

Looking for summer activities for the kids? You are in luck, the North County offers an abundant selection of programs and camps that will entertain, educate and fascinate your children. Great news! The Paso Robles Parks and Recreation Department is now offering on-line registration for many of the programs they offer. Go to www.prcity.com/recreation and you can peruse the many offerings and register without even leaving your home or workplace. Here are a few highlights of what lies in store for our youth this summer:

1. Junior Giants Baseball Paso Robles Police Athletic League June 23 - July 17



Do you love baseball? Would you like to go to a Giants baseball game in San Francisco? Boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 13 will want to sign up for this year's Junior Giants Baseball Program sponsored by the Police Athletic League. There is no fee for this well-organized and coached program that promotes baseball for the sheer fun of playing the game. Teamwork, sportsmanship, and learning the game are emphasized over the win/loss record. Off-duty police officers, correctional officers, and sheriff's department personnel volunteer as coaches and games are played twice a week, in the morning, during the month of July. The highlight of the season is a trip for all the players to SBC Park in San Francisco to see a real Giants game. All players will receive a team shirt and hat and have a lot of fun playing ball. Registration forms are available at the Paso Robles Police Department or at Centennial Park. For more information contact Officer Keith Hartman at 227-7468.

2. Paso Robles Swim Centennial Park Pool 600 Nickerson Dr., Paso Robles Municipal Pool 28th and Oak Street

Do your children need swim lessons? Does your family want to cool off on those hot afternoons with a dip in the pool? Does your teenager want to become a lifeguard? All of these opportunities are offered this summer. Jr. Swim Instructor training is June 5th from 3 - 4 p.m. at Centennial Pool for children 12 and up and volunteers receive a free swim pass for assisting the swim instructors. Jr. Lifeguard training is June 21-25 from 6 - 7 pm

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at the Municipal Pool. The cost for this class is \$71 and is open to students 10 - 14 years of age. Many levels of swim lessons are also available from "Parent and Me" classes to Stroke Refinement classes for those more serious about swimming. Call 237-3988 for additional information or go to www.prcity.com/recreation to sign up online.

3. Work Ranch Horse Camp San Miguel



Bring your own horse or use one of theirs. Learn horsemanship skills while making new friends, trail riding, gymkhana fun, working cattle and more. Summer camps are offered for young people ages 8 years old and up and you can bring your own horse or use one of their gentle and well-trained ranch horses. Your children will love their caring instructors and healthy home cooked meals. Whatever your riding level, they try to help you accomplish your goals in a safe and fun environment. Give your child an experience on the farm that they will never forget! Check it out at www.workranch.com or call Kelly Work for further details. 467-3362.

4. First Tee Central Coast Junior Golf Program

Does your little one aspire to be the next PGA golf pro? Why not get them started off right. Bart Ellerbroek, former principal at Virginia Peterson School, is dedicated to promoting golf with the youth of the north county through the First Tee program. Located at The Links and River Oaks Golf Course, the First Tee program is much more than just golf. This national program promotes honesty, sportsmanship, self-confidence, courtesy and respect while also teaching the fundamentals of putting, chipping and driving the ball. No equipment is necessary to join and pre-registration is not required. For additional information go to www.ftcc.org or call Jim at 478-5723.

5. North County Boys and Girls Club

Still the best deal in town, the Paso Robles location at 600 26th St. (right behind Flamson Middle School) offers drop-in activities and programs for students 6 - 17. For a minimal annual fee, parents can sign their children up for club membership. In addition to a computer and game room, the club offers special activities and events throughout the summer including swimming, attending sporting events and backpacking trips. For information or to register call 239-3659.

6. Harris Stage Lines Cowboy and Cowgirl Day Camps 5995 North River Rd., Paso Robles



Are your kids begging you for a horse? Well, the next best thing is a "horse experience" with Tom and Debby Harris. At this hands-on (and seats-on too!) day camp, youngsters between the ages of 7 - 16 will learn the basics of horse handling, driving, and riding in a safe and educational way. They will also learn what is needed to care for and feed a horse and the safe way to work around large animals. The camp culminates in a mini-Wild West show where the young campers get all duded up to show their families all they have learned including some pretty fancy rope tricks. For more information or reservations, contact Harris Stagelines at 237-1860 or check out their webpage at www.harrisstagelines.com

7. Paso Robles Public Library Summer Reading Program

Children ages 2 through 12 are invited to participate in this year's Summer Reading Program. This great way to keep your children reading and hooked on books includes special

events and craft workshops. They are also offering a special program for students in grades 6 - 12. Flyers are available at all the schools and at the Public Library. High school students may want to consider volunteering to help with the summer program. This is a great way to add to your college resume and gain valuable community service experience.

Volunteer applications and additional information on the Summer Reading Program can be found at www.prcity.com. For additional information call 237-3870.

8. California Mid-State Fair 2198 Riverside Avenue Paso Robles

Need to keep your youngsters busy this summer? Go online to www.midstatefair.com or stop by the Paso Event Center and pick up a premium book to see all the categories available for entries in the Mid-State Fair. Sculpture, sewing, baking, art, photography are just a few areas your child can compete in. Sign-ups are due June 14th and then you have until mid-July to complete the projects and turn them in for display at the Fair. Questions? Call 239-0655.



9. YMCA Adventures Club 58 (for grades 5 - 8) YMCA Character Camp (for grades K-4)

Centennial Park in Paso Robles
The YMCA summer programs are back! For working families looking for a superb day-camp experience, check out the YMCA Day camps which will be held at Centennial Park in Paso Robles and include crafts, trips, swimming, and all the fun a child can stand. And, if you are looking for something for your teen to do, YMCA Club 58 offers activities and field trips including excursions to Star Farms, Ravine Water Park, and Park Cinemas. Call 237-0845 for information and sign-ups.

10. Singing Hands Choir and Sign Language Camp and Classes

1475 B Creston Road
(Food 4 Less Center), Paso Robles



Want to learn a new skill, have fun and hang out with friends? Check out the Silent Studio and sign up to be in the Singing Hands Choir or the Summer Day Camp where you will

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learn American Sign Language and much more. The Singing Hands Choir has performed at many local San Luis Obispo County events, the Mid-State Fair and Great America in Santa Clara. Contact Vikky Mullin at 610-7187.

11. Junior Tennis League Centennial Park Courts

Everyone plays and competes in this fast-paced and fun instructional tennis program. Many of our Bearcat tennis stars got their start with John Seimens and the Junior Tennis League. Equipment is supplied and children learn the fundamentals of tennis through skill-

building, drills and games. Each week includes instruction and a match and parents are encouraged to participate too! To sign up go to www.prcity.com/recreation or call John at 434-0792.

12. Class Act Dance 2508 Spring St., Suite D, PR

Whether your child aspires to be a

ballerina or hip-hop dancer, Class Act will help them get started. Students of all ages and skills are welcome at the studio that is famous for their annual Nutcracker production. Tap, Jazz, Hip Hop, Musical Theater, Ballet and Pointe are all offered. Stop by the studio to watch a session or call 239-3668 for additional information.