



2020 Summer Camp Program Information

Overview and Important Information
for Parents and Guardians



Overview:

In close collaboration with the County Health Officer, Santa Cruz County Parks in partnership with City of Watsonville and other local partners is excited to offer 2020 Summer Camp. This program is to support working residents of Santa Cruz County by providing summer camp activities for their children, through a collaboration of agencies and organizations across the County. This summer camp is offered to children ages 5-12. Due to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance for childcare settings, this program has capacity limits.



All camp centers in this program will be operated in strict accordance with CDC COVID-19 guidance and recommendations, follow the social distancing, sanitation, and hygiene practices described in the following link: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/index.html> and are subject to change as additional health orders and/or guidelines are released.

Hours of Operation:

7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Monday - Friday. Please note that hours may vary depending upon the needs of participating families and staff availability. Please confirm with the staff.

Dates of Service:

June 8 – August 7, pending school reopening date(s)

Each group will remain stable through 9 weeks of summer programming. In order to maintain stable groups and reduce household exposures to slow the spread of COVID-19, families are urged to forego sending their child(ren) to any additional summer camp, group recreational activities and childcare programming during the course of the summer. Also, to maximum utilization of services being offered to the community, participating families are asked to complete the equivalent of at least 5 weeks of Santa Cruz County Parks summer programming.

Cost:

\$900 per participant for 9 available weeks of camp programming, June 8 – August 7, with sibling discounts available. Fees are non-refundable*.

Discounted registration fee may be available at **\$100** per participant for low-income families that are eligible for Medi-Cal, WIC, or CalFresh.

**Any COVID-related camp closure dates will be refunded.*

We want to make this program affordable and accessible to all families in Santa Cruz County. There are, however, many costs associated with implementing this programming and donations to help fund the effort are gladly being accepted:

- online: [please donate here](#)
- by phone: please call 831-454-7901
- by mail: please send payments to: Santa Cruz County Parks, ATTN: 2020 Summer, 979 17th Ave, Santa Cruz, CA 95062

Donations are welcome and may be tax deductible.



Registration:

Parents/guardians will first be required to apply online: [2020 Summer Application Form](#) . Please note, space is not guaranteed as we must adhere to capacity limits based on the Public Health guidance. You will be notified via email if a spot becomes available. Upon acceptance, parents/guardians must complete a confidential participant information and emergency card to be submitted upon arrival on the first day.

Small group activities:

Following Public Health Department guidelines, all groups will be stable, and the same children and staff will be grouped together each day. Siblings will be grouped together whenever possible to minimize the number of household exposures. Groups will not interact with other groups in order to reduce the risk of exposure. Groups will be limited to a maximum of 12 children.

Programming:

Site administrators and staff will coordinate schedules so that each group is able to enjoy outdoor recreation as weather and conditions permit. Each group will be offered themed activities including:

- Aquatics programming featuring: swim instruction, water play, and pool Jr. Guard programming for those participants who pass program prerequisites.
- Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) focused activities.
- Junior Rangers programming featuring outdoor education and wilderness skill-building.
- Nature Science/Exploration.
- Sports/Movement focused activities.
- Water-focused programming, featuring visits to local beaches (if health order allows), watershed education, stewardship-building, water play, etc.

Implementation of some activities will involve staff transporting stable groups in vans. Each child will be issued a container of supplies that will be for their sole use while attending the program. Containers will contain items such as: pencils, sharpeners, scissors, glue sticks, etc.

Locations:

Programming will be offered at several of the following locations:

- South County:
 - La Selva Beach Clubhouse - 314 Estrella Ave, La Selva Beach
 - Callaghan Park – 225 Sudden Street, Watsonville
 - Watsonville Youth Center – 30 Maple Ave, Watsonville
 - Watsonville Senior Center – 114 E 5th Street, Watsonville
 - Marinovich Park – 120 2nd Street, Watsonville
- Mid County:
 - Aptos Village Park - 100 Aptos Creek Rd, Aptos
- North County:
 - Highlands Park - 8500 Highway 9, Ben Lomond
 - Bear Creek Country Club - 15685 Forest Hill Dr, Boulder Creek

Meals, Snacks, Beverages:

County Parks is planning to provide recreational and enrichment activities for your child(ren); you are required to provide all snacks, meals, and water/beverages – some sites may be designated nut-free. Refrigeration may not be available, so please send all items in a lunch bag or small cooler labeled with your child's name. Meals should be ready-to-serve; no heating required. Please also send your child with a reusable water bottle labeled with their name.

Staff to Child Ratio:

Programs will be staffed by a combination of County Parks recreation staff and lifeguards and staff from partner agencies, all of whom have been fingerprinted and background checked. As detailed in guidelines from the Public Health Department, children will be divided into stable groups of 12 or fewer and will not change from one group to another. All groups will be assigned a stable team of staff for morning and afternoon/evening staff shifts.

