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**Girls Inc. and Alameda Recreation and Parks Host  
Annual Father/Daughter Valentine's Party**

**Alameda, CA** – Girls Incorporated of the Island City and Alameda Parks and Recreation are co-hosting their 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Father/Daughter Valentine's Party for girls in kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade and their fathers (or other favorite male role model) on Feb. 9 and Feb. 10 this year.

The popular event – which sells out every year – is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the special relationship between fathers and daughters. It will feature music by a Strawberry Fields DJ, dancing, arts and crafts, cake, festive crowns and wands, and a commemorative photo. This year's theme is "Teddy Bears" and includes a color scheme of pink and red. Attire for the evening is "dressy casual" (no jeans or shorts, please).

The party is from 6:00-8:00 pm (doors open at 5:30 pm) at the Albert H. DeWitt O'Club at Alameda Point in Alameda. Tickets are \$20 per couple and \$10 for each additional daughter. Mothers and other family members are welcome to join the party between 7:30 and 8:00 pm for free. Corsages (available the night of the event) must be ordered ahead of time and cost \$3.00 each. The corsages are being assembled by participants in the Girls Inc. and Alameda Parks and Recreation teen programs and proceeds from corsage sales will go to support these ongoing programs.

Pre-registration is required and can be done by fax (using Visa or MasterCard) or in person at the Alameda Recreation and Parks Office, 2226 Santa Clara Ave., Alameda. Registration began Jan. 9, 2006, and will continue through Jan. 30, 2006, or until the event sells out. Office hours at the Alameda Recreation and Parks office are 8:30 am-5:30 pm Monday through Friday. Additional forms are available at [www.ci.alameda.ca.us/arpd/children.html](http://www.ci.alameda.ca.us/arpd/children.html). Families seeking additional information about the event, or who need a "father" for the evening, please call Alameda Recreation and Parks at (510) 747-7529.

**Members of the press seeking information about the event can contact Girls Inc. at (510) 521-1743. Press photographers are encouraged to attend between 6:30 and 7:30 pm for the best photo opportunities.**

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