

## **Santee Teen Center at the Lakes Frequently Asked Questions**

### **1. What is the Santee Teen Center?**

The Santee Teen Center at the Lakes is a drop-in, after-school recreation program offered by the City of Santee. The mission of the Teen Center is to provide a safe and healthy recreation environment for pre-teens and teens that foster respect for self, family and community.

### **2. How are the teens supervised?**

The center is staff by city of Santee employees who are certified in first aid and CPR, have completed specialized teen oriented training and have cleared a department of justice background check. The Teen Center operates with a maximum of a 1:15 staff-to-participant ratio.

### **3. Who can participate in the Teen Center?**

The Santee Teen Center daily program is designed for all youth in grades 6-9. Leadership and volunteer opportunities are available for teens in grades 10-12, up to age 17.

### **4. Where is the Teen Center located?**

The Santee Teen Center is located at the Santee Lakes Recreational Preserve (9310 Fanita Parkway, Santee Ca. 92071 Lake 5). Pedestrian access is available on the corner of Lake Canyon and Fanita Parkway. Vehicle access is available through the main gate of Santee Lakes. Vehicles are provided with a permit to enter free of charge for up to 30 minutes to allow time for drop off and pick up.

### **5. What are the hours of operation?**

School year hours of operation: Monday - Friday: 2:30-6:00 PM

*Hours adjusted to match early dismissal for Santee School District (SSD) schools and **closed on SSD holidays.***

Summer hours of operation: Mon-Fri: 2:00-6:00 PM

X-Factor Camp: 7:00 AM-2:00 PM (fee based program, registration required)

### **6. What type of programs and activities do you offer?**

Teen Center daily programming consists of a variety of indoor and outdoor recreation activities. In addition to the daily activities there are also leadership, socialization, community service and educational opportunities. Teens at the center are involved in the programming and are encouraged to help design and implement the daily activities.

Outdoor: Sports, games, fishing, bike riding,

Indoor: Pool table, fosse ball, board games, crafts, cooking, video games, computers

Homework: Daily homework time and high school student tutors available for support

Leadership: Summer camp Jr. Staff. The Teen Center also provides special activities that consist of

Monthly City Hall dances located at Santee City Hall for teens in 6-9<sup>th</sup> grade, seasonal camp in/outs at the Santee Teen Center, local walking field trips, extended hours and more...

**7. How much does it cost to attend the Teen Center?**

Annual membership is only \$41 per year for Santee residents and \$55 for non-residents, or \$5 per day. There are no daily fees for attending the Teen Center and no limit on how many days a member can attend per year. Pick one regular Friday and check out the Teen Center for free. Members also receive discounts on special events and programs offered through the Teen Center. Financial aid is available for qualifying families through the Voucher Incentive Program. Membership can also be earned through completing community service hours supporting City of Santee teen programs.

**8. How do I become a member?**

Submit the membership fee and registration form with a parent/guardian signature and agree to the Code of Conduct. That's it! Membership forms and payment are accepted online, at the Teen Center or at Santee City Hall, building 6.

**9. Do you partner with the Santee School District?**

Santee Teen Center staff visit school campuses each week to provide free recreation activities during lunch and recess for 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade students.

**10. How do I find out more information?**

Visit us on the website at [www.ci.santee.ca.us](http://www.ci.santee.ca.us) or on Facebook

Call Teen Services at 619.258.4100 ext. 210

Call the Teen Center 619.258.4191

Email the Teen Center at [TeenCenter@ci.santee.ca.us](mailto:TeenCenter@ci.santee.ca.us)

Call Community Services Department: 619.258.4100 ext. 222

