



## Plan for Summer Activities Now

Summer dismissal bells haven't yet began to ring but the time for planning your family's summer activities is now. Limited enrollment in many programs requires action this month to guarantee a spot for the summer.

One of the best kept secrets in San José is the "San José Family Camp." And the secret; it's not even in San José! San José Family Camp is located in the heart of the Sierras near Yosemite National Park. Families can enjoy fishing, hiking, relaxing or day trips to Yosemite along with three full meals a day. The camp sits next to the Tuolumne River where water fun for the whole family awaits. Rates are low with adults costing \$52/day including the three meals and activities and a scaled rate for children. A limited number of camperships are available for low-income households. This camp fills up fast and applications can be submitted in person during San José Family Camp office hours (Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.) at the Moreland-West Community Center located on the corner of West Campbell Avenue and Fallbrook Avenue, near the West Gate Shopping Center. The start date to receive walk-in applications is **May 8th**. For a link to the camp Web site go to <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/prns/familycamp.asp>

Are your monkey's not interested in camping? Try sending them to circus school for summer camp. 888 Monkeys Summer Arts Program offers a Fool Time Circus camp for kids ages 9-12 years of age with half day programs for grades 1-3. The kids will experience juggling, Chinese yo-yo, partner acrobatics, tumbling, equilibristic, improvisation, acting, clowning, pantomime, singing, rhythm, percussion, set design, scenic art, and drawing. And at the end of the session they'll put on a show! The camp is located at the California Sports Center at 100 Great Oaks Blvd. Ste 150 in San José. To view the camp's offerings go to <http://www.fooltimecircus.org/888monkeys/>.

Camping and performing not on your kid's list of favorites? There are camps available to enrich and enhance their academic and athletic performances, too. Archbishop Mitty High School offers summer camps for children grades 3-9 including swimming, football (non-contact), soccer, field hockey as well as academic classes for grades 7-12 in math, sciences, Spanish, and history. To view a full listing of classes and details for registering go to [http://www.mitty.com/summer\\_2008/](http://www.mitty.com/summer_2008/). If you have a budding Hemingway or J.K. Rowling in your home Lekha Publishers offers full and part-time summer camps in creative writing in District 1 at 4204 Latimer Avenue. Lekha Writing offers two paths for your camper, one with a creative writing path, the other for those who wish to improve their language skills. For details on this camp go to <http://www.lekhapublishers.com/summercamps.html>.

The city's recreation centers offer summer programs that are easy to register for and fun to attend. Little Rascal Summer Day Camp will keep your younger children (ages 5-7) busy with arts and crafts, sports, games, field trips, and special events. The camp is located at Rainbow Park at 1295 South Johnson Avenue, San José. Outings include Gilroy Gardens, The Jungle, Great America, Boomers, Swimming and Water Park and a trip to the Monterey Bay Aquarium. Summer Day Camp for older children (ages 8-12) meets at Calabazas Park, 1207 Blaney Avenue, San José. Outings for the older campers includes Great America, Ice Skating, Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk, Raging Waters, movies, and Golfland & Waterslides. There are also camps in Basketball, Boy's Volleyball, and Tennis with an additional Youth Center Summer Camp at Starbird Youth Center. Times, locations and more information can be accessed by clicking here [http://www.sanjoseca.gov/prns/CITYWIDE%20ACTIVITY%20GUIDE%20-%20CAG/CAG%20Breakdown%20for%20Web/Starbird\\_Youth\\_Center.pdf](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/prns/CITYWIDE%20ACTIVITY%20GUIDE%20-%20CAG/CAG%20Breakdown%20for%20Web/Starbird_Youth_Center.pdf).

For an activity fun for the whole family and for those that wish to perfect their paper airplane techniques try the Drop-in Indoor Model Airplane Flying at the Moreland West Community Center Gym (1850 Fallbrook Avenue) ongoing on Sunday nights from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. Experts will be on hand to help you select, adjust, and fly your plane. The price for admission is \$6 for adults and \$3 for youth under 18 years of age. For more information call the Moreland Community Center at (408) 871-3820.