

CITY OF SANTA ANA

*A Community Connection Guide*

# CULTURA

LIBRARY SERVICES – SANTA ANA ZOO – PARKS & RECREATION WINTER ISSUE 2023



Contest winners at  
Santiago Park



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# WELCOME ¡BIENVENIDOS!

Welcome to the new issue of CULTURA: Santa Ana's Community Connection Guide. This new guide has been created for you, our residents, our community, our reason for being here. You are the true heart and culture of Santa Ana.

**LEARN, LIVE, EXPLORE.** Let this City Guide help you take advantage of the community services that Santa Ana has to offer. Take a deep dive into the winter issue and learn more about programs and services brought to you by Santa Ana's Library, Parks & Recreation, and Zoo.

Help us bring future issues of the CULTURA to life. We are looking to feature photos, stories, articles and artwork from our Santa Ana community. Send submissions and ideas to [Cultura@santa-ana.org](mailto:Cultura@santa-ana.org).

Follow our social media accounts for upcoming contests, activities, and opportunities. You may just see your face or suggestions in the next publication, just like the latest contest winners (Mary and Carlos) showcased on this issue's front cover!

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VERSION OF THIS GUIDE IN SPANISH



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El Salvador basketball court



Main Library project rendering



FEATURED:

# Renovation Update

## SANTA ANA PUBLIC LIBRARY RECEIVES “BUILDING FORWARD GRANT” FROM STATE LIBRARY

The City of Santa Ana’s Library Services Agency has been awarded over \$9.3 million from the California State Library “Building Forward” grant program to fund a variety of critical maintenance and infrastructure needs at the Main Library.

Thanks to this grant and supplementary funding sources, like the Revive Santa Ana pandemic recovery program, the City will revitalize its historic library. The addition of the Building Forward funding brings us one step closer to breaking ground as we continue in the design phase for this project. Over the next two and half years, the restoration will modernize and transform the Main Library while creating a new community hub for interactive learning and technology.

The funding will allow the City to address significant building safety and infrastructure needs for the Main Library that was built in 1960. Residents can anticipate restoration of the building’s marble facade, updated windows and restrooms, and multiple ADA compliance improvements. Along with these exciting upgrades, the building will receive treatments for infestations, mold, and hazardous building materials. Systems including HVAC, electrical, plumbing, fire detection alarms, and sprinklers will also be brought up to building code. All upgrades will make the building more environmentally sustainable by using newer and more efficient components.

The Santa Ana Public Library is committed to meeting the City’s evolving needs for access, inclusivity, and quality community educational spaces. For more information on the ongoing development plans for the Santa Ana Public Library update, visit Library Services Website or call (714) 647-5250.

## EXPANDED AND UPDATED HOURS

### MAIN LIBRARY

Monday – Thursday | 10:00am - 8:00pm  
 Friday – Saturday | 10:00am - 6:00pm

### NEWHOPE LIBRARY

Monday & Wednesday | 12:00pm – 8:00pm  
 Tuesday, Thursday – Saturday | 10:00am – 6:00pm



LIBRARY HOMEPAGE

[www.santa-ana.org/departments/library](http://www.santa-ana.org/departments/library)

# Santa Ana Public Library at the Delhi Center

The Santa Ana Public Library currently has two locations that provide services to residents, the Main Library and Newhope Library. Both locations are slated to be renovated, with design services under way.

To ensure continuity of services during the Main Library closure, the Library Services Agency has negotiated a lease agreement with the Delhi Center to construct a new public library branch within their existing building. Currently, residents in the Delhi neighborhood and surrounding communities have minimal access to library services, as there are no physical library locations in the southern part of the City. Therefore, to enhance equity and quality of life in an underserved area, approximately 2,500 square feet of space at the Delhi Center will be re-imagined as a new, innovative public library experience. A new outdoor activity patio will also be constructed to support library services and programs.

Residents will have access to technology, tools and services that will improve adult literacy, support positive educational outcomes for youth, and prepare our community’s present and future workforce for a technology-driven world. Throughout the newly created library space and outdoor activity patio, children, teens, and families will be provided opportunities to learn and connect with their community in positive ways. Services may include STEM and robotics programs geared to neuro-divergent youth, special events and author hours for adults, and a wide variety of cutting-edge technology and computers for use in the library or at home. These new educational spaces and the accompanying programs and services will bring a much-needed community amenity to an area of the City that lacks library services.

# 15th Annual Día de los Niños

## Saturday, April 29 · 10:30am - 2:00pm



Dance performance



Tree planting



Rock climbing tower

In 2009 the Santa Ana Public Library held its first *Día de los Niños, Día de los Libros*, a celebration that would become an annual event in Santa Ana for thousands of children and their families. This year marks the 15th anniversary of this special event, and the Library has BIG plans! Let's take a look back and a glimpse forward at *Día de los Niños, Día de los Libros* past and present.

The very first *Día de los Niños* at SAPL was a small affair that took place in the library's turn-around area. Inspired by the children's day celebrations held annually across Mexico and Latin America in late April, the library began celebrating this special day to honor children, families, literacy and, cultural diversity.

