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City of Santa Cruz Parks and Recreation Summer Program Update

SANTA CRUZ, CA— City of Santa Cruz Parks and Recreation

In compliance with the Santa Cruz County Public Health Order and in collaboration with recreation agencies throughout Santa Cruz County, the City of Santa Cruz Parks and Recreation department offers the following summer programming.

Our popular summer camps are back at Harvey West Park. Camps are approved to operate under the Public Health Order to provide child care for working families. Following the model established by the County Health Officer, camps are limited to twelve participants with assigned leaders dedicated to each group. Camps will still provide all the fun, arts and crafts, games, activities, outdoor and growth experiences Parks and Recreation is known for while emphasizing and maintaining safety for all.

Youth and adult classes will be modified and offered either online or in person in accordance with the Public Health Order. Classes unable to adapt to either format will be canceled. Parks and Recreation staff is currently working with instructors to transition their programs to the appropriate format.

Registration for both summer camps and classes begins Wednesday May 20th, 9:00 am for City Residents, 11:00 am for Non-Residents. To register online or to create a Parks and Recreation account, visit cityofsantacruz.com/register. Parks and Recreation administration staff are available by phone Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm at (831) 420-5270. Phone in registration will open Thursday, May 21st.

Junior Guards goes virtual! Join our Beach Lieutenants for weekly Junior Guard workout videos and to learn water safety at cityofsantacruz.com/guards. We encourage participants to watch and follow along with the workouts either at home, at your neighborhood park or at the beach before 11:00 am or after 5:00 pm. The program is free and no registration is required. This open format creates a unique opportunity to expand participation throughout the Santa Cruz community.

Senior classes continue to be enjoyed online through video and Zoom classes. Classes include Qi Gong, Line Dancing, Memoir Writing, Gentle Yoga, Book Club, iDevice Discoveries, Building iPad Skills, and one-

on-one tech support. Senior programs celebrated a significant milestone as participation surpassed the 1,000th mark. Although senior trips have been canceled for summer, our [Walking Adventure Group](#) continues to enjoy weekly scavenger hunts and photo shares of their neighborhood walks, and online meet-ups. Learn more about all of our senior programming at cityofsantacruz.com/seniors.

We see no better time to celebrate July Is Parks Make Life Better month than now as the Shelter-In-Place order has illuminated the vital importance of our parks, beaches, open space and recreation programs to the Santa Cruz community. Events will be adapted to online programs, “to go” activities and fun, outdoor challenges. Look for Parks Make Life Better activities at santacruzparksandrec.com.

Santa Cruz’s over 1,700 acres of parks, beaches, and open spaces remain open to the public subject to restrictions imposed by the modified Public Health Order. Facilities remaining closed to the public include the Harvey West Pool, Civic Auditorium and the Loudon Nelson Community Center. Updates on the status of Parks and Recreation amenities and facilities can be found on <http://www.cityofsantacruz.com/covid-19> and on all social media channels.

Please see <http://www.cityofsantacruz.com/coronavirus> for updated information and resources.

More information: cityofsantacruz.com

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