



****Activities in bold require advance sign-up****

SATURDAY

Activity sign-up changes or additions: At Front Desk. You should have already signed up for the activities in which you wish to participate. However, you will have a chance to make final changes on Saturday when you arrive. Please see our hospitality coordinator at the Front desk to make any changes. Many activity sign-ups become final by Sunday.

New Vacationer Tour: Meet in plaza in front of San Rafael Towers.

Questions: Prior to our Welcome show, parents can meet our supervisors to discuss questions/concerns on the FVC Lawn.

Welcome Show: Meet the great Family Vacation Center Supervisors on the VC Lawn at 6:45pm to answer all your program questions! At 7:00pm, we'll introduce the entire staff with a short show. After the show, we'll excuse the kids to meet their counselors, while John Lofthus, FVC Director, and Adam Whiteley, FVC Assistant Director, will take a short time to review the week's programs and answer your questions.

SUNDAY

Morning Run: Join other vacationers on an introductory run to UCSB's many beautiful running areas. It is 4.5 miles long and features a beautiful run out to the end of the Goleta pier before heading back to campus.

Round Robin Tennis: Meet at the tennis courts for information about our tennis program and to learn more about lessons. There will be a short round-robin (no tournament) to get to know other players.

Santa Barbara Walk: Join Judy Keim on an insightful tour of Santa Barbara. The walk is approximately 1.5 miles, easy for most adults.

Kayaking: A great way to experience the beautiful water off UCSB's Campus and a wonderful introduction to the sport of kayaking. All of our coastal trips cover comprehensive paddling instruction. We also point out marine ecology along the way. The scenery is spectacular! Limited space available. Ages 10 and older only. \$45pp

Yoga: Join Niav Connors, for an invigorating start to your day. The class is for all levels and blends a variety of Hatha styles (emphasizes specific postures in combination with controlled breathing) to create a comprehensive, well-balanced Yoga practice. \$10 pp

Surfing Lessons: Why not take advantage of our spectacular setting on the beach and learn how to surf! Check with our surfing instructors for private lessons if you have younger ones that would like to participate. We have a number of spring suits that are available for you, but recommend you bring your own wetsuit if you have one! 12 years and older only. \$35pp

Digital Photography Workshop Part I: Tired of taking the same old photos? Maybe you just purchased a new digital camera and are looking for some tips on how to use it. Join Kayla, our very own digital photography master for a short introduction to photography composition.

Family BBQ: Luau BBQ on the FVC Lawn. Vegetarian and kid friendly food included!

Family Carnival: Immediately following lunch we begin our rousing Family Carnival with games and competition for the whole family. Stay on the FVC lawn for this “can’t miss” event!

Talent Show Sign Up: Sign up for the Tuesday night talent show with our Programs Assistant, Megan Lucero. You must sign up on Sunday to be in the show on Tuesday.

Surfing Lessons: See previous description. Ages 8-11

Adult Volleyball: Meet us at the Volleyball court on the FVC lawn for a great game.

Kids Group Dinner, Games and Bingo Night: Kids meet their counselors at their Kids Group rooms for dinner together followed by Bingo! The 3 year old group and Pre-K group should wear their favorite Pajama’s for their very own Pajama Party in the TV Lounge!

High School Campout: The teens leave in the late afternoon on Sunday for their big overnight camping trip to El Capitan Canyon. Please bring sleeping bags.

Welcome Mixer and Adult Dinner: Your kids won’t be the only ones having fun this evening! Join our crew for a welcome cocktail party hosted by the FVC, followed by a dinner with hosted wine at UCSB’s unique Faculty Club. There is limited seating so if you want to bring non-FVC guests, their cost is \$25 pp and they must sign up a week in advance.

Casino Night: Following dinner is our wild and crazy ‘Casino Night’ (Shipwrecked Theme) at the Faculty Club. We hope this evening will get your week off to a great start and help you to quickly feel like part of the FVC family.

MONDAY

Wine Country Tour: Internationally respected wine guru Robert Parker has declared that within the next decade, Santa Barbara’s Wine Country will “rule America.” It’s that good. It’s also still largely undiscovered, although its starring role in 2004 Oscar®-winning film Sideways changed that somewhat. Our popular wine country tour takes us to the Santa Ynez Valley, famous for its beautiful scenery and exquisite wines. \$40 pp.

Kayaking: See previous description.

Hike: This hike promises to be a highlight of the week! Lunch is provided. Please bring a hat to wear because it will be warm. Don’t forget extra water. Approximately 5 miles long, hilly and suited for intermediate hikers. Beautiful views of Santa Barbara.

Kids Groups Special Excursion: The adults won’t be the only ones having fun! The Pre-K through 3rd grade groups will be heading to the Santa Barbara Zoo for an action-packed day. The older groups (4th – Junior High) have an exciting day themselves, with an excursion downtown that will hold surprises around every corner!

Surfing Lessons: See previous description.

