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2 Sakura Matsuri

A salute to spring gives a nod to Japanese culture during the Sakura Matsuri: Cherry Blossom Festival at Stony Brook University. Visitors will find taiko drumming, a tea workshop, an Ikebana demonstration and more, noon-5 p.m. May 6, Charles B. Wang Center. You'll also find cosplay for all ages, a martial arts demonstration and musical performances. Of course, you can always take a stroll along the promenade and take in the cherry trees.

INFO 631-632-4400, thewangcenter.org
ADMISSION \$20, \$5 ages 6-12, free 5 and younger

■ **Get a closer look at the cosplay contest in Friday's exploreLI**



3 Glam

The Club show you: Find Fire-King, Fostoria and Searingtown a.m.-5 p.m. bring your free, experience pieces).
INFO 516-
ADMISSION admission

6 Bourbon at Belmont

Making its debut at Belmont Park Racetrack, "Bourbon at Belmont" gives you the opportunity to sample an unlimited number of 1-ounce shots of bourbon, 3-7 p.m. Saturday. While you're there, you'll also find beers that have been aged in bourbon barrels, along with local beers, all taking place in the North Shore Terrace at the park. Of course, thoroughbred racing goes on throughout the day, along with a simulcast of the Kentucky Derby.
INFO 631-940-7290, bourbonatbelmont.com
ADMISSION \$95 includes admission to the park and tastings, \$12 designated driver



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7 LI Kiss Expo

Spend a day and/or night celebrating the world of "Kiss" with live acoustic performances, Q&A sessions with radio personalities and a live Kiss tribute band performance by Alive '75, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, Holiday Inn, Sunnyside Boulevard, Plainview. You'll also meet and greet with Jay Jay French and Mark Mendoza of Twisted Sister; legendary drummer Carmine Appice; and Kiss cover artist Ken Kelly. Visitors are encouraged to dress up for a costume contest or browse through some Kiss memorabilia.
INFO longislandkisexpo.com
ADMISSION \$20, \$15 in advance; \$25 early admission at 10 a.m.; free 12 and younger

■ **See Newsday's preview of the expo in Tuesday's exploreLI**

8 Ducks' Home Opener

Be there for the first pitch of the season, as the Long Island Ducks take on the Southern Maryland Blue Crabs in their home opener. First 1,500 fans receive a QuackerJack figure. Teams will be introduced before the game. Gates open at 5:35 p.m. Friday, first pitch is at 6:35 p.m. The series continues 6:35 p.m. Saturday (with fireworks at dusk), and 1:35 p.m. May 6, with a pregame autograph session and a postgame "Kids Run the Bases" opportunity, all at Bethpage Ballpark, Central Islip.
INFO 631-940-8499, liducks.com
ADMISSION \$12-\$15

