

#### 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





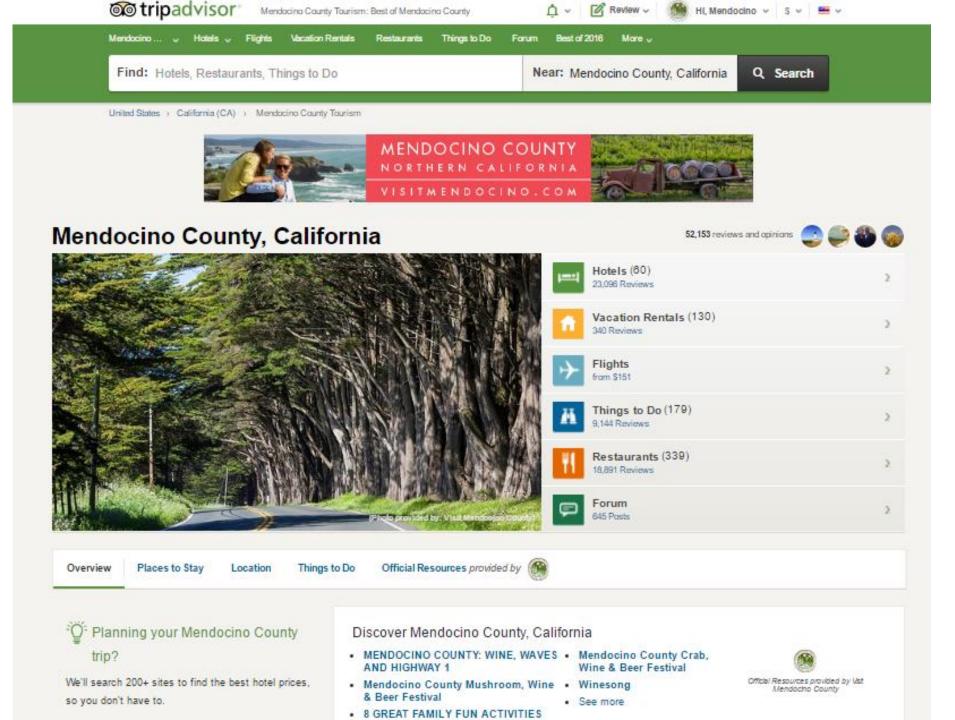
#### 2016-17 Cooperative Advertising Breakdown



| October 2016, January, February & March 2017 |   |  |
|--|---|--|
|  | Mother Jones Magazine (digital)   |  |
|  | 26,000 reach   California & Oregon  |  |
| December 2016                                | Alaska Airlines Magazine (print)<br>630,000 reach   Western Region                        |  |
| January 2017                                 | <b>Today's Bride Magazine</b> (print & digital)<br>33,000 reach   San Francisco Bay Area) |  |
| January 2017                                 | <b>Bay Area News Group</b> (print & digital)<br>423,448 reach   Bay Area                  |  |
| Lenvern Q. March 2017                        |   |  |

January & March 2017

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





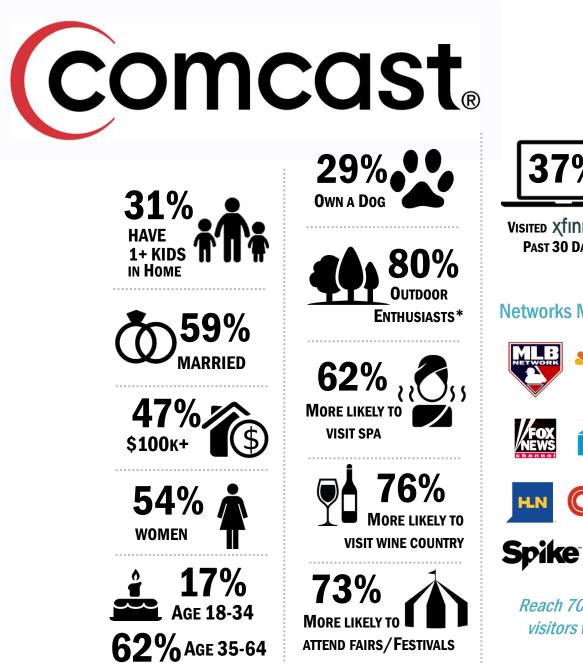


#### **New Partners & New Direction**





- 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**





#### THE ENTHUSIAST NETWORK<sup>™</sup>

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#### 2016-17 New Partner Breakdown

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