The first author to take part in the library's *Día* festivities was award-winning bilingual author Amy Costales in 2010. Costales' works have garnered such recognition as the *Américas Award Commended Title* (2008) and *Best Bilingual Picture Book* by the *International Latino Book Awards* (2008). Since then the library has hosted a wide range of respected and award-winning children's and YA authors that have participated in meet and greets with the community and reading their works onstage. Most notable among them are Laura Knight, Sarah Hernandez, Ashley Mills Monaghan, Ernesto Cisneros (2021 Pura Belpré Award winner) and Lilliam Rivera (2021 Pura Belpré Honor winner), to name a few.

The library's main stage has also been a place to showcase local talent and give students an opportunity to perform in their community. Performances have ranged from dance groups such as Ballet Folklórico Renacimiento, traditional Chinese dance from SCCCA/Irvine Chinese School, classical Indian dance from Arpana Dance, and musical performances from RHYTHMO Mariachi Academy and Hikari Taiko drums, and martial arts demonstrations from Toyama Karate, Gracie Barra Santa Ana, and much more.

In 2011 SAPL had the honor of being selected as the recipient of the prestigious Estela and Raul Mora award. This award is given annually to the library or school that puts on the best program celebrating *Día de los Niños, Día de los Libros*. The award was established in 1996 by author and poet Pat Mora in honor of her parents and with the goal of encouraging schools and libraries to promote *Día* events within their respective communities.

Building off the momentum from the past 14 years, this year's *Día* is sure to delight! SAPL will celebrate the importance of children, literacy, and families with a renowned author, performers, activities, book giveaways, free food and much more! Visit the Santa Ana Public Library on Saturday, April 29, 2023 from 10:30 am to 2:00 pm to help us celebrate the 15th Annual *Día de los Niños, Día de los Libros!*



Día de los Niños

PROGRAMS:

## Youth Services

**Meet Moxie! A Robotic Companion Lending Program for Youth**  
Come to SAPL and meet Moxie, a special robotic friend to children with special needs. Parents can register their child to participate in this exciting new robotic companion lending program that focuses on building youth's social and emotional skills through interactions with a robot pal. For more information and to register, please scan the QR Code.

PROGRAMS:

**STORYTIMES AT MAIN LIBRARY**

**Preschool**  
Tuesdays 10:30am  
**Super Saturdays**  
Saturdays 10:30am

**STORYTIMES AT NEWHOPE LIBRARY**

**Babies & Toddlers**  
Thursdays 10:30am

**ONLINE TUTORING**

**Students K - 12th Grades**  
(register at <https://tinyurl.com/SAPLOnlineTutoring>)  
Mondays - Thursdays 2:30 - 6:30pm

**TWEEN TAKEOVER AT MAIN LIBRARY**

**Students 4 - 8th Grades**  
Wednesdays 4:00pm



PROGRAMS:

## Young Adult Services

**SAPL Brings TeenTime to the Community**  
The Santa Ana Public Library is excited to announce the expansion of our teen focused programming! TeenTime by SAPL is now open at the Garfield Community Center. Designed as a safe space for homework and hanging out, teens will have access to study stations with charging ports, Chromebooks and iPads, games, supplies to get creative, and much more! Weekly programs will engage teens and monthly workshops will tackle important personal topics, as well as broader social concepts. Most importantly, teens will be able to help shape their programs and resources by participating in weekly Teen Leadership Committee meetings. Look out for a special Grand Opening along with a second TeenTime center at El Salvador Community Center this Spring



PROGRAMS:

**MAIN LIBRARY PROGRAMS FOR TEENS**

**Maker Mondays**  
Mondays 4:30pm  
**Teen Jams Sessions**  
Wednesdays 4:00pm  
**Teen Library Club**  
Thursdays 3:30pm  
**League of Gamers**  
Thursdays 5:30pm



PROGRAMS:

## Adult Services

**Fundamentos de Computación (en español)**  
Acompáñanos en nuestra serie de clases de computación en las cuales aprenderás conceptos básicos desde como prender una computadora hasta como crear una cuenta de correo electrónico, completamente gratis. Se proporcionarán dispositivos y no es necesario tener experiencia previa.

Para obtener más información sobre este programa, visita nuestro sitio web  
[HTTPS://WWW.SANTA-ANA.ORG/DEPARTMENTS/LIBRARY/](https://www.santa-ana.org/departments/library/)

PROGRAMS:

