



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: September 23, 2020
TO: Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: Administration Division, Parks and Recreation Department
SUBJECT: Director's Report

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Commission receive a presentation on the status of various Parks and Recreation Department (Department) initiatives and activities.

DISCUSSION:

From Summer Camp to After School Camp

After an uncertain spring season and ever-changing state and local public health orders, the Recreation Division's careful research and dedication to finding new solutions led to a successful summer of modified youth camps. Conducted from June to August outdoors in the open air, fifteen different camps provided a safe and much-needed outlet for our community's children. Camps included Junior Guards, Beach Volleyball Camps, Skate Camp, Boogie and Surf Camp, and Nature Camp. Conducted following rigorous health guidelines, these camps totaled 2673 registrations. The star of the summer was Santa Barbara Junior Lifeguards, which operated at 96% capacity, or 1169 registrations.

This fall, with local schools adopting a distance learning model and parents looking for an after school outdoor option for their children, Parks and Recreation camps will continue to provide healthy, safe activity and socialization opportunities. Camp options include LEGO Camp, Ceramics Camp, and Soccer Camp, with aquatics camps like Junior Lifeguards, After-School Surf, and Boogie and Surf Camp returning until shorter days and lower water temperatures set in. Many camp sessions have begun, and staggered sessions will continue throughout the fall.

Registration for fall camps is open now at www.sbparksandrec.org.

Monarch Butterfly Overwintering Restoration Program

The Department recently entered into a memorandum of understanding with the Ventura County Resource Conservation District in support of the agency's program to enhance

monarch overwintering and pollinator habitat. Conducted over a period of years, the program will focus on potential overwintering habitat in the Douglas Family Preserve and includes a site survey and management plan, site restoration, and educational outreach.

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