



Resource Activity Guide for CASA Advocates

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ANIMALS ACTIVITIES

Ranch 101

Great place to see and feed chickens and ducks. Owners Sandy and Bela Lubkin request that you call 24 hours in advance before going to the ranch. **FREE**. 101 Littleway Lane, Watsonville – Phone: (831) 768-7265 (**left message – status?**)

The Redwings Horse Sanctuary

Visiting the sanctuary includes getting up close and personal with the horses and learning how they got there. You can sponsor a horse for a fee and receive a photograph of your new friend. Tours - Open: M-F 10:00 – 3:00; by appt. only on Saturday Phone: (831)386-0135.47240 Lockwood-Jolon Road, Lockwood, CA – about 2 hrs south of Watsonville (use directions off their website – not GPS) www.redwings.org

Horse Back Riding Lessons with Louise Alaniz

Since the horseback riding sessions have been such a sensation CASA Advocate Louise is offering lessons again! **FREE** 1-2 hour sessions - learn how to care for horses and ride. Lessons are at a private ranch approximately 15 minutes east of the CASA House. **Availability** - Monday & Friday mornings, Tues - Thursday all day. All ages welcome. Children should wear long pants and bring water and a sun hat. Legal guardian must sign a release which you can pick up from your Case Supervisor or request via email at: louiselovette@yahoo.com

Wild Things

Enjoy a 1-hour tour of an Exotic/Wild Animal facility. See a collection of over 100 birds, animals (Big Cats, Elephants, Bears, Monkeys, etc.), and reptiles from around the world. You will get very close to many of these animals. Learn how they are trained to work in films and what they are really like to house and maintain. Visit the gift shop after your tour. Tours are at 1 p.m. daily (including weekends); Also at 3:00 during June, July & August. No reservations needed. \$10. Adults/ \$8 child (14 & under) 400 River Rd., Salinas, CA – Phone: (800) 228-7382 www.wildthingsinc.com

UCSC Long Marine Lab & Seymour Marine Discovery Center

Touch sea stars, anemones, and an 85-foot blue whale skeleton. Learn about research in progress. Whale watching telescopes are on-hand. Tours available to see dolphins and sea lions. Daily Tours: Tues-Sat 10:00 – 5:00; Sunday 12:00-5:00, Closed Mondays and some holidays. Reservations for special tours required on weekends. Check website for entry fees and “**FREE** days” 100 Shaffer Road, Santa Cruz – Phone: (831)459-3800 <http://seymourcenter.ucsc.edu/>

Monterey Bay Horsemanship & Therapeutic Center

Riding lessons, trail rides on the beach, horse camps – get acquainted with horses of all types at this special facility. Call for a special tour or to set up lessons. 783 San Andreas Road, Watsonville (on the Monterey Bay Academy property) Director: Anne Phipps (831) 761-1142 www.mhorsecenter.com

Monterey Bay Aquarium

CALL THE CASA OFFICE TO OBTAIN FREE PASSES A great opportunity to see beautiful marine animals and very cool exhibits, including an interactive kids' area and touch tank. 886 Cannery Row, Monterey – Phone: (831)648-4800 www.mbayaq.org

Pet Emporium

Pet Emporium allows the public to touch baby bunnies and guinea pigs when available. They also have 70 aquariums and a large reptile selection. **FREE**. Call for store hours. 1501 41st Avenue, Capitola – Phone: (831)476-0611

Pet Pals

Over 7500 gallons of fresh and saltwater fish. **FREE**. Call for hours. 3660 Soquel Drive, Soquel – Phone: (831)464-8775

Trop-Aquarium & Pet Center

Exotic fish, exotic birds, and reptiles. **FREE**. Call for hours. 849 Almar Ave., Santa Cruz – Phone: (831)429-1242 1947 Main St., Watsonville – Phone: (831)761-3901

Pet Smart

Fresh and saltwater fish, birds, reptiles, dogs and cats. **FREE**. 490 River St., Santa Cruz – Phone: (831)429-2780

ART GALLERIES, MUSEUMS, THEATER

SculpTOUR on the Pacific Garden Mall

Start at the north end of Pacific Avenue and stroll through downtown Santa Cruz to enjoy the nearly 20 installations of large public art that are part of SculpTOUR, the city's ever-changing outdoor sculpture exhibit. Look for the dogs made out of rocks, a school of swirling hammerhead sharks, a huge Japanese shoji gate, and more. **FREE**

Agricultural History Project Museum

Museum and county gift shop, grounds display, early farming equipment and methods of the central coast. Special activities for children. Open: Thurs – Sun, noon to 4:00 pm Fairgrounds - 2601 East Lake Avenue, Watsonville - Phone: 831-724-5898 www.aghistoryproject.org

Aptos Museum

Local history and artifacts – weapons, Native Indian items, etc. 7605 Old Dominion Court, Aptos – Phone: 668-9514 **FREE**.