Dance class: Calling all aspiring young dancers! Join Megan on the FVC Lawn for an introduction to some great dance steps. Next stop: Talent Search, and a big performance in the Family Talent Show! 3:45-4:15pm ages 4-7
4:15-4:45pm ages 8-12

Talent Show: One of our favorite activities – where you as a family or individual get a chance to share your talents. It’s a good opportunity to polish up those rusty instruments, wacky skits and have some family fun. Limit one act per family (depending on the number of acts). Must sign up on Sunday afternoon to be in show.

FVC Pub Trivia Night: Join us at the Faculty Club for the first ever “FVC Pub Trivia Night”. Come show off your inner Alex Trebek and challenge our staffers in a rousing tournament that will surely get you thinking. Get a babysitter, tuck those kids in and come kick up your heels. We supply snacks, soft drinks, beer and wine and there is a no-host bar for other types of drinks.

TUESDAY

Golf Tournament: Enjoy one of the West Coast’s premier golf courses and meet fellow FVC golfers in the process! We will be teeing off from the beautiful Sandpiper Golf Course (recently rated by Golf Digest as one of the top 25 public golf courses in the country) in Goleta (shot gun start). Your round of golf, cart, and lunch are provided. Be sure to stay for the Post-Tournament Awards held during lunch! In order to reserve your spot, please fill out the attached Golf Reservation form and fax or mail it to us. Reservations MUST be made in advance. Price is \$130pp.

Yoga: See previous description.

Mountain Bike Ride: We will head past Sands Beach, into the Ellwood open space and to Sandpiper Golf Course. You don’t want to miss the beautiful views of the coast. The ride will consist of a mixture of road and dirt and is approximately 8 miles.

Manzanita Garden Tour: The Manzanita Gardens, located along the Manzanita Village dorms, is the home to native wetlands and rare plant life. Join a member of the UCSB staff for a tour of these gardens and a hands on experience in preservation techniques used in this project.

Digital Photography Workshop Part II: Join Kayla, our digital photography guru for the second part of our digital photography class. No need if you weren’t able to make the first workshop, you can still join us for the second class. We will be heading over to one of UCSB’s state of the art computer labs where Kayla will give an introduction to the exciting world of digital photo manipulation (thank you PhotoShop!). \$15 pp.

Massage 101: Join our trained masseuses in the lounge and take part in “Massage 101.”

Surfing Lessons: See previous description.

UCSB Labs Tour: Come with us on an exciting tour through the UCSB scientific labs. With several renowned research laboratories here on the UCSB campus, this tour is sure to be an interesting and informative one. Tour details will be listed in Monday’s SNOOPER.

Adult Intertube Water Polo Game: Head out to the FVC pool for what is sure to be a new FVC Tradition. Take on fellow vacationers in a spirited game of Intertube Water Polo. Ages 18 and older only.

Scrapbooking Workshop: Ever wanted to try out scrapbooking, but didn't know where to begin! Then join Barbara Bartolome, owner of Santa Barbara Scrapbooks for a great introduction to this popular hobby. Make sure to bring family photos and other memories to commemorate!

Golf Lesson: Looking to spruce up your golf game? Join us over at Sandpiper Golf Course for a one and a half hour lesson that will be sure to take at least 5 shots off your next round. Golf instruction will cover all aspects of the game of golf (full swing, short game, putting, sand play, etiquette, rules, course management, etc.) and will be tailored to your individual needs. \$45 pp.

Adult Volleyball: *See previous description.*

Kids Night Out: A longtime FVC tradition, Kid's Night Out takes place Tuesday evening, providing kids of all ages, an opportunity to "just be kids!" Small World will be open for the little ones and the 3 year olds will meet their kids' group counselor in their room. Pre-K-4 graders will meet out on the FVC Lawn while the 5 grade-Junior High kids meet in the lounge for a fun party! Please make sure that you send a jacket with your children for KNO.

Adult Night on the Town: We'll provide free shuttles for you to enjoy a night on the town in beautiful Santa Barbara. There will be multiple drop off and pick-up locations to suit your needs.

Adult Rock Wall: Come challenge both your mind and body at the same time at the state of the art UCSB Rock Wall. Here we will outfit you with a harness and before you know it you'll be climbing like a pro. This is no kiddy wall, with numerous lines available for all experience levels, this is an even not to be missed.

Adult Late Night Crafts: Don't feel like scaling a vertical wall after dinner? How about wine, cheese and some crafts time then? Adults only, please.

WEDNESDAY (FAMILY DAY)

On Wednesday, we encourage you to have a wonderful time as a family. It is a great opportunity during the week to see beautiful Santa Barbara.

There are many wonderful family activities in Santa Barbara:

- The Beach
- Golf courses
- Museum of Natural History (including the new Sea Center on Stearn's Wharf)
- The Mission
- The Botanic Gardens
- Horseback riding
- Tournaments
- Bike riding
- Trips to the Channel Islands
- A movie matinee
- UCSB Recreation Center and Pools

Circle Bar B Horseback Riding: Looking for that perfect ride? We are offering a special 1.5 hour trail ride with Circle Bar B, the best dude ranch in town! Horseback trails wind through canyons and along rugged ridge tops, crossing fields of sage and coastal oaks with sweeping views of the Santa Ynez Mountains. Ride includes gourmet lunch served on El Capitan State beach. \$55 pp. Must be at least 7 years old.

