Unit 3 Week 1 Something to Celebrate

Fill in the blanks the following descriptions with the correct celebrations.

DIA DE LA RAZA - SAN JOSE CARNIVAL - PALMARES FIESTAS -

INDEPENDENCE DAY - JUAN SANTAMARIA DAY - VIRGIN OF THE SEA FIESTAS -

LIMON CARNIVAL - LABOR DAY - CHRISTMAS LIGHTS FESTIVAL -

PUNTARENAS CARNIVAL - ZAPOTE FIESTAS - DIA DE LOS BOYEROS -

EL TOPE NACIONAL - OXCART PARADE

1._____: A lively, seven-day celebration with food, music and beer in Puntarenas, celebrated on the last week of February.

2._____: Two weeks of concerts, bullfighting and folklore dancing, celebrated on the first week of January.

3._____: Otherwise known as the day of the oxcart driver, this colorful celebration features traditional parades and exquisitely painted oxcarts on display in Escazu, San Jose, celebrated on the second Sunday in March.

4._____: A popular festival with Mardi Gras-style decadence celebrated with parades, loud Caribbean rhythms, rum and dancing, celebrated on the weekend of October 12.

5._____: A huge carnival with large floats, live music and a very happy atmosphere in San Jose, celebrated on December 27.

6._____: Religious activities, food, music and parades mark the celebration of the patron saint in Puntarenas, celebrated on the Saturday closest to July 16.

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7._____: An annual national horse parade that strolls through the center of San Jose where the well-trained animals perform amazing footwork, celebrated on December 26.

8._____:Fireworks displays and live concerts start this month-long Christmas celebration of lights, lights and even more lights; held in San Jose, celebrated on the first week of December.

9._____: Parties and festivals are held throughout the country celebrating Costa Rica's independence from Spain. Traveling south from Guatemala, the flame of independence arrives in Cartago on this day. September 15.

10._____: A celebration of Columbus' discovery of the New World and the many cultural influences that helped form modern-day Latin America; held throughout the country. October 12.

11._____: Similar to March's Oxcart Driver Day, this celebration honors Costa Rica's oxcart and agricultural traditions; held in San Jose. Late November.

12._____: The Zapote fairgrounds in San Jose transform from tranquil farmers' market to a free-for-all party, offering amusement park rides, fair and street food, inflatable megabars, bullfighting and plenty of libations. December 25 - January 6.

13. _____: Parades, music and dancing to honor the nation's hero, Juan Santamaria, who helped Costa Rica defeat William Walker and the invading Filibusters. Celebrations are held throughout the country. April 11.

14. _____: Country-wide processions accompany a day off from work for most of the country and a presidential speech honoring the day. May 1.

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