

Recreation Division Highlights

Thursday, July 10, 2025

Past Events

Therapeutic Recreation

Summer Camps

Youth Camp, ages 5-12, enjoyed "Transportation Week" getting visits from a COSCA Park Ranger, the fire department, Search and Rescue, the police department, a CRPD tractor, and even the trash man! Youth camps also enjoyed outings to the Thousand Oaks High School pool and to Ride On Therapeutic Horseback Riding during their first weeks of camp. The days were filled with sensory activities, music, dancing, and arts and crafts.

Tween Camp and Peer Mentor Camp, ages 13-22, enjoyed our new location at the Oaks Mall, going on scavenger hunts, enjoying lunch in the community, outings to the pool, dancing, crafting, and listening to their favorite tunes all day long. They completed scrapbooks highlighting their favorite parts of camp so far to take home after the first two weeks!



Dos Vientos Community Center

Junior Ranger Camp

This summer, we hosted 13 participants to a 1-week Jr. Ranger Camp at the Rancho Potrero Amphitheater, and it was an unforgettable experience for both staff and campers! Our team was thrilled to utilize this beautiful outdoor venue, and we're incredibly grateful to the COSCA rangers for ensuring the trails and programming areas were well-maintained. Throughout the week, our Jr. Rangers explored the wonders of nature, learning to identify native and nonnative plants and animals. Through hands-on activities and guided exploration, they gained a deeper appreciation for the natural world around



them. From observing wildlife to hiking scenic trails, this camp helped foster curiosity, stewardship, and respect for the environment.

Conejo Community Center

Summer Camps

Summer Day Camps kicked off the week of June 16th and have been an absolute blast! Over 300 campers have been enjoying all that our camps have to offer—from Wildwood hikes and pool plunges to exciting visits from our weekly specialists. Each week is made even more fun with a special theme. So far, we've explored "The Great Outdoors," battled it out in "Heroes vs. Villains," and celebrated with "Stars & Stripes." This week's spooky summer twist? "Summerween"! The Conejo Center is also proud to continue our partnership with the Chumash Museum, giving our Creekside Day Campers the unique opportunity to hike through local open space and explore the museum grounds—connecting with nature and learning about Indigenous culture firsthand.



McCrea Movie Nights: Shoot First

On Saturday, June 28, McCrea Ranch kicked off its first of four summer movie nights with a full house! The featured film, *Shoot First*—a 1953 adventure/spy thriller starring Joel McCrea and Evelyn Keyes—drew 100 participants to the ranch for a memorable evening under the stars. Both season passes and individual movie tickets are now completely sold out! The next movie night is on Saturday, July 19, featuring the 2024 pioneer story *Sod and Stubble*, starring Wyatt McCrea.

Aquatics Recreation

Junior Lifeguards

The Aquatics unit is currently offering the very popular Junior Lifeguard Camp. This camp follows the American Red Cross Junior Lifeguard curriculum, which includes basic water rescues, spinal injury back boarding, first aid/CPR, and fun lifeguard games and activities. The first session of the camp was a great success, with 14 participants including two who were able to successfully meet the requirements and receive an American Red Cross CPR/First Aid Certification. There is one more session of Junior Lifeguards offered this summer, and we are currently adding additional spaces to accommodate an extensive waitlist.



Fourth of July Festivities

Summer Concert-Bruce Springsteen

There was no better way to celebrate America than at our beautiful park with *The Springsteen Experience*—a tribute to the legendary Bruce Springsteen. The RecVan made a festive pit stop, and those who brought their Parker plushie were treated to a mini felt popsicle or American flag for Parker to proudly hold. RecVan crafts added to the patriotic fun with red, white, and blue bracelets, necklaces, and even star-spangled paper plate hats! Approximately 3,000 community members were in attendance.



Pancake Breakfast

Borchard Center hosted the annual 4th of July Pancake Breakfast. We had roughly 415 people of all ages in attendance. Our families enjoyed pancakes, sausage, coffee, juice, arts & crafts, music, and more all while celebrating America! Big thank you to National Charity League and Boys Team Charity for volunteering and spending their 4th of July morning helping us serve our community!



Free Swim

Aquatics hosted a Free Swim Day for Fourth of July from 12-4pm at the Newbury Park High School pool and the Community Pool at CLU. The NPHS pool hosted 76 swimmers while the pool at CLU hosted 214 swimmers.