Santa Cruz Art League

All sorts of ongoing exhibits and art classes for children. Please call for details. **FREE**. 526 Broadway Street, Santa Cruz – Phone: 426-5787 www.scal.org

Capitola Historical Museum

This museum features Capitola history as seen through artifacts and photos. **FREE**. Open: Noon-4:00 Wed/Fri/Sat & Sun 410 Capitola Ave., Capitola – Phone: 831-464-0322 www.capitolamuseum.org

Pajaro Valley Historical Association

FREE. Open: 11:00-3:00 Tues-Thurs Call in advance for group tours. 322 East Beach, Watsonville – Phone: 831-722-0305

San Jose Children's Discovery Museum

This is an interactive museum that includes art, science, and technology. Kids Café at site. Museum is also surrounded by Guadeloupe Park for picnics. 180 Woz Way, San Jose – Phone: (408) 298-5437. www.cdm.org

San Jose Museum of Art

The San Jose Museum of Art is a distinguished museum of modern and contemporary art. The Koret Gallery features a family-friendly space of thematically linked artworks from the Museum's permanent collection, accompanied by multi-sensory activities that link daily experiences with the transformational experiences of dramatic play, interpretation, and creation. www.sjmusart.org

Museum hours: Tuesday–Sunday from 11:00am–5:00pm. Closed Mondays

Admission: Adults \$8.00 Students & Seniors \$5.00 - **FREE** admission for SJMA members and children six and under

Location: 110 South Market Street San Jose, California 95113 Contact 408-271-6840 info@sjmusart.org

San Lorenzo Valley Museum

Preserving the history of the San Lorenzo Valley through collecting and exhibiting artifacts, gathering historical information, and providing education through museum. www.slvmuseum.com

Museum Hours: 12-4 Wed, Fri, Sat & Sun

Admission: **FREE**

Location: 12547 Highway 9, Boulder Creek, CA 95006(831) 338-8382

Santa Cruz Museum of Natural History

Connecting people with nature, and inspiring stewardship of the natural world. Permanent exhibits include: Native Peoples - The Ohlone, Geology of the Santa Cruz Region (dig in the fossil dig), Wildlife & Habitats of the Santa Cruz Region (live beehive and live king snake), Marine Life of the Monterey Bay (touch tide pool), and Garden Learning Center. There is also a life size grey whale model for children to climb on. Ongoing classes are also available. The following are a sample of classes currently available: Nature Notes & Sketches, Natural Science Illustration for Kids, Nature Photography, Endangered Neighbors Gallery Walk, Super Summer Saturdays, and Waterfowl that Whiten the Sky. www.santacruz museums.org

Museum Hours: Tuesday-Saturday 10 am to 5 pm, Closed Sunday & Monday/ Summer (June 6 through Labor Day): Wednesday-Sunday 10 am to 5 pm, Closed Mon. & Tues.

Admission: \$4.00/adult; \$2.00/seniors (60+); Youth under 18: **FREE**; Museum members: **FREE**

Location: 1305 East Cliff Drive, Santa Cruz, CA 95062 831.420.6115

Santa Cruz Surfing Museum

100 years of surfing history. Old photos, vintage boards, and a shark attack surfboard. Donations accepted. West Cliff Drive at Lighthouse Point – Phone: 420-6289
www.santacruzsurfingmuseum.org

The Davenport Jail Museum (part of Santa Cruz Museum of Art and History)

Built in 1914, and used only twice, it was converted into a museum of North Coast history in 1987 with stories of native settlements, the natural environment, major industries, early families, and community life. Davenport Jail is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. <http://www.santacruzmah.org/index.php?page=davenport-jail>

Open: June 6th 11-4, July 4th 11-4, August 1st 11-4, September 5th 11-4, October 9th & 10th 11-4.

Location: 2 Davenport Avenue, Davenport (831) 429-1964

Pajaro Valley Arts Council Gallery

Changing exhibits featuring works in all media including sculpture, paintings, drawing and interesting installations. PVAC coordinates the amazing outdoor sculpture exhibit at Sierra Azul Nursery, see “Gardens and Outdoor Activities”, below **FREE!** PVarts.org

Gallery Hours: Wed. through Fri. 11-4 and Sat-Sun 12-4.

