



Summer Break Guide...

TEEN NIGHT...



A fun, safe gathering for teens this summer (and throughout the year), Teen Night is a program designed for teenagers aged 13 - 19, to come together for fun (and learning) at the Housing Authority's Family

Opportunity Center. A variety of topics and activities. Wednesday's 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm., transportation provided! Contact Resident Services at 897-1044.

Summer AHA! For Teens

Changing the world, one teen at a time...

AHA! has created an exceptional summer program for youth, ages 14-22. Art, writing, theater games and movement and earn up to 72 hours of community service!

"AHA! truly saved my life. I started at a time everyone at school was being mean to me and I felt like I had no one and no where to go. At AHA! I learned that I am worth it. I made friends. I became more confident about my life goals and found people who supported me." D. age 17

Summer Dates: June 24 - August 1, Mondays - Thursdays 2:00 - 5:00 pm. Contact AHA! at 882-2424 ext. 309 or 448-0920, or www.ahasb.com.

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The Housing Authority offers the following opportunities for young residents of Public Housing and Section 8 this summer (please contact Resident Services at 897-1044 for more information or to sign up):

1 Flag Football. Learn the basics of football, teamwork and leadership! The fun takes place at Mesa Park, Monday's & Tuesday's, 5:30pm—7:30pm June 17 - Aug. 20, transportation not available.

2 CASA Camp. Explore and discover the history of Santa Barbara through field trips and activities. Monday - Friday, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm, June 17th - June 28th at SB Presidio. Space limited.

3 Soccer. Learn the basics of soccer or practice your skills—the fun takes place at the Boys & Girls club field, Wednesdays & Thursdays, 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm, July 10 - Aug. 22nd, transportation provided!

4 Summer Reading Program. Led by Ann Bennett and the Assistance League friends. (See article on Summer Reading Loss for reason to attend!) Mon. - Thurs. 11:00 am - 1:00 pm at the Family Opportunity Center (FOC), no transportation.

5 Nature Corps. The Nature Corps will coordinate student volunteers (ages 13-19) to design, plan and implement priority conservation projects to help preserve the National Parks for this and future generations!

6 Girl Scouts. Be a part of a national organization dedicated to *building girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place!* For girls of all ages! Meets every other Tues, 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm. at the FOC.



80% of women business owners and two-thirds of the female members of Congress were Girl Scouts!

Housing Authority Employees and Community Partners Honored

Each year the Housing Authority honors 2 employees that have provided exceptional service, as nominated by their fellow colleagues. Additionally, Housing Authority staff nominate a local community-based organization that has provided extraordinary care and service to our mutual clients. Congratulations to this year's winners...

Employee of the Year: Octavio Botello...since beginning work at the Housing Authority in 2004, he has made a positive impact as a member of the Property and Development Team, as well as part of the agency. Respectful, professional and compassionate are the words used by his colleagues to describe him.

Humanitarian of the Year: This award goes to someone who exemplifies altruism, and in their everyday life, gives back to the community. Rob Fredericks has embodied this spirit since beginning with the Housing Authority in 1996 as our Section 8 Inspector. He now serves as one of the Housing Authority's Deputy Executive Directors.

Outstanding Community Partner: We recognize that our collaborations with community partners are critical to our success and that of our clients. This year we honored Santa Barbara Bank & Trust (now known as Union Bank) for their support of our mission, and the ease of working with them.

Charitable Giving Recipient Winner: We expanded our charitable giving program in 2012 (donations directly from staff) and decided to pool our resources to benefit a deserving, local non-profit with the highest HACSB staff votes: 2nd Story Associates. Staff has pledged \$5300 to be donated to the Housing Authority's non-profit affiliate created to augment supportive services to low income families and seniors.

Resident Success Story...

Sergiy Tarasenko

Sergiy Tarasenko is a father of two, originally from Kiev, Ukraine. Facing difficult times and having trouble finding employment, Sergiy decided to enroll in the Housing Authority's Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) program to better his family socially and financially.

The FSS program is a voluntary program funded through the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) designed to help families achieve economic independence and self sufficiency.



The program offered Sergiy support and guidance allowing him to stabilize his family, obtain employment and further his education. Through the direction provided in the FSS Financial Literacy workshops,

Sergiy was able to save money into an FSS managed escrow savings account. Future plans include obtaining his Ph.D!

Having reached his FSS goals, he recently graduated from the FSS program, using part of his escrow savings to purchase a single family home in Santa Barbara! For more information about the FSS program, contact Magdalena at 897-1028.