Staff Training:

Staff at each site will review the current Public Health guidelines on Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Childcare Guidance and coordinate schedules to ensure meals, outdoor activity time, and toileting activities are kept separate for each group. Staff will also receive training by the Public Health Department on proper techniques in taking body temperatures. An emphasis will be placed on teaching and practicing infection control measures and social distancing to the extent possible, as detailed in state and local public health advisories.

Health & Safety Checks:

It is vital that all parents and guardians keep children at home if they are sick and, if possible, check their child's temperature before arriving in order to minimize exposure. We will provide each center with a thermometer and will check body temperatures upon check-in each day. If a child's temperature is above the threshold noted below, they will be excluded from participation. A child can return to the program after they have been symptom and fever free for 72 hours (without the use of medicine) AND have waited a full 10 days since onset of symptoms.

Health Questionnaire at Intake:

Staff and parents will be required to respond to the following questionnaire daily upon intake, and will be sent home if answered "yes" to any of these questions:

- Do you or your child live with, or have you had close contact with anyone with:
 - a prolonged cough?
 - fever or flu-like symptoms?
 - anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 within the last 14 days?
- Do you or your child have a fever, cough and/or shortness of breath? For children, fever is 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit for forehead thermometer, 99 degrees Fahrenheit or higher with armpit thermometer or 99.5 degrees Fahrenheit with oral thermometer.
- Do you or your child have any other signs of communicable illness such as a cold or flu?
- Have you or your child experienced diarrhea or vomiting within the past 24 hours?

Sign In/ Sign Out:

Our goal is to limit outside adult to youth interaction beyond the site staff and participating children. We greatly appreciate your support in helping our staff team implement an efficient check-in and check-out system. Parents/guardians or others designated to pick up your child must present a valid photo ID at check-out. Please also bring your own pen to sign your child in and out.

Signs of Illness During Program:

Children will be monitored for signs of illness throughout the day including:

- Headache or tiredness, unable to participate in routine activities or need more care than staff can provide.
- Fever with behavior changes, difficulty breathing, uncontrolled coughing, unusually tired, persistent crying, etc.
- Open sores, rash, signs of infection, etc.
- Runny nose with colored mucus
- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea

If children are exhibiting any of the above symptoms, they will be physically separated from the group and will be required to wear a mask/face covering until pick-up. **Parents/guardians are required**



to and must agree to pick up their child without delay if they are exhibiting these symptoms. A child can return to the program after they have been symptom and fever free for 72 hours (without the use of medicine) AND wait a full 10 days since onset of symptoms.

Facilities and Cleaning:

All sites will be equipped with cleaning and sanitation supplies including hand sanitizer, Clorox wipes and/or disinfectant solutions. High-touch surfaces will be wiped down several times a day and there will be a thorough cleaning of the site each day. Staff will follow CDC sanitation guidelines for schools and childcare centers.

Best Practices:

Administrators and staff will make every effort to implement best practices as defined by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) including:

- Review all updates from CDC, CDSS and local Public Health Department guidance for childcare centers
- Have clearly designated family drop-off/pick-up stations
- Screen all children/family/visitors before entry
- Self-screen at home before coming to work
- Stay home if showing or experiencing any sign of sickness and only return to the program when symptom and fever free for 72 hours (without the use of medicine) AND have waited a full 10 days since onset of symptoms.
- Post signage of COVID-19, risk assessment and preventative measures
- Limit parent volunteers (not permitted currently)
- Restrict activities and visitors, including volunteers and parent tours
- Require children and youth to conduct handwashing as their first activity upon arrival each day
- Provide reminders (visual cues and verbal reminders) to encourage
 - Frequent hand hygiene
 - Cough/sneeze hygiene (“Cough into your elbow please” or “Remember to wash your hands after you sneeze”.)
 - Reminders to not touch face
- Stock hand sanitizer and disinfectant materials for each childcare site and make them visible at the intake table
- Have a stock of masks/face coverings and wear them when required
- Clean and disinfect frequently paying close attention to frequently touched surfaces
- Keep play materials on site
- Teach and model physical distancing practices
- Keep emergency contact information up to date

Key Documents / Resources / Links:

- [CDC Guidance for School Settings](#)
- [Reminders for Using Disinfectants at Schools and Childcare Centers](#)
- [CDC Environmental Cleaning and Disinfecting Recommendations](#)
- [SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER TO SHELTER IN PLACE \(issued April 30, 2020\)](#)
- [Updated Order to wear Face Coverings \(issued 06.25.2020\)](#)

Questions and Contacts:

If you have any questions about this overview document, staffing, and logistics, please email registrations@scparcs.com. Once your child is assigned to a group, please direct inquiries to the site staff.

Please keep in mind that planning is still underway and health order guidance is subject to change.

Thank you for all you are doing for our community!