Location: 37 sudden St, Watsonville; 722-3062

The Museum of Art & History

This museum does once a month activities for children, usually the first Saturday of each month. MAH also houses rotating exhibits and one permanent, locally based exhibit on Native American history to the present. Other lectures, tours, and workshops are also available, including classes and events for children. **FREE** on certain days – call for details! 705 Front Street at Cooper Street, Santa Cruz – Phone: 429-1964
www.santacruzmah.org

The Tech Museum of Innovation

This museum has two floors of tech-related exhibits and hands-on fun (especially good for school age children). Kids can check out the virtual world, including making their own “virtual room,” and learn how technology has impacted science, medicine, and many other fields. The Tech is also home of the IMAX Dome Theater, the largest movie-viewing screen around showing a rotating schedule of interesting and educational films. 201 S. Market Street, San Jose – Phone: (408) 294-8324 www.thetech.org

Santa Cruz Potter’s Co-Op

Retail pottery store offering fine, handmade, functional pottery. Visitors may view the pottery-making in the rear of the store. 831- 426-8711 - 1642 Mission St. - Santa Cruz. Ca. 95060 <http://www.santacruzpottery.com/>

Henry J. Mello Center for the Performing Arts

The Center is an 838-seat state-of-the-art professional performance facility, offering a community center for musical productions, dramas, artistic venues, seminars, and events for large audience participation. East Beach & Lincoln Streets, Watsonville - Phone: 763-4047 www.mellocenter.com

Old School Shoes

* WEAR YOUR ART! * Shoe-Painting workshops happen every other SATURDAY from 2:30-5:30 p.m. Call or come by the store to sign up. Cost is \$10 per person, and space is limited. Bring your own shoes to paint! 1017 Pacific Ave., Santa Cruz – Phone: 423-2700 <http://www.oldschool-shoes.com/>

Canepa Design

For all car enthusiasts!! The owner of Canepa Design is an ex-racing driver who has collected racing cars and now has a business selling & working on racing cars. Right now there is a showroom which one can browse through - both cars he's collected and ones for sale. **FREE**, Open Monday thru Saturday until 5 p.m. Museum –view race cars and motorcycles, Open 9-3 pm 4900 Scotts Valley Drive, Scotts Valley - Phone: 831-430-9940 www.canepa.com

COLLEGE CAMPUS VISITS AND EVENTS

University of California at Santa Cruz

This 2,000-acre campus has great hiking trails, major art exhibitions, theater productions, and a farm and garden project that kids and adults love to explore. **FREE** tip: the East field is a great place for picnics and sunsets. **FREE**, Open Daily. 1156 High Street, Santa Cruz – Phone: 459-4350 www.ucsc.edu

Kids Free Days at Stanford University

Tickets can only be requested at the Stanford Stadium Ticket Windows on Thursday, August 28th for the Stanford vs. Oregon Football game. Fan Fest starts at 3:00; Kick off at 6:00 p.m. Kids 14 and under **FREE** (1-800-STANFORD) www.gostanford.collegesports.com/kidsfree

Cabrillo College

Individual tours available – e-mail for appt: matam@cabrillo.edu Tours start at the Sesnon House; Bi-lingual tours available Self-Guided Tours – download map from website 6500 Soquel Drive, Aptos <http://www.cabrillo.edu/services/outreach/campustours.html>

California State University Monterey Bay

Year round tours at 11:00 each day for prospective students; 75 minutes – lots of walking. Excluding certain days/holidays – check website for availability; Dress accordingly – can be cold and windy Call: (831) 582-3738 or schedule visit on-line; map and directions on website www.csumb.edu/visiting-campus

Early Academic Planning Camp at San Jose State

In June in Washburn Hall at San Jose State University, San Jose, CA. The primary goals of the camp are: Inspire and motivate students to reach for the dream of a college education; offer guidance and direction in their academic pursuits; planning tools for college; explore personal strengths and learn how to apply them to your educational path. Priority for space will be given to Bay area counties and in the event that we have a large response of applications, a maximum of 5 youth per county will be accepted, and additional youth will be placed on a waiting list. We would appreciate

your help in providing a chaperone from counties that have 5 youth represented. Room and Board is provided for each chaperone. Transportation for youth is the responsibility of the care giver or county program. You will find our application on the CME Society website - <http://www.sjsu.edu/cmesociety>

COUNTY LIBRARIES

Many library branches have children's chess clubs, story times, movies, and internet access. Call individual libraries for more information. Visit: <http://www.santacruzpl.org/events/> Book stores are also good places for visits. We recommend **Bookshop Santa Cruz** (1520 Pacific Avenue in Santa Cruz), **Crossroads Books** (1935 Main Street in Watsonville), and the **Capitola Book Café** (1475 41st Avenue in Capitola).