The Craft Room: Open from 10:00-11:30, 1:30-4:30 and 6:30-8:00pm. We encourage you to spend your time as a family, and enjoy Santa Barbara!

Water Color Workshop: Do you have a hidden artist in you just waiting to come out? Join accomplished local artist Holli Harmon for a 1 and a half hour workshop creating a memorable vacation journal using watercolors, sketches and more. In addition to the lesson, each participant will receive a starter kit (water colors, brush and scrapbook). \$35pp

Surfing Lessons: See *previous description*. Ages 12 and up and Ages 8-11.

Family Soccer: Come on out to the FVC lawn for a great soccer match with the whole family.

Family Movie Night: Bring the whole family out to the FVC lawn for a new outdoor movie experience!

FVCBYOWTP (Family Vacation Center Bring-Your-Own-Wine-Tasting-Party): Adults only (21+). Get ready to share your favorite wine with other vacationers in this informal and wildly fun event. All you have to do is... sign up, bring a bottle of your favorite wine covered by an authentic brown paper bag. The wine could hail from your hometown or simply be your favorite wine. Each guest pours their own wine while the tasters will try to guess what it is. A favorite wine will be selected at the end.

THURSDAY (BEACH DAY)

Lotusland Tour: Lotus land is a unique 37-acre estate and botanic garden situated in the foothills of Montecito to the east of the city of Santa Barbara. The gardens now covering the estate were created by Madame Ganna Walska, who owned the property from 1941 until her death in 1984. Come join us for a tour of these beautiful gardens with a little bit a Santa Barbara history. \$30 pp.

Kayaking: See *previous description*.

Santa Barbara Bike Ride: This very popular, 27-mile bike ride, winds through beautiful Hope Ranch and to Shoreline Park. You will see beautiful views of the ocean before heading to State Street in downtown Santa Barbara. We mix in a few "character building" hills to keep everyone honest. You will need a sturdy bike to make it downtown and back. FVC bikes are not allowed for this ride. The bike tour will end at Goleta Beach for our beach picnic.

Yoga: See *previous description*.

Beach BBQ at Goleta Beach: Enjoy a picnic lunch at Goleta Beach. We've reserved the center lawn and picnic tables for our whole group. People on the SB Bike trip will end at the beach and join us for lunch. You can ride a bike, walk (25 min.) with a staff member or take your car. The kids groups will meet us there. All 3 year olds and Pre-K will shuttle over with their car seats in a van. Middle school, 4th –6th grades will ride their bikes to the beach and back. If you plan to eat lunch with your child, remember to sign your child out with their counselor and then sign them back in when they return to their group.

Surfing Lessons: See *previous description*.

Book Club: Join fellow vacationers and staffers for a short discussion of Jodi Picoult's, *Change of Heart*. Topics of debate will include character development, theme depiction and the author's execution of the story line. All you need is a copy of the book and an open mind. Copies will also be available for checkout at the Front Desk.

Water Show and Races: An annual tradition is our water show and races on Thursday afternoon at the pool. Wear your bathing suits, as there are relay races for every age. As a big finale the staff always performs a fun water show. This is a must-see for the entire family!

Family Photos: Meet staff on the beach before campfire to take your family picture. Many families use this fantastic photo opportunity to use as their Holiday card! The light at this time of night provides an incredible background for memorable family photos. Be sure to come early and bring your camera.

Campfire: There isn't a better way to spend your second to last evening than enjoying the sunset at the beach. Bring your beach towels, portable chairs, flashlights and jackets. We meet on the beach right behind Manzanita Village. Roast marshmallows (s'mores anyone?) and enjoy a sing along with staff.

Adult Karaoke: Join other adults in The Lounge for some crazy karaoke action. We will provide the wine and beer... you provide the vocals!

FRIDAY

Nature Walk: Once again, join Judy Keim for an amazing tour. Wear comfortable (closed) walking shoes, sun screen and bring water and binoculars. Suitable for most adults.

Surfing Lessons: See *previous description*.

Tennis Olympics: Join other Tennis aficionados for games and prizes. The Tennis Olympics are the ultimate finish to a great week of tennis!

Kids Group Show: Children perform skits and songs in the Kids' Group show. It's often silly or sentimental and rarely professional, but who cares...it's your children and they're just so cute! Don't miss it.

Staff vs. Vacationer Softball Game: Rumor has it that the staff has never lost a game! Meet in the Plaza to shuttle over to the Softball Stadium or ride your bike over!

Pinewood Derby Race: Join other Pinewood Derby racers for a spirited battle on the FVC Track.

Farewell Dinner at Carrillo – Luau Style: Our final dinner together, so come on over to Carrillo for a great dinner with some of the characters from the Farewell Show.

Ice Cream Social: To relax after dinner and before the show, meet on the Lagoon Lawn for a delicious delight-
ICE CREAM SUNDAES!

Farewell Show and Awards: The grand finale of the week is the "Farewell Show." Awards are given to our tournament winners and the staff shows off their talents and charm. We close with a slide show of the week's activities and memories. It's a wonderful end to a superb week.