



City of Santa Barbara
Parks & Recreation
Your Recreation Leader

Summer 2012

Dear Aquacamp Parents:

Welcome!

We are very excited about our upcoming summer season and look forward to meeting our new campers. Throughout the years, Aquacamp has been a traveling camp that visits various local beaches and swimming facilities to maximize your child's aquatic experiences, while combining arts crafts, group games and skill building activities. We offer participants the opportunity to learn aqua awareness, and receive instruction in boogie boarding, body surfing, and marine life. With the addition of new activities we are excited to offer the most productive, fun and educational experience.

Please read through all of the information carefully.

Activity calendars:

The Aquatic Section is providing activity calendars to assist with any required preparation for each days listed activities, and for reference. Staff does their very best to adhere to the distributed calendar, but activities are subject to change based on decisions regarding the environment, safety or other conditions related to camper needs.

This year all of our camp sessions are theme and activity based

Session 1. A Pirates Life: Throughout this week we will visit the Maritime Museum, Captain Don's Pirate Cruise and co-ordinate many scavenger hunts around our city parks and beaches.

Session 2. Surf's Up: This is a new and exciting addition to our program. Surf's Up will explore our local beaches and teach our children that there is more than one way to surf. With Surf and Stand Up Paddle lessons, we also teach the kids boogey boarding and body surfing.

Session 3. Tidepooling: In this session we will travel to the world famous Long Beach Aquarium as well as our own local Ty Warner Sea Center and many other tidepools along our coast.

Session 4. Pool Party: Traveling to Lompoc and Ventura, we will visit their Aquatic center's which has a splash pool with a jungle gym as well as water slides.

Session 5. Go Fish: The kids will learn to make their own poles and we will fish the Santa Barbara and Goleta Pier.

Session 6. Local Heroes: This session will be a real treat for the kids. We will take field trips to visit the Santa Barbara Fire station, Harbor Patrol, and have a real police officer guest speaking as well as our own Santa Barbara City Lifeguards giving demos and offering lifesaving tips.

Session 7. Summer Olympics: With much anticipation it is yet another year to have our Summer Olympics. In honor of celebrating this festivity we will run our own Summer Olympics. With pool and beach individual and team competitions, games as well as own closing ceremonies.

Session 8. Water Sliding: This fun filled session will take a trip to the Mustang Water Slides at Lake Lopez as well as slip and sliding in our own city parks.

Session 9. Beach Bash: To wrap our summer season we will have a beach BBQ at Refugio state beach as well as visiting many of our wonderful local beaches with plenty of games and lots of beach fun.

Due to the size of the camp and the limited space on the bus we will not have room to permit parents or other guests to accompany the camp on excursions or daily activities.

Contacting Camp

Please read the camp schedule each day, and notify staff in the Aquatic Section by calling the Cabrillo Bathhouse at 897-2680 for the following situations:

- Your child will not be attending camp,
- You will be late dropping off or picking up your child.
- You need to contact your child.

The Camp director will be equipped with a cellular phone for emergencies only.

What to Bring to Camp Each Day:

Every morning, your child must arrive with a bathing suit and sunscreen already on. They also should bring the following, which should fit into a backpack:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen SPF 15 or | <input type="checkbox"/> Sweatshirt or light jacket | <input type="checkbox"/> Water bottle with fluids |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Towel | <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Hat or visor</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Sack lunch |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walking shoes | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses | <input type="checkbox"/> End of the day snack. |

Boogie boards can also be brought on beach field trips, and we encourage families to clearly mark all equipment with their name.

If your child requires medication during the day, please contact the adapted program & camp director Alisa Lopez before the first day of camp. We do have staff restrictions for administering medications, and a set procedure for medicine drop off.

Campers should not bring the following items or anything of value that could be lost or broken during the day:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Roller shoes | <input type="checkbox"/> Walkman | <input type="checkbox"/> Books |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bikes | <input type="checkbox"/> Nintendos / Gameboys | <input type="checkbox"/> Trading cards |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Knives | <input type="checkbox"/> Toys | |

Drop Off and Pick Up:

It is essential for your child to be dropped off at 9:00 a.m. and picked up by 4:00 p.m. at the Casa Las Palmas building at 323 E Cabrillo Blvd.

Campers must be signed in and out by an adult each day. There will be a sign-in table on the steps in the front of the Bathhouse. For every fifteen minutes that a child is not picked up after camp there will be a **five dollar (\$5) charge**.

Camp Director and Staff are to request a picture ID of any adult, parent, or individual that is seeking to release into their custody a registered camp participant. Camp Directors must receive in advance written permission from a parent authorizing release of their camper to someone not previously included in the Camper Information Forms.

Extended Day Care:

If you would like Extended Care and have not yet registered please call the Parks and Recreation Department Registration desk at 897-2680, between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm.

On behalf of the Aquacamp Staff, welcome to our program. Please feel free to call the Aquatics Section at (805) 897-2680 if you have any further questions or comments. We look forward to meeting you!

Sincerely,
Alisa Lopez, Aquacamp Director
897-2680

Sincerely,
Rich Hanna, Senior Recreation Supervisor
897-2680

