



APRIL 2019

Hello and welcome back Junior Guards!! It'll be summer before you know it and we are really excited to see everyone back on the beach. JG Lieutenants Colin Herrick and Will Mullen, along with JG Lifeguard II's Isaiah Mullen, Rylan Pickett, and William Scott are stoked to be leading the program this year. The Cowell's Sandbar is looking all-time, so let's make it a summer to remember! Before we get started, here are the key dates and details you'll need to plan your JG season.

- JG Outdoor Family Fun Night - May 10, 6:30pm – 9:30pm, Westside Surf & Skate Shop, 345 Swift St. Festivities: Movie/Dinner/Music/Cornhole/Beer & Wine/JG Gear Sale!. See Instagram for more details @SantaCruzJuniorGuardBoosters for details.
- The JG parent orientation meeting (9-10am) and Booster Club Sale (10 – 11am) is Saturday, June 1st at Cowell Beach. We'll meet at the cement seating area between the wharf and Dream Inn Hotel. We'll discuss important information such as parking, competitions, uniforms, and answer any questions you may have.
- Sweatshirts, sweatpants, rash guards, **RED** boardshorts, and hats are available now at Pacific Wave Surf Shop, (1508 Pacific Avenue)! As usual, all proceeds go to FOPAR-JG Booster Club to support the program! *The new JG towels are only available to purchase on June 1 after the parent meeting and on July 31 and August 1 at NorCal's on Main Beach.*
- Please make sure your emergency contact information is complete and up-to-date via WebTrac. THERE ARE NO "pink cards" again this year, so it is imperative that your child's emergency contact and medical information is entered online via WebTrac!! Additional emergency forms available at the parent meeting if you want to provide more information but it is not required.
- All Jr. Guard Participants (C's, B's A's & AA's) are required to be Jr. Guard USLA members. Junior Guard USLA membership is included in the Junior Guard registration fee (Little Guards are not required to be USLA members). DO NOT RENEW YOURSELF, we will process Jr. Guard's memberships directly with USLA
- LG/JG Behavior Agreement, LG/JG Parent Code of Conduct and LG/JG Competition philosophy in this packet can also be viewed on the website at www.cityof-santacruz.com/guards.
- Junior Guard (JGs) in Cs, B's, A's and AAs are required to wear a **RED** swimsuit and pass an ocean swim test the 1st week of the program to earn their JG patch. Little Guards (LG's) will be required to wear a **RED** swimsuit and enter and exit the ocean on their own and dive/duck under the water to earn their LG patch. It is important to know that LG's & JG's is *not a learn-to-swim* program. The physical requirements are listed in the Summer Parks and Recreation "2019 Summer Activity Guide" and other questions can be addressed on an individual basis at the parent meeting; or download the Parent Handbook at www.cityofsantacruz.com/Guards.



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Summer of 2019 Schedule

- Session One: June 17 - July 12. Picture Day Tue. June 25, 11am & 1pm.
- Session Two: July 15 - Aug. 9. Picture Day Wed. July 23, 11am & 1pm.

Dates to remember:

- Session 1 Starts June 17
 - State Competition (location: Main Beach): LG's - Wed. June 26; JG's- Thurs. June 27
 - Block the Blaze Sun Protection Presentation July 1, 11am & 1pm.
 - Capitola Competition: LG's- Tues July 9; JG's- Wed. July 10
 - NO BREAK BETWEEN SESSIONS!
 - Session 2 Starts July 15
 - Block the Blaze Sun Protection Presentation July 17, 10am & 1pm.
 - Jr. Regionals at Carpinteria, CA: Fri. Jul 26 (Invitation only)
 - NorCal's at Main Beach: LG's - Wed. July 31 (no program for JG's this day), JG's - Thurs. Aug. 1st (no program for Little Guards this day)
- End of Summer • Jr. Guard Awards Banquet & Raffle – Fri. August 9, 6:30 – 9pm, Harvey West Park Clubhouse

Call the Jr. Lifeguard phone line (831) 420-6248, if you have questions. We will check messages weekly until the first day of program.

Thank you and see you this summer.
Lt. Herrick and Lt. Mullen

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