Aptos Library

7695 Soquel Drive, Aptos – Phone: 831-420-5309 <http://www.santacruzpl.org/Aptos>

Ben Lomond Library

Old School house historical site, from 1926. 9525 Mill, Ben Lomond – Phone: 831-336-5639 <http://www2.santacruzpl.org/BenLomond>

Boulder Creek Library

13390 West Park Avenue, Boulder Creek – Phone: 831-420-5319
<http://www.santacruzpl.org/BoulderCreek>

Branciforte Library

230 Gault Street, Santa Cruz – Phone: 831-420-6330 <http://www.santacruzpl.org/Branciforte>

Capitola Library

2005 Wharf Road, Capitola – Phone: 831-420-5329 <http://www.santacruzpl.org/Capitola>

Santa Cruz Central Library

224 Church Street, Santa Cruz - Phone: 831-420-5700 <http://www.santacruzpl.org/Central>

Felton Library

Historical site, old church from 1894 6299 Gushee St. Felton – Phone: 831-420-5339
<http://www.santacruzpl.org/Felton>

Garfield Park Library

705 Woodrow Avenue Santa Cruz, CA 95060 Phone: 831-427-7709
<http://www.santacruzpl.org/GarfieldPark>

La Selva Library

Next to the Clubhouse 316 Estrella Drive, La Seva Beach – Phone: 831-427-7710
<http://www.santacruzpl.org/LaSelva>

Live Oak Library

2380 Portola Drive, Santa Cruz – Phone: 831-420-5359 <http://www.santacruzpl.org> [Live Oak](#)

Scotts Valley Library

230 D Mt. Hermon Rd., Scotts Valley – Phone: 831-420-5639 <http://www.santacruzpl.org> [Scotts Valley](#)

Watsonville Public Library

275 Main St, Watsonville – Phone: 831-728-6040 <http://www.watsonville.lib.ca.us/>

Freedom Library

2021 Freedom Blvd., Freedom, CA – Phone: 831-768-3420
<http://www.watsonville.lib.ca.us> [Freedom](#)

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

UCSC

Come join us for a UC Santa Cruz campus tour! Our informative tour guides provide insight into the undergraduate experience, highlight our excellent academic opportunities, and showcase our stunning campus environment. Reservations are required. Transfer student advising workshops are offered on the first and third Fridays of every month and may be reserved online. Reservations are required. 831-459-4008
www.ucsc.edu

Cabrillo College

Individual tours available– e-mail for appt: matam@cabrillo.edu Tours start at the Sesnon House; Bi-lingual tours available Self-Guided Tours – download map from website 6500 Soquel Drive, Aptos www.cabrillo.edu
<http://www.cabrillo.edu/services/outreach/campustours.html>

Girls Moving Forward: Education & Empowerment Services

Whether your girl is test-phobic, is distracted easily at homework time, needs help with a long-term school project, or is preparing for an exam, Girls Moving Forward has a program to aid her success. They work with girls from every grade level, at every skill level. This program has proven results, and may be all your girl needs to feel better about herself and her future. It is available to all girls who attend low-performing schools. Contact your CASA Case Supervisor for more details! 831-535-2658
www.girlsmovingforward.com

FOR ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY RESOURCES, CHECK OUT:

www.localdownload.com

www.first5scc.org

www.helpscc.org

www.santacruzkids.com

GARDENS ACTIVITIES

UCSC Farm & Garden

Self-guided tour. Pamphlets available at the Visitor's Center. **FREE**. Open seven days a week. Call for tour information. UCSC Campus between Merrill & Stevenson Colleges, Santa Cruz – Phone: 831-459-3248

Arboretum – UCSC

Twenty-acres of unique vegetation including plants from Australia, Africa, and South America. **\$5.00 donation for adults, \$3.00 for kids but for CASA it's FREE**. Open seven days a week, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Empire Grade Road (between Main and West entrance of UCSC) 1156 High Street, Santa Cruz – Phone: 831-427-2998
<http://www2.ucsc.edu/arboretum/>

Crystal Bay Farm

This organic farm is owned and run by a CASA volunteer and her husband. They offer “u-pick”, a seasonal pumpkin patch, farm tours, and other fun and educational activities for kids and adults. Please call for more information. Offered mid-Feb – 1st part of November 40 Zils Road, Watsonville – Phone: (831) 724-4137
<http://www.crystalbayfarm.com/>

Gilroy Gardens Family Theme Park

75 acres of gardens, 25 grafted trees, topiaries all over the park, and 5 gardens. The “Monarch Garden” greenhouse has a train and monorail that runs through it. Long time Santa Cruz residents may remember the grafted trees from their former home along Highway 17 in Scotts Valley. 3050 Hecker Pass Highway, Gilroy – Phone: (408) 840-7100 www.gilroygardens.org

Roses of Yesterday and Today

Display garden of mature, rare, and unique roses. Beautiful mountain, canyon setting. **FREE**. 803 Browns Valley Road, Watsonville – Phone: 831-728-1901
www.rosesofyesterday.com

Sierra Azul Nursery and Gardens & Sculpture Exhibit

Sierra Azul Nursery includes two acres of demonstration gardens featuring mature Mediterranean plants in a garden setting. It is home to a huge changing exhibit of sculpture curated by the Pajaro Valley Arts Council. Always a fun place to explore, and it's free. 2600 E. Lake Avenue, Watsonville (across from the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds) Phone: 831-763-0939 www.sierraazul.com

