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Valentine's Mardi Gras Dance for Girls and Their Dads

Girls Inc. of the Island City and Alameda Parks and Recreation will co-host the 7th Annual Mardi Gras Masquerade Party (formerly the Father/Daughter Valentine's Party) for girls in kindergarten through 5th grade and their fathers, or other favorite male role model, on Feb. 8, 2008.

Registration for this year's event is now closed. The press (reporters and photographers) are invited to cover the event. For information, call Pam Williams at (510) 521-1743.

The popular event is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the special relationship between daughters and fathers or other favorite male role models. It features music, dancing, special led dances, light refreshments, arts and crafts, and a special memento for the girls.

The event is from 6:00-8:00 pm Friday, Feb. 8, 2008, at the Albert H. DeWitt O'Club, 641 West Redline Ave., Alameda Point, Alameda.

Girls Inc. of the Island City is an affiliate of the national organization Girls Inc. Since 1964, Girls Inc. of the Island City has provided the only program in Alameda designed specifically for girls. Our programs "fill in the gap" on issues that parents and schools don't always have the time or resources to cover and we provide more than 25,000 hours of programming each year to girls ages 6 to 18. At Girls Inc., girls and teens are challenged to explore science, math and computers, examine how money is earned and invested, and to ask questions about and take leadership roles in the world.

The organization also offers a licensed childcare service called Alameda Island Kids for both girls and boys at seven elementary schools around Alameda, including Bay Farm, Earhart, Edison, Franklin, Lum, Otis, and Paden. For more information about Girls Inc., call (510) 521-1743 or visit our website at www.girlsincislandcity.org.

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