Property & Development Department Corner

- Carbon Monoxide & Smoke Detectors have been installed for your safety - DO NOT DISABLE - not only is this dangerous, it is against the law and violates your residential lease. Also, please do not ignore the alarms when they go off!
- Do not wait for your annual inspection to report maintenance issues - contact the Property & Development Dept. immediately. Waiting may cause further damage and result in tenant charges when the initial repair could have been free.
- Please report suspicious or mischievous behavior to your manager or the Property & Development Department at 897-1060.

If it plugs in, charges up, or takes batteries, it can't be disposed of in your trash because it could harm you or the environment!

BULLYING...



What's the #1 thing every parent can do to bully-proof their children (or, equally important, to ensure their child never bullies another child)?...

**BE
PROACTIVE!**

Help kids understand bullying. Kids who know what bullying is can better identify it. They can talk about bullying if it happens to them or others.

Keep the lines of communication open. Research tells us that children really do look to parents and caregivers for advice and help on tough decisions.

Encourage kids to do what they love. Help kids take part in activities, interests and hobbies they like - this gives kids the chance to build confidence and friendships that help protect them from bullying.

Model how to treat others with kindness and respect. Kids learn from adults' actions. By treating others with kindness and respect, adults show the kids in their lives that there is no place for bullying.

You can find more information and great resources at StopBullying.gov.

High School Juniors & Seniors...

The Santa Barbara County Workforce Investment Board (WIB) is currently enrolling qualified high school juniors and seniors, or out-of-school youth - (17 - 21 years of age) for:

- Paid & unpaid work opportunities
- GED assistance
- Training (resume building, job readiness)
- Job placement assistance (job search, job referrals)
- Supportive Services (\$)
- College enrollment assistance

For more information call: (805) 588-4322 or (805) 896-6835 or email: a.olmos@sbcsocialserv.org or l.servin@sbcsocialserv.org

FREE Senior Services!

Senior Connection, a program of the Central Coast Commission for Senior Citizens, offers free information and referrals for seniors.

Free services of the program include:

- **Information Hotline** - call to get assistance with identifying the services you need
- **Senior Resource Directory** - a free guide on a whole range of senior services available in Santa Barbara Counties
- **HICAP** - a free service offered to senior citizens and disabled Medicare beneficiaries. HICAP can help you with:
 - Understanding Medicare coverage
 - Comparing Supplemental Insurance and Medicare Advantage Plan Policies
 - Identifying the most cost-effective Prescription Drug Plans for your needs

® SUMMER READING LOSS ®

The research is clear that children who don't read during the summer can lose up to three months of reading progress and that loss has a cumulative, long-term effect.

Summer reading loss refers to the decline in children's reading development that can occur during summer vacation times when children are away from the classroom. Summer reading loss is more persistent among students from lower socioeconomic backgrounds who are already at risk for academic failure.

Of even greater concern is the fact that these losses are cumulative, creating a wider gap each year between more proficient and less proficient students. By the time a struggling reader reaches middle school, *summer reading loss has accumulated to a two-year lag in reading achievement.*

The key to overcoming summer reading loss is finding novel ways to get books into students' hands during the summer break.

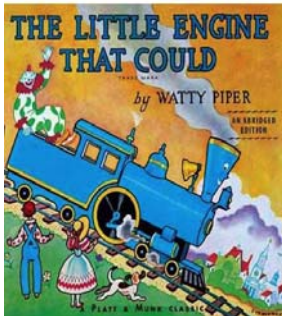
- Sign your child up for the Housing Authority's Summer Reading Program!
- Make reading and writing a regular part of your daily home activities.
- Help your child to get his or her own library

www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov

Great information is available through the City of Santa Barbara's website. A few tidbits:

- * Everything you ever wanted to know about trash, recycling, and composting is at sbrecycles.org!
- * Parks & Recreation Information & events (summer camps!)
- * How to be water wise & save\$\$
- * May is public gardens appreciation month - check out the activities & special offers

FREE BOOKS!



The local United Way, with funding through Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, offers preschool children ages birth to five, who are residents of Santa Barbara County, a free book each month mailed directly to your home in your child's name. Contact the United Way to sign up!

Get Help Getting a Job

The Housing Authority is partnering with New Beginnings Counseling Center to provide our residents with job acquisition assistance at our Family Opportunity Center.

Get help from a professional with:

- resume writing
- job search techniques
- how to fill out job applications
- preparing for an interview

Every other Friday, 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm at 526 W. Montecito St. Call to make an appointment: 897-1070

Your Resident Council...

The job of the Housing Authority's Resident Council (7 member committee made up of Public Housing residents and Section 8 participants) is to promote the feedback and concerns of residents in regards to maintaining safe, decent and quality housing. They welcome your feedback, and can be reached at info@hacsb.org.

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