Gizdich Ranch

Gizdich Ranch is a third-generation, family-run farm business that has been in existence for more than 25 years. The down-home ranch offers pick-yourself fruits such as apples, strawberries, raspberries, ollalieberries and blackberries. They also offer fresh, home-style pies and fruit juices, guided tours for schools, and country antiques. The ranch offers a

close-up look at the way fruit is grown and picked. Kids love it. 55 Peckham Rd, Watsonville, CA 831-722-1056 www.gizdich-ranch.com

Swanton Berry Farm

This farm on the California Coast features pick-your-own strawberries, ollalieberries, and kiwis! The pick-your-own prices are very reasonable. The farm is located 2 miles north of Davenport on Highway 1. (831)469-8804 <http://www.swantonberryfarm.com/index.html>

Agricultural History Project

Discover the fascinating agricultural history of Santa Cruz County, Pajaro Valley and Watsonville. Spend hours exploring our educational exhibits, historical archives, and the agriculture research in the Codiga Center & Museum. Located at the entrance to Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds in Watsonville, California. you will learn about the crops, people, artifacts and farming practices that have made the Central Coast of California what it is today. Over 80 crops are grown in this area as a result of unique combination of soils and climates. 2601 East Lake Avenue Watsonville, California 95076 (831) 724-5898 <http://www.aghistoryproject.org/index.html>

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Sanctuary Cruises

Whale watching cruises are 4-5 hours long, which gives plenty of time to see whales and dolphins in a relaxed mode. Tours run Tuesday through Sunday, plus Mondays that are holidays. They will comp any CASA kids that come with one paying adult. That's a great deal because normally kids are \$38! For reservations, call (831) 917-1042 www.sanctuarycruises.com

Roaring Camp Railroad

CALL THE CASA OFFICE TO SEE IF WE HAVE FREE PASSES. Take a one hour and fifteen minute ride through the redwoods on an old steam train or to the Santa Cruz Boardwalk. The camp has been on 1880's logging town, general store, and a steam-powered sawmill. There are an annual moonlight steam train dinner party and Halloween train ride. Ticket prices \$14-\$18 5355 Graham Hill Road, Felton - Phone: 335-4484 www.roaringcamp.com

Young Eagles

Young Eagles offers free, educational flying adventures to children 8-17. CASA children, with the help of their advocates, can register and participate in an actual flight. Questions are answered about airplanes and the principles of flight, including reviewing aeronautical charts and identifying reference points during the flight. After their flight, CASA children can register as a Young Eagle, get listed on the Young Eagle's website logbook (www.youneagles.com), and receive information on scholarship programs administered by the EAA Aviation Foundation. A pre-flight permission form will need to be completed for CASA children to participate in this activity. This form must be signed by a biological parent, a legal guardian (not necessarily the foster parent!), or the CASA child's Social Worker. **First Saturday of each month: May-November** For more info, contact Thomas Hain at 831-703-4243 <http://www.youneagles.com/>

Sierra Club Hikes

A detailed schedule is listed on their website. Hikes for younger children are rare; however, the difficulty of individual hikes can be learned by calling that hike's leader. Info and phone numbers are listed on the following website: www.ventana.sierraclub.org

Bicycle Rentals

Explore the Monterey Bay, trails or historic areas on quality bicycles. Mountain Hybrid, tandem, electric and children's bicycles of all sizes are available. Rentals priced at \$8-\$10 per hour, or \$25-\$35 per day. Electric Sierra Cycles 302 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz. 831-425-1593

Chardonnay Sailing Charters

Sail Monterey Bay aboard a 70-foot yacht. Educational and whale watching tours available depending on time of year. Call for information on tours and times. This activity can be educational and lots of fun, but it's also expensive. The boat is located at 790 Mariner Park Way, Dock FF in the Santa Cruz Harbor. Phone: 831-423-1213 www.chardonnay.com

Harley Farms Goat Dairy

The 2-hour tour costs \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for kids (free for kids under 5), but you can see the goats there and taste the cheese for free. You can go to see the babies every Spring! (650) 879-0480

Phipps Farm

(Down the street from Harley Farms), which has a large collection of birds of all shapes, sizes and colors in an Aviary. Berry-picking is also available at \$3.00 a pound when fruit is in season. Fee: 4 and under, 60 and over FREE. Ages 5-59 \$3.00 2700 Pescadero Road (650-879-1032)

FISHING

General Information: When fishing from a public pier, no fishing license is required. For seasonal rules/changes contact the Department of Fish and Game: (916) 928-5805.

Purchase fishing licenses at the following locations:

- CVS Drugs, 1700 Mission Street (831) 457-8039
- Stagnaro's, 7th and Eaton (831) 427-0230

<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/fishing/>

Santa Cruz Municipal Wharf

At the Santa Cruz main beach, at the foot of Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz. No license needed to fish from the pier.

