

Traditional Day Camps And Work Experience Program for Teens



Board of Community Services

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TRADITIONAL DAY CAMPS



Traditional Summer Day Camps

Running on All Cylinders Summer 2022-
All Camps Full With Waitlists!

 Wa-Tam - held in Howarth Park, 1100 kids

 Yu-Chi - held in Youth Park, 440 kids

 Doyle - held in Doyle Park, 440 kids



Camp Wa-Tam

- 130 Campers, 19 Staff,
40 Vols/week
- M-F
- Overnight Thursday Nights
- Extended hours available M-W
in the afternoon
- Songs, Skits, Games, Crafts, Canoeing,
- Archery and Swimming
- Swimming at Spring Lake
- Special Guests
- Parent's Night Program

CAMP WA-TAM
NOBLE KNIGHTS AND DAZZLING DRAGONS



July 5th - July 8th
2022

Doyle Adventure Camp

- 60 Campers, 11 Staff, 16 Vols/week
- M-F, 10:30am-5pm
(Extended Hours Available -
7:45am-5:00pm)
- Songs, Skits, Games, Crafts,
Canoeing, Archery and Swimming
- 2 swims at Ridgway
- Utilizes and educated on Citibus
transit system!
- Field Trips and Special Guests!



Camp Yu-Chi

- 60 Campers, 11 Staff, 16 Vols/week
- M-F, 10:30am-5pm
(Extended Hours Available, 7:45am-5:00pm)
- Songs, Skits, Games, Crafts, Archery and Swimming
- 2 swims at Finley
- Field Trips and Special Guests!



Programming Challenges:

- Limited support from maintenance because of staffing reductions*
- Paying project crew for camp set up which used to be done by Parks- not budgeted.*
- Dealing with COVID exposures with participants and staff*
- Increase in displaced persons*
- Aging Infrastructure*

Programming Challenges (continued):

-Waitlist for Camp Wa-Tam - challenges and fairness

-Hiring staff

-Minimum Wage increases pushing camp fees upwards

Survey Monkey Results/Highlights

2022 CAMPS (106 Responses)

- 99% would recommend to another family*
- 97% said the program was “good” or “great”*
- 96% Rated their camp as “good” or “great”*
- 96% Felt camps programs were appropriately priced*



**WORK
EXPERIENCE IS
BACK! (2 YEAR HIATUS)**

WHAT IS WORK EXPERIENCE?

For Teens, ages
13-17

Pay a \$105 Fee

Volunteer 60-300
hours! (annually
30,000!!)

Stay Out of
Trouble

Positive role
models

Application,
Interview and
Job Experience!

Beat back the
~~CATCH 22~~ of
getting your first
job!

Purpose of the Work Experience Program

- ▶ Gain experience filling out an application *Evolving to fillable PDF!*
- ▶ Mentored practice in the interview process
- ▶ Provide on the spot feedback during the summer on how to improve skills
- ▶ Learn the value of giving back to the community
- ▶ Earn community service hours which satisfy school volunteer requirements and scholarship applications
- ▶ Work skills and responsibility (showing up when scheduled)

Purpose of the program

Continued...

- ▶ Learn valuable skills in your specific work area
- ▶ Customer service skills
- ▶ Handling money
- ▶ Pool and deck supervision and safety skills
- ▶ Positive discipline with camper skills
- ▶ Practice and planning activities
- ▶ Valuable work experience that will look **AWESOME** on any application

WHO BENEFITS
FROM WORK
EXPERIENCE!?

IT IS A.....

WIN!

WIN!!

WIN!!!

Situation...

PARENTS WIN!

KIDS WIN!!

**Santa Rosa Recreation and Parks
PROGRAMS WIN!!!**

STEPS IN THE WORK EXPERIENCE PROCESS

1. APPLY

For Office Use Only
Receipt # _____
Date _____
PCD _____

Santa Rosa Recreation & Parks Department
WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM APPLICATION
DUE BY FRIDAY, APRIL 6th, 2018

Please refer to the "Work Experience Program" flyer for specific details and requirements of each program. Applicants should fill out the application themselves, and please print clearly in pen.

