



**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA**  
**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT**

**AGENDA DATE:** May 23, 2018  
**TO:** Parks and Recreation Commission  
**FROM:** Recreation Division, Parks and Recreation Department  
**SUBJECT:** Summer Recreation Programs

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Commission receive a report on youth camp programs offered this summer by the Parks and Recreation Department.

**DISCUSSION:**

Recreation Division staff has been working diligently and thoughtfully to plan and coordinate safe, fun, and enriching opportunities for youth this summer. Focused on meeting community needs, staff developed a line-up of camp programs that involve good old fashioned fun, incorporate new trends in recreation, and keep kids active and engaged. This report provides an overview of the camp programs offered during the ten weeks of summer break.

Sports and Fitness Programs

Sports camps this summer include soccer, tennis, swimming, running, ultimate frisbee, beach volleyball, skateboarding, martial arts, rhythmic gymnastics, and golf. Taught by skilled coaches and instructors, youth spend the day engaged in active and healthy activities where they develop and hone their skills, practice sports fundamentals, and make new friends.

Aquatic Programs

For youth just learning to swim, who love riding waves, or aspire to become future lifeguards, aquatic programs in both ocean and pool environments are available. Week-long ocean adventure camps, such as Aquacamp and Beach Boogie, and Surf Camp explore local beaches and teach youth to kayak, surf, and boogie board. For youth learning to swim, private, group, and free swim lessons along with the new Play and Splash Camp are offered at Los Baños and Ortega Park swimming pools. The popular Junior Lifeguard program will run for seven weeks. Junior Lifeguard participants spend time mastering water safety, first aid, and surf lifesaving while learning marine concepts,

and participating in lifeguarding competitions. The Junior Lifeguard program is a great starting place for aspiring lifeguards.

### Enrichment Programs

There are a range of camp options for youth interested in STEAM: Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics programs. Youth interested in coding, engineering, robotics, 3D printing and learning how to start their own business can participate in Educraft: Technology and Coding Camps, Bizzy Girls Entrepreneurial Programs, and Lego-Inspired Engineering Camps. For youth that enjoy the arts and theatrical expression, ceramics, cooking, theater, and dance, programs include Art from the Heart, Spotlight Theater, Hip-Hop with Everybody Dance Now, and Kids Cook Junior Chef Camps.

### Specialty Programs

Specialty programs provide opportunities for youth to explore nature, ride horses, and go on cool field trip adventures. Youth that love horses can sign-up for week-long Hearts Horse-Riding Camps. For adventure seekers, Camp Rad and Outta Bounds are a perfect fit. Participants spend the week traveling to local hot spots where they enjoy go-carting, soaring on trampolines, surfing, and having an all-around “rad” time. For nature lovers, the two week-long Nature Camp program is ideal for learning about the environment and participating in traditional camp activities such as singing songs, going on campouts, and hiking local trails.

### Junior Counselor Programs

For teens ages 13-17, there are Junior Counselor programs connected with the Summer Fun, Nature, Skate, and Aquacamp programs. Under the guidance of camp staff, these programs provide teens with the opportunity to gain leadership experience as they learn how to effectively work with kids and lead successful camp activities.

### Affordable Programs

For families on a tight budget that need a supervised summer program for elementary school-aged children, the Department also operates the Summer Fun Drop-In Recreation Program. For a \$25 registration fee, the program provides eight weeks of recreation activities, sports, crafts, theme days, and walking field trips at two Santa Barbara Unified School District (SBUSD) elementary schools. Operating Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., the program keeps children active and engaged in healthy, enriching activities. Additionally, a free breakfast and lunch are provided to all program participants through the SBUSD Summer Feeding Program.

### Program Staffing

Facilitated by both City staff and Independent Contract Instructors, summer programs will be led by well-trained, hard-working and dedicated individuals who are passionate about providing quality youth programs.

### Extended Care, Scholarships, and Inclusion Support Services

To accommodate families with working parents, morning and afternoon Extended Care programs along with an affordable afternoon Land and Sea program will be available at Chase Palm Park. As part of the Campership Alliance, the Department will provide more than 100 summer camp scholarships through the Police Activities League. Finally, to reach as many children as possible, the City is equipped to provide inclusion support services to youth participants with special needs.

### Summary

The Parks and Recreation Department is dedicated to providing safe, fun, and enriching camps and programs for youth this summer. With over 35 varieties of camp programs to choose from, the Recreation Division strives to offer “something for everyone” during the ten weeks of vacation. Families can learn more about summer offerings with the recently published Spring and Summer Activity Guide. Paperless registrations can be processed on the Department website or staff can assist families at various sites, including the Carrillo Recreation Center, Recreation Administration, and Los Baños Pool.

**PREPARED BY:** Emily Fox, Senior Recreation Supervisor  
Jason Bryan, Senior Recreation Supervisor

**SUBMITTED BY:** Judith Cook McCaffrey, Recreation Division Manager

**APPROVED BY:** Jill E. Zachary, Parks and Recreation Director