Capitola Wharf

Capitola

Cement Boat

This two mile, sandy beach at the foot of sandstone cliffs offers day parking, camping, swimming, fishing, bicycling and roller blading, with a wonderful view of the beached

cement boat the Palo Alto. At Seacliff Beach State Park, Aptos 8 miles South of Santa Cruz off Highway 1

Reservoir Fishing Hole

Loch Lomond Reservoir. Includes fishing, picnicking and boat rentals from \$5 to \$10 an hour with a two-hour minimum. Open daily from March 1 through Labor Day, then Saturdays and Sundays through October 9. 100 Loch Lomond Way – Phone: 831-335-7424

GOLF COURSES

De LaVeaga Golf Course

18 Hole Course. Please call for rates and hours. Park also offers disc golf, archery range, picnic areas, playground, and trails for hikers and bicyclists Upper Park Rd., Santa Cruz - Phone: 831-423-7214 <http://www.delaveagagolf.com/>
<http://www.cityofsantacruz.com/index.aspx?page=596>

Spring Hills Golf Course

31 Smith Road, Watsonville – Phone: 831-724-1404 www.springhillsgolf.com

Valley Gardens Golf Course

This is a 9-hole course; please call for rates and hours. 263 Mount Hermon Rd., Scotts Valley – Phone: 831-438-3058

PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES

Surf City Billiards

Surf City Billiards & Cafe has offered FREE billiards for CASA advocates and their kids during their slow hours. Surf City is a family friendly café and billiards room in downtown Santa Cruz. Bring your CASA kid (or kids) and your Order of Assignment for an hour of free billiards during these hours. Monday - Thursday 4-11, Friday & Saturday 4-1 a.m. Sunday 10 am – 11 pm. Its a good idea to call first just to make sure they don't have a private party going on. You can stay after your game to play chess, checkers or board games or have a meal in their Café. 931 Pacific Ave (where the Attic used to be) (831) 423-7665 <http://surfcitybilliards.com>

Pacific Edge Climbing Gym

Pacific Edge is offers in door ROCK CLIMBING. Mention CASA and get a 50% discount Pacific Edge (in-door climbing gym) in Santa Cruz offers a 50% discount to any of our kids who come in with their advocate. Tom Davis (the owner) has just become a foster parent, and is very familiar with the foster care system and the CASA organization. A first session is typically a safety class for a cost of 50% of \$31.50. Day visits are \$15. Scholarships for classes and camps are available to low-income families and Tom welcomes scholarship applications from foster families. They are open every day. Just stop in and say you're from CASA. 104 Bronson Street #12 Santa Cruz, California 95062: 831-454-9254 <http://www.pacificedgeclimbinggym.com>

Boardwalk Bowl

Open Daily. Wild Weekdays - Monday through Friday, Noon to 5pm Two games of bowling including shoe rental, plus a hot dog, chips, and soda all for just \$7.50, \$6 for kids under 18. Half Price Bowling - Monday and Tuesday Nights, 9pm to closing Bowling is half-price - just \$2.25 per game. Cheap Lanes -Wednesday Nights, 9:30pm to closing. Rent a lane with your pals! On Wednesday nights it's just \$40 a lane for two hours. Scoops & Strikes - Fridays, 3pm to 8pm The Boardwalk Bowl's most popular promotion! Enjoy 2 games of bowling and 2 scoops of delicious Marianne's Ice Cream for only \$8, or \$6.50 for kids under 18. Shoe rental included! Wacky Weekends - Saturdays and Sundays, 9am to 5pm Bowl for just \$2 a game! 115 Cliff Street, Santa Cruz – Phone: 831-426-3324 www.boardwalkbowl.com

Swim lessons at the YMCA

The Y will also give a discount for membership to qualifying kids and families. Ask them for the form and you probably can get a 50% discount YMCA 27 Sudden St Watsonville, CA 95076 (831) 728-9622 <http://www.centralcoastymca.org>

Santa Cruz Roller Palladium

Hours: Mon-2:00-4:00; Tues-11:15-12:30 tots; Wed-11:15-12:30 tots, 7:30-10:00pm; Thurs-3:35-5:30pm/ 7:30-10:00pm; Fri-7:30-10:00; Sat 2:00-4:00/7:30-10:00pm; Sun-2:00-4:00
Price: \$5.75 afternoons & \$6.50 evenings, plus skate rental 1606 Seabright Avenue, Santa Cruz - Phone: 831-423-0844

Simpkins Family Swim Center

Pool area includes water slide with splash pool. Please bring your own towels and call for information on lessons and programs. 979 17th Avenue, Santa Cruz – Phone: 831-454-7900 http://www.scparks.com/simpkins_home.html

