

# playlist



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## PERFECT WEEKEND

### Lake Views

RANCHO CUCAMONGA  
INTERIOR DESIGNER, ASID,  
KELLY FERM RELAXES

**Saturday, 9 a.m.** Lakeside in Big Bear with my husband. A brisk walk on the shoreline, with our children at our sides feeding the ducks and flying a kite, starts the day.

**Saturday, 11:45 a.m.** Once the children are happily settled with family members, we (my husband and I) “sneak” off to a private cabin, nestled on a mountaintop overlooking beautiful Big Bear Lake.

**Saturday, 1 p.m.** We relax, read, sleep, eat, watch the small sail boats, then take a lake cruise.

**Saturday, 5:30 p.m.** A wonderful candlelight dinner at Stillwells Restaurant. Just the two of us...finishing complete sentences. I can smell the fresh air already.

**Sunday, 8 a.m.** A walk on the lake-side bike path, kayak, and enjoy the local flavor.

**Sunday, 1:30 p.m.** Take pleasure in the native artisans, the culture, and the slow-paced community that is only an hour from home.

**Sunday, 9:30 p.m.** We end the evening at the local cantina enjoying the small town’s local band.



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## Profile / Erin O’Toole

KVCR’S ERIN O’TOOLE PROMOTES THE INLAND EMPIRE ON THE AIR

**When she was** growing up, KVCR’s Erin O’Toole wanted to become “Queen of the Countdowns” as in Casey Kasem. “I used to steal my parents’ tape recorder and take song requests from my dog Max,” says O’Toole, 39.

But her dream changed when she became a public radio personality at San Bernardino’s KVCR station more than four years ago. She hosts and produces a weekly interview program called “Inland Empire Matters,” in addition to giving traffic and weather reports on NPR’s “Morning Edition” and taking calls about public affairs on KVCR-TV’s “It’s Your Call.”

“Inland Empire Matters” covers topics like healthcare reform, the housing crisis, disaster preparedness and environmental conservation. “Then we’ll do a 180 and feature holiday cooking tips or cover the local arts

scene,” O’Toole says.

Notable interviews include I.E. economist John Husing, San Bernardino mayor Pat Morris, Stater Bros. chairman Jack Brown and Olympic speed skater Derek Parra. “But my favorite interviews have been with lesser known people, like Crestline sculptor Lawrence Noble, who created a bronze Yoda for George Lucas’ Skywalker Ranch,” says O’Toole.

A typical day at the station starts at 5 a.m., but O’Toole doesn’t mind sacrificing extra sleep to perform “a community service” through her shows. “I want people to understand that the Inland Empire is not an extension of Los Angeles,” she says. “It has its own distinct culture and is filled with so many interesting things to see and experience!”

Visit [www.kvcr.org](http://www.kvcr.org) for O’Toole’s show schedule. BY MARISA CUNNINGHAM