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Dear Junior/Little Guard Parents & Participants,

My name is Paul Steinberg and I am proud to be the new Lieutenant for the City of Santa Cruz Junior Lifeguard program joined by JG II's Gigi Goldeen and Tyler Conroy I have been a part of the program for the last seventeen years and I am looking forward to another educational and fun-filled summer! I wanted to send a letter giving you some important information and dates to help you plan your summer.

- **The parent orientation meeting is scheduled for Saturday, June 2, from 9:00 am - 10:00 am, at Cowell Beach.** The meeting will take place at Cowell Beach, at the same venue the Junior Lifeguard program is located (if you are unfamiliar with this area, it is in front of the Dream Inn Hotel and adjacent to the Santa Cruz Municipal Wharf). We will be talking about important information such as parking, competitions, uniforms, and answering any questions you may have. Directly after the meeting, from **10:00am – 12:00pm, the JG Parent Booster Club will be selling Official Junior Guard sweatshirts (new design), sweat pants, red boardshorts and hats. All purchases must be made by check or cash only. Checks payable to: FOPAR.**

- The four forms included in this packet **must be turned in prior to participating**:
    1. Participant Information Card (blue)
    2. Jr. Lifeguard Behavior Agreement (green)
    3. JG Parent Behavior Agreement (white)
    4. USLA Membership Form (w/ check payable to SCSLSA)

  You may return the forms at the June 2nd parent meeting, or mail them to Parks and Rec. (Attn: Paul Steinberg), or bring them the first day of the program. These forms will also be available to at the parent meeting. Forms **must be turned in prior to participating.**

- Jr. Lifeguard participants in C's, B's, A's and AA's are required to wear a **RED** swimsuit and pass an ocean swim test the first day (or 1st week) of the program to earn their Jr. Lifeguard patch. Little Guards will be required to enter and exit the ocean on their own and dive/duck under the water to earn their Little Guard patch. It is important to know that Little & Junior Lifeguard's is ***not a learn-to-swim*** program. The physical requirements are listed in the Summer Parks and Recreation Activity Guide and any other questions can be addressed on an individual basis at the parent meeting; or download the Parent Handbook at www.santacruzparksandrec.com, click on "Beaches", then click on Jr. & Little Guards.

- **Session One – June 20 to July 17.** Picture Day is June 29th
- **Session Two – July 23 to August 17.** Picture Day is August 1st

You may call me after June 20th on the Jr. Lifeguard phone line (831) 420-6248, if you have more questions. Thank you and see you this summer.

- Lt. Steinberg