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Hundreds of Chinese families came out for the Chung Yeung festival at Skylawn Memorial Park in San Mateo on Saturday. The two-day festival when families can honor their ancestors in a picnic-like atmosphere featured lion dancers, kite flying, and a free buffet lunch. The festival continues on Sunday.



Rong Lu, middle, of Sunnyvale, makes an offering as he pays respect and remembers his ancestors during the Chung Yeung festival at Skylawn Memorial Park in San Mateo, Calif., on Saturday, Oct. 12, 2013. The annual festival is a day to respect and remember ancestors, a practice widely valued by the Chinese.



The Chi Sin Buddhist held a chanting and blessing ceremony during the Chung Yeung festival.



Lion dancers chase away bad spirits at Skylawn Memorial Park in San Mateo, Calif., on Saturday, Oct. 12, 2013



Alex Liu, left, 6, his aunt Diane Liu, right, and Juay Tan fly kites during the Chung Yeung festival at Skylawn Memorial Park.



Cong Jia, a monk with Chi Sin Buddhist held a chanting and blessing ceremony during the Chung Yeung festival.



A huge kite flies over graves during the Chung Yeung festival at Skylawn Memorial Park in San Mateo, Calif., on Saturday, Oct. 12, 2013. The annual festival is a day to respect and remember ancestors, a practice widely valued by the Chinese.



Members of the Yau Kung Moon lion dancers, of San Francisco, chase bad spirits away the graves during the Chung Yeung festival at Skylawn Memorial Park in San Mateo.

Huge kites at Skylawn Memorial Park in San Mateo.



Neil Romabiles, left, and Tai Do, of Daly City, pay respect to deceased family members during the Chung Yeung festival at Skylawn Memorial Park in San Mateo, Calif., on Saturday, Oct. 12, 2013.

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