



Hello Junior Guard families, and welcome back to the beach for summer 2026!

On behalf of the entire Junior Guard staff, we are so excited to be back! I am Lt. Fishbein, and I am returning to the role of the JG Lieutenant this year. We are also very lucky to have Ms. Clow, Ms. Sigala, Ms. Pezone, Ms. Knowles, Ms. D'Souza, and Mr. Healy returning this summer as JGII's. We are all dedicated to making this summer as engaging and fun as possible.

You can purchase much of the SCJG booster club gear at either the downtown or west side Pacific Wave, where 100% of the proceeds come back to the program, helping us buy new gear for the kids. You can find sweatshirts, sweatpants, hats, socks and more. You can follow the booster club on Instagram [@scjgboosters](https://www.instagram.com/scjgboosters/) (<https://www.instagram.com/scjgboosters/>)

Picture day is next Tuesday 6/16. If you are interested in ordering pictures please print out the picture order form, which can be found on the website or on the final page of this newsletter.

We are excited to announce that we will be doing selection for Regionals the same as last year, with set tryout dates. Regionals is the state Junior Lifeguard competition held in the Los Angeles area held on July 24<sup>th</sup>. From 4:30 to 6:00pm on 6/16, 6/25, and 7/1 and from 9:00 to 10:30 on 6/27, we will be hosting optional Regionals tryouts. This is for children in the C division or older (9+). Our goal is to increase the transparency of the regionals selection process while also allowing Guards who are doing the second session to try out which has been a difficulty in years past. Feel free to contact us with any questions.

Please head to the Santa Cruz parks and rec portal to ensure that all your emergency contact info is correct. If you have someone picking your kid up from program and they are not on the list of approved persons, we will not release your child to them.

Parents, please remember to send your kids to the beach with the essentials every single day. That includes water (preferably in a reusable container), a towel, sunscreen, food/snacks, a wetsuit if they need it, layers to protect from both the heat and cold. You can find a more detailed guide in the parent handbook located at [www.santacruzca.gov/guards](http://www.santacruzca.gov/guards) If your child is riding their bike to program, please make sure they wear their helmet.

Please remember that daily session times are from **9:00 AM - 12:00 PM** and **1:00 PM - 4:00 PM**. It is of the utmost importance that you are prompt when picking up your LG's & JG's. *Outside of program hours, we cannot guarantee that they will receive the supervision that you would like them to have.* For your child's safety, Cowell's parking lot will be closed for fifteen minutes before and after the beginning and end of each daily session. Please Park on the Wharf or at JGHQ in the Depot parking lot and make arrangements to meet your LG or JG promptly for pickup and drop-off.

To help get your LG or JG to and from the program area safely, we will have an instructor at JGHQ located at Depot (119 Center St.) 15 minutes before the start of each daily session to walk participants down to the program area. An instructor will also walk LG's & JG's back to JGHQ to meet parents 15

minutes after the completion of each daily session. Parks & Rec Beach Camp participants will be picked up and dropped off within the SCJG fenced area. *Parents, please communicate a clear drop off/pick up plan with your child to eliminate confusion and lost kids!*

Please park and lock your bikes in the bike racks, located next to JG2, and the bike racks we have added on the beach. Please DO NOT lock or leave your bikes on the beach or the access ramp or lock them to the railings. The pedestrian walkway and access ramp must remain clear at all times. Did I mention helmets yet? Nothing like push-ups and buoy swims to help kids to remember to wear them! Double check that your kids know how to securely lock their bikes as there has been a rash of bike thefts in the area.

Have further questions you would like answered? You can contact me at [afishbein@santacruzca.gov](mailto:afishbein@santacruzca.gov). We are all looking forward to a wonderful summer with your children, and we greatly appreciate your dedication to the SCJG program. Go City!

Thank you,

JG Lieutenant Fishbein

### **Important Dates for the summer**

- **Monday June 8<sup>th</sup>** – Session 1 Begins
- **Tuesday June 16<sup>th</sup>** – Picture Day
- **Wednesday June 18<sup>th</sup>** - Regional tryouts 4:30 – 6 PM
- **Friday June 19<sup>th</sup>** – Juneteenth, No Program
- **Tuesday June 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Little Guard Comp @ Capitola, JGs at Cowells
- **Wednesday June 24<sup>th</sup>** – Junior Guard comp @ Capitola, LGs at Cowells
- **Thursday June 25<sup>th</sup>** – Dernasport skin cancer presentation
- **Thursday June 25<sup>th</sup>** – Regionals Tryouts 4:30 – 6:00
- **Saturday June 27<sup>th</sup>** – Regionals Tryouts 9:00 – 10:30
- **Wednesday July 1<sup>st</sup>** – Regionals Tryouts 4:30 – 6:00
- **Thursday July 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Big swim for little guards, last day of session 1
- **Friday July 3<sup>rd</sup>** – No program
- **Monday July 6<sup>th</sup>** – Start of Session 2
- **Tuesday July 16<sup>th</sup>** – Picture Day
- **Wednesday July 15<sup>th</sup>** – Little Guard NorCals, No JG program
- **Thursday July 16<sup>th</sup>** – Junior Guard NorCals, No LG program
- **Friday July 24<sup>th</sup>** – Junior Lifeguard Regionals
- **Friday July 31<sup>st</sup>** – Big Swim, End of session 2, JG banquet @ Harvey West

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## Santa Cruz City Junior Guards Session ONE

### Group Photograph Order Form

**PICTURE DAY is Tuesday June 16, 2026**

CHILD'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE**  the Session AND Division below:

\_\_\_\_\_AM Session or \_\_\_\_\_PM Session

\_\_\_\_\_A  
(age 14-15)

\_\_\_\_\_B  
(age 12-13)

\_\_\_\_\_C  
(age 9-11)

\_\_\_\_\_Little Guards  
(age 6-8)

\_\_\_\_\_AA/Captain's  
(age 16-17)

### *I am purchasing:*

\_\_\_\_\_ 8x16 panorama(s) of all *groups together* @ \$20

\_\_\_\_\_ 8x10 photograph(s) of my *child's division* @ \$15

\_\_\_\_\_ 8x10 photograph(s) of the *AA/Captain's division* @ \$15

**Total \$** \_\_\_\_\_

*Personal check or cash enclosed.*

*Please charge my:* \_\_\_\_\_Visa \_\_\_\_\_MasterCard \_\_\_\_\_American Express

**Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Exp.** \_\_\_\_\_ **CVV Code** \_\_\_\_\_ **Billing Zip Code** \_\_\_\_\_

We are unable to complete order without remittance.