San Lorenzo Valley High School Pool

Open all year round. Call for hours and fees. 7105 Highway 9, Felton – Phone: 831-335-9877

Harvey West Swimming Pool

Swimming lessons and recreational swim. Call for hours and fees. 275 Harvey West Blvd., Santa Cruz – Phone: 831-420-6140

International Academy of Dance

Has offered free dance lessons to our children Contact: Shannon Cullem, Director 320 Encinal St., Santa Cruz, CA 95060 (831) 438-7543/ (831) 466-0458
intacademyofdance@gmail.com [Website](#)

STATE & LOCAL PARKS

Main County Parks Hotline: 831-454-7900

Año Nuevo State Reserve

Elephant seals, sea lions, and other marine animals to view every winter. Breeding season is December 15 – March 31. Guided Elephant Seal walks - 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., rain or shine. Self-guided walks available for the Visitor Center, Cove Beach, and trails. Guided tours can be booked online! (650) 879-2025
http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=523

Big Basin State Park

This was the first state park in California. There are over 50 miles of hiking trails, giant redwoods, nature programs, a store, picnic and camping sites. Call Big Basin in October to see if they're doing their special Halloween Hike – it's a lot of fun! 831-338-8860 www.bigbasin.org

Pinto Lake Park

Features group picnic areas, volleyball, horseshoes, a softball diamond, a children's playground, pedal and rowboats (seasonal), and fishing (**kids under 16 fish for FREE**). This is also a great place to feed ducks! 451 Green Valley Rd, Watsonville – Phone: 831-722-8129 www.pintolake.com

Wilder Ranch

Activity and group tour information: 831-426-0505

This 5,000- acre park contains a collection of restored dairy ranch buildings from the 1870's. Tours are conducted on weekends at 2 p.m. Wilder Ranch also contains Gray Whale Ranch. There are mountain biking trails, animal viewing, picnicking, and hiking. Hikes range from 1.5 miles to 6 miles. There is a fee for parking, but if you park outside the Ranch, it is **FREE**. Highway 1, North of Santa Cruz 831-423-9703
http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=549

Greyhound Rock County Park

The park offers coastal access, fishing, tidal pools, nature trails, and a family picnic area. Open sunrise to sunset. Call for additional information. Highway 1, North of Davenport 831-462-8333 <http://www.beachcalifornia.com/greyh.html>

Loch Lomond Recreation Area

Picnicking, hiking, a nature center and interpretive walks with rangers. Rowboats and electric motorboat rentals. Bait, tackle, fishing licenses, food and sundry items available. Open March 1 – September 15, 6 a.m. – sunset. Call for more information. 831-335-7424 <http://www.ci.santa-cruz.ca.us/wt/llra/llra.html>

Twin Lakes State Beach

FREE. Some fire pits available for bonfires. This beach is across the road from a small, natural lake that harbors ducks, geese, and other feathered travelers. Located just past the Small Craft Harbor on East Cliff Drive.

http://www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=547

Fall Creek State Park

FREE. The walking-only trail winds peacefully along Fall Creek to the Lime Kilns (dating back to the 1800's) and further to the Barrel Mill site. Beautiful light hike and no-grills picnic area. (Bring a blanket to sit on). 831-335-4598

<http://www.santacruzstateparks.org/parks/fallcreek/>

DeLaveaga Park

There is a municipal golf course, hiking and mountain bike trails, archery range, bridle paths, playground, picnic areas, disk golf course and baseball diamonds. The covered bridge spans Branciforte Creek. Also, there is a premiere Frisbee Golf Course. Discs may be available on site, or at the convenience store at Branciforte and Water St.

<http://www.ci.santa-cruz.ca.us/pr/parksrec/parks/delapark.html>

Forest of Nisene Marks

FREE if you park outside the entrance gate and walk in – otherwise, there is a fee for parking. Wilderness area with over 30 miles of hiking and biking trails. Limestone quarries and kiln, logging railroad, the Spreckels Mansion. Also the epicenter of the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake. Entrance at Aptos Creek Rd., Aptos Village 831-763-7062

http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=666

Harvey West Park

Picnic area, athletic fields, swimming pool, playground, and community building. Also, the Evergreen Cemetery with early settlers headstones to make relief prints. **FREE.** There is a fee for use of the swimming pool. Call 420-6140 for more information. 300 Evergreen St., Santa Cruz (turn on Harvey West Blvd near Highway 1 and River Street) 831-438-2396

<http://www.ci.santa-cruz.ca.us/pr/parksrec/parks/harvey.html>

Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park

This park has hiking trails through the redwoods, a quick hike through a redwood grove that is great for kids, and a self guided tour through the Giant Redwoods. Open daily. There is a fee for parking. 101 N. Big Trees Park Rd., off Highway 9 in Felton 831-335-4598

http://www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=546

Highlands Park

This park consists of 20 acres with two softball diamonds and fields, a tennis court, a BBQ area, park center, playground area, and a wading pool. Park resides on the San Lorenzo River. Open daily dawn to dusk. There is sometimes a fee for parking in the summer. 8500 Highway 9, Ben Lomond 831-454-7956

