



December

Annual Berkeley Lab craft fair will be held Dec. 9, from 3:30 - 6 p.m. The event, sponsored by the Employee Activities Association, features a variety of handmade goods, such as jewelry, photography, baked goods, and pottery.

November

Alivisatos Named Director of Berkeley Lab - November 19. Acting on the recommendation of UC President Yudof and with the concurrence of the U.S. Department of Energy, the Regents appointed Alivisatos the seventh director of Berkeley Lab.

Veteran's Day Honors - The Lab's Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action Office acknowledged the contributions of the 100 plus Lab employees who are veterans by featuring their names and group photo in the Lab's on-line daily news letter, Today at Berkeley Lab (TABL).

A Fond Farewell to the Bevatron - November 12 - Battling rain and fog, nearly 150 former employees of the Lab's famed Bevatron gathered to bid a final adieu to the facility. The Bevatron holds a significant spot in scientific history as the place of discovery that earned four Nobel Prizes.

October

Dark Secrets... - October 26 - Science at the Theater event, "Dark Secrets: What Science Tells Us About the Hidden Universe," was a smash hit: more than 600 people packed the Berkeley Repertory Theatre and over a hundred people had to be turned away.
<http://newscenter.lbl.gov/feature-stories/2009/10/30/hidden-universe/>

Former Lab Director Returns - October 26 - Energy Secretary Chu visited the Lab to address the staff on the current Energy and Environment initiatives from the President Obama administration.

The 32nd Annual Runaround (3 km long) - October 9 - was completed by over 700 staff, family and guests. This year's event was captured in a video photo slideshow by members of the Lab's Photo Club, <http://www.lbl.gov/publicinfo/newscenter/tabl/2009/october/10-14-09/runaround.html>

Changes in Bus Transportation— The Lab is poised to contract with a private bus transportation vendor. The Lab's 13 career bus drivers will either become employees of the vendor or be given the option of ongoing, union-represented employment at the Lab with no cut in salary or benefits by early 2010.

Mobile Application Competition - IT Mobility Competition for developing codes and ideas for mobile applications were announced. Those writing code had until Dec. 1. Over 70 entries have been received so far, but the contest is still wide open. Winners will receive cash awards of up to \$2,500 for code and \$500 for ideas.

Jobs of the week - In the Lab's on-line daily news letter, Today at Berkeley Lab, is a new regular series that will feature some of the Lab's current job openings. Staff who are qualified are encouraged to apply, or forward to others who might be interested.

Pilot Program for Students With Special Needs - The Lab is implementing a six-month pilot program that expands student parking on the Hill, ending April 30, 2010. Twenty general parking permits will be issued for instances of special need, such as experiment start times beginning early in the morning and extending late into the night.