has parties. www.sfcatalyst.org
- SF Citadel. Dungeon playspace. www.sfcitadel.org
- SF Footmen. For gay men interested in foot fetish, foot play, boots, socks, and fun. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/710956562316210>
- SF Men's Spanking Party. Monthly parties dedicated to spanking. www.voy.com/201188
- Steamworks. Bathhouse in Berkeley. www.steamworksbaths.com/berkeley

Sites and Apps

When local kinky gay men were asked what sites/apps they use, these were mentioned the most.

- www.asspig.com. Fisting connection site.
- www.barebackrt.com. Bareback site, but many report good kink connections here too.
- www.facebook.com. Yes, guys said they connected from Facebook connections often.
- www.fetlife.com. World's largest kink site. Mostly heterosexual but some gay men use it.
- www.growlrapp.com. Bear app.
- www.misterapp.com. App for men over 30.
- www.recon.com. World's largest kink site for gay men.
- www.scruff.com. GPS-based app for connecting.

Substance and Alcohol Abuse Support

- Safeword: 12-Step Kink Recovery Group. Weekly meeting open to all kink-identified people in recovery who wish to have a safe space to themselves. The Citadel, 181 Eddy St. Tuesdays, 6:30-8pm
- SF Bay Area Sober in Leather. An inclusive, sober-centered community organization that caters to but not limited to the leather, kink, BDSM, fetish communities in the SF Bay Area. www.sfbasil.org
- Sober Kink Together. Officially a CMA meeting but open to all Anonymous 12-step Fellowship members. Friday nights, 9:30 pm - 10:45 pm, Castro Country Club, 4058 18th St.