<http://www.scparks.com/highlands.html>

Natural Bridges State Beach

Famous for rough-hewn rock bridge created by pounding surf. There are tide pools, and in October and November the beach is the home of the Monarch Butterfly Festival. Open daily, 8 a.m. – Sunset. There is a fee for parking. 2531 West Cliff Drive, Santa Cruz 831-423-4609 http://www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=541

New Brighton State Beach

Cypress and pine trees surround this beach. Picnic, camping facilities available. Open daily. There is a fee for parking. 1500 State Park Drive, Capitola 831-464-6330
http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=542

San Lorenzo Park

This 9-acre stretch along the San Lorenzo River offers picnic and open areas for game playing, a playground, lawn bowling green, and a pond of ducks to feed. Open daily. **FREE.** Next to the County Government Center at Ocean St. and Water St.
http://www.ci.santa-cruz.ca.us/pr/parksrec/photogallery/thumb_sanlorenzopark.htm

Ocean View Park

This park has a small playground, grassy area for games, basketball court, and super fun slides and swings (chains are long enough for adult swingers, so go for it!). 102 Ocean View Ave., Santa Cruz
http://www.ci.santa-cruz.ca.us/pr/parksrec/photogallery/thumb_oceanviewpk.htm

Pogonip

FREE. Wonderful hiking trails that wind through forest, field, and glade. One of the best spots around for a bird's-eye view of Santa Cruz. 333 Golf Club Drive in Santa Cruz Take River Street/Highway 9, turn left on Golf Club Drive, OR enter at the top of Spring Street, off of High Street www.ci.santa-cruz.ca.us/pr/parksrec/parks/pogo

Quail Hollow Ranch County Park

Features hiking through grasslands, ponderosa blue forest, chaparral, and redwoods. Endangered species live here. Often features free weekend activities for kids! 800 Quail Hollow Rd., Ben Lomond – Phone: 831-335-9348
<http://www.scparks.com/parkfac/quail.shtml>

Felton Covered Bridge & Park

FREE and open daily. The bridge spans the San Lorenzo River. It is State Historical Marker #583, built in 1892, and one of three remaining historical covered bridges in Santa Cruz County. Off Graham Hill Road, Downtown Felton – Phone: 831-454-7956.

Mystery Spot

Balls roll uphill and other mysterious phenomena occur. 1953 Branciforte Drive, Santa Cruz – Phone: 831-423-8897 www.mysteryspot.com

Santa Cruz Mission State Historic Park

Come to the only remaining building of Mission Santa Cruz, and the oldest building in Santa Cruz County. Learn about the Native American experience at the mission. Tours are given. There is a beautiful yard with picnic tables available, and the site is very close to Downtown Santa Cruz. 144 School Street, Santa Cruz – Phone: 831-425-5849
http://www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=548

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADVOCATES AND THEIR CHILDREN

Taking part in community service with your CASA child can be an incredibly educational and enriching activity. Kids learn about the importance of volunteerism, and community service helps to raise their self-esteem while connecting them with their communities.

Volunteer Center of Santa Cruz County

To view a huge list of potential volunteer opportunities, please visit this website. You can conduct an "Advanced Search" to limit the opportunities based on location, areas of interest, age of volunteers, etc. <http://www.scvolunteercenter.com/home.asp>

Santa Cruz County SPCA

This is a great opportunity for our animal-loving youth, ages 16+. <http://www.santacruzspca.org/volunteer.html>

Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Cruz and San Benito Counties

Youth under 18 can participate in many volunteer opportunities at the Second Harvest Food Bank, although they cannot volunteer in the warehouse. Please see the website for service options. http://www.thefoodbank.org/heh_volunteer.html

Save Our Shores

Save Our Shores is a non-profit, marine conservation organization with many volunteer opportunities, the most well known of which are the large, community-wide beach clean-up days. This is a great way for beach-loving kids to give back to the community! <http://saveourshores.org/>

Santa Cruz County Parks

There are many ways to support the Santa Cruz County Parks and their various activities throughout the year. Check out the website for options! http://www.scparks.com/volunteer_opportunities.html

Trailworkers

Does your CASA kid enjoy spending time in the many beautiful forests we have in our county? If so, this may be a great opportunity for you both! <http://www.trailworkers.com/>

Spiritual Centers

If your CASA child is connected with a church, synagogue, or other spiritual center, there most likely will be service opportunities available through that center/organization. For example, some spiritual programs run soup kitchens, food pantries, holiday programs for needy families, etc.