Applicant's Last Name: _____ First: _____ MI: _____
 Your Parent's Last Name: _____ First: _____ MI: _____
 Address: _____ E-Mail: _____
 City: _____ ST: _____ ZIP Code: _____ Resident Non-Resident
 Phone: Home _____ (Work) _____ (Emergency) _____
 Date of Birth: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ Current ID: 00001671

Shirt Size: _____ (Adult Small, Medium, Large, X-Large, XX-Large)

Fees: \$90.00 Registration (This fee includes training, admission to field trips and 1 volunteer work shirt—additional shirts may be available at ORIENTATION on May 9th for \$3.00 each)
 \$20.00 rewashable (reusable) Size _____ (Shirts/shorts must be pre-paid at the time of registration and WILL NOT be available for sale after May 9th)

Total Paid: _____

Did you participate in the Work Experience program last year? Yes No
 If yes, which program area? _____ Was this program your 1st choice? Yes No

Rank the program below that you would be interested in by order of preference using (1) as your first choice, (2) as your second choice, etc. Many program areas are limited to the number of Work Experience participants they can take. (We cannot guarantee that you will be accepted into your first choice, so please indicate a second and third choice.) If no additional choices are marked, you may be placed in what is available or be declined as a program participant. For more information on these Work Experience program areas, please see the orange Work Experience flyer or the Activity Guide, or visit gatesandcreek.com

Camps	Sports	Aquatics	Howarth Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Camp Wa-Tan	<input type="checkbox"/> Sports Clinic CIT*	<input type="checkbox"/> Lake Concession Aides	<input type="checkbox"/> Animal Care
<input type="checkbox"/> Devil Camp	<input type="checkbox"/> Camp Yu Chi	<input type="checkbox"/> Lake Jr. Lifeguard**	<input type="checkbox"/> Amusement
		<input type="checkbox"/> Ridgeview Concession Aides	<input type="checkbox"/> Horse Assistant
		<input type="checkbox"/> Ridgeview Jr. Lifeguard**	<input type="checkbox"/> Boat House Assistant
		<input type="checkbox"/> Ridgeview Senior Aide	

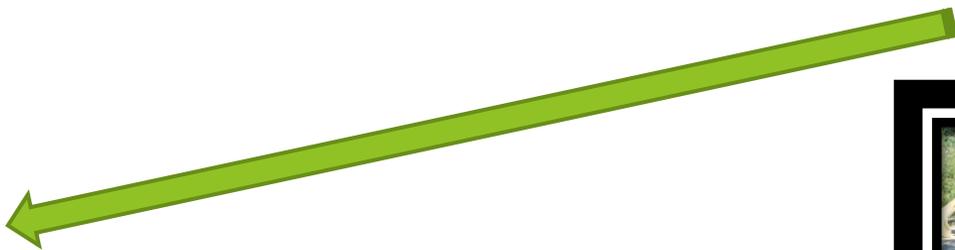
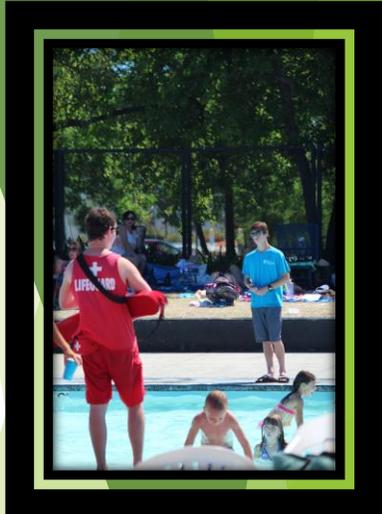
*For Sports programs, a "CIT" is "Coach in Training"
 **Junior Lifeguard applicants must complete a Level 8 Lifeguard Program or have successfully completed the Open Water Junior Lifeguard course offered by the Sonoma County Regional Parks Department in 9/2018



2. INTERVIEW



3. PLACEMENT



4. ORIENTATION



5. TRAINING



▶ WHAT KIND OF
PROGRAMS
DOES
WORK EXPERIENCE
OFFER?

Day Camps -CITs

*Camp Wa-Tam



*Doyle Adventure
Camp



*Camp Yu-Chi



Aquatics (Finley and Ridgway)

- *Swim Aides
- *Jr. Lifeguards
- *Concessions



Neighborhood Services LITs!





Howarth Park
***Boathouse**
***Animal Barn**
***Concessions/
Amusement**

WORK EXPERIENCE UNDER COVID

REGULAR PROGRAM CANCELLED 2020, 2021

-Impacted Hiring in all areas! 80% of our staff comes from Work Experience Program!

BACK IN 2022 !

Survey Monkey Results/Highlights

2022 WORK EXPERIENCE (80 Responses)

-95% said their teen benefitted from the program

-95% would recommend to another family

-93% said the program was good or excellent

-95% said their teen benefitted from the program.

-93% enjoyed the program

QUESTIONS?