**MONTHLY PROGRAMS** - Visit our website for dates and full details.

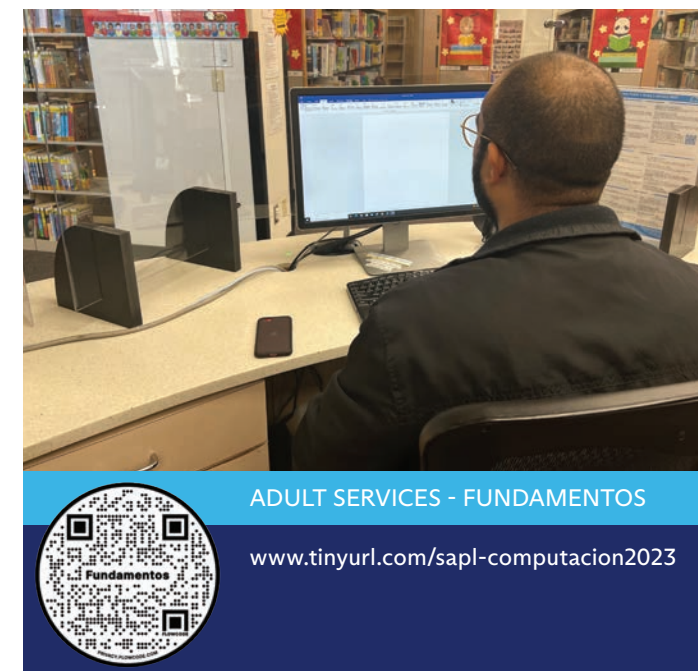
**Author Hour**  
Exciting authors, important conversations and free book giveaways!

**The Appy Hour**  
Join to learn about technology and online Library resources

**MAIN LIBRARY**  
Tuesdays & Thursdays 5:00 - 6:00pm

**SENIOR CENTERS**  
Dates vary. Visit our website.

**Hora de C.R.E.A.R. - (en español)**  
¿Estás buscando un pasatiempo creativo? ¡Acompáñanos cada mes mientras exploramos diferentes! Visita nuestro sitio web para más información.



PROGRAMS:

## Technology Services

**The ELibrary Brings 24-7 Access to Resources**  
SAPL is excited to be a part of your lifelong learning journey by providing an amazing selection of FREE E-Resources! SAPL Cardholders have 24-7 access to thousands of ebooks, audiobooks, music, movies and magazines, as well as more than 40 digital resources to access from home or on the go! If you need a device to take advantage of our ELibrary, don't forget we have Chromebooks available for check out!

PROGRAMS:

**NEWHOPE LIBRARY TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS**

**Media Lab**  
Mondays - Saturdays 2:00 - 6:00pm

**Beat-Making Basics**  
Saturdays 2:00 - 6:00pm

**MAIN LIBRARY TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS**

**Tech Desk**  
Mondays - Saturdays 2:00 - 6:00pm

**Library of Things Show and Tell**  
Saturdays 10:00am - 1:00pm



FEATURED:

# Library of Things

## Check-Out the Library of Things

Why buy when you can check out for free? The Library of Things is a unique collection of non-traditional items such as electronics, toys, games, science kits, musical instruments and more.

A community favorite from our LOT collection has become roller skates! Roller skating is making a big comeback with billion-plus views on TikTok's #rollerskating pages, but skates and safety gear can be expensive. With a valid library card, patrons can borrow a pair of roller skates free of charge! Available in a variety of sizes and colors for all ages, along with protective gear such as helmets and elbow and knee pads, anyone can get involved with the growing community of skaters in Santa Ana!

*Did you know that an hour of roller skating can burn as many as 600 calories?*

California State Library Park Passes are also popular items checked out from the LOT collection. With 200 participating state park units to visit during the three-week loan period, patrons can explore the outdoors throughout the state! Coming soon to the LOT collection are Adventure Kits! These kits are designed to enhance your park exploration experience and include a backpack with the park pass, informational resources, and helpful adventure items such as a compass and binoculars. Sign up for our newsletter and follow us on social media to be notified when the Adventure Kits become available.

As our community grows more diverse in terms of needs and demands, the Library of Things takes us to the next level of library services. Stop by the Main or Newhope Library or browse the catalog online to view the collection.

*With hundreds of items, there's something for everyone in the Library of Things!*



Roller skates available at Library of Things

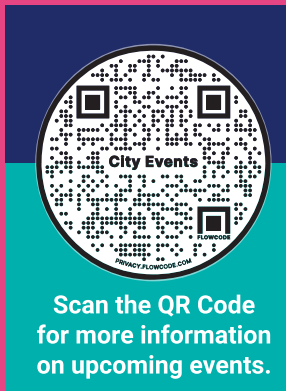
## Zip Books Program

The Zip Books program provides speedy access to books that are not available in our collection. Simply request the item, the Library will purchase it from Amazon, and the book will be shipped directly to your home. When finished, return it to the Library, and we will add it to the collection if appropriate. The Zip Books Program is a grant program funded wholly or in part by the California State Library.

For full details and to request a book, please visit our website!  
[HTTPS://WWW.SANTA-ANA.ORG/ZIP-BOOKS/](https://www.santa-ana.org/zip-books/)



# CITY EVENTS



## Fun Run & Fit Fest

5k/10k run/ walk  
Stadium & Civic Center

22 April



## EGGcellent Adventure

Egg Hunt at 11am  
9am - 1pm  
Centennial Park

April



June through



## Summer Movies in the Parks

at rotating parks  
6pm start with movies  
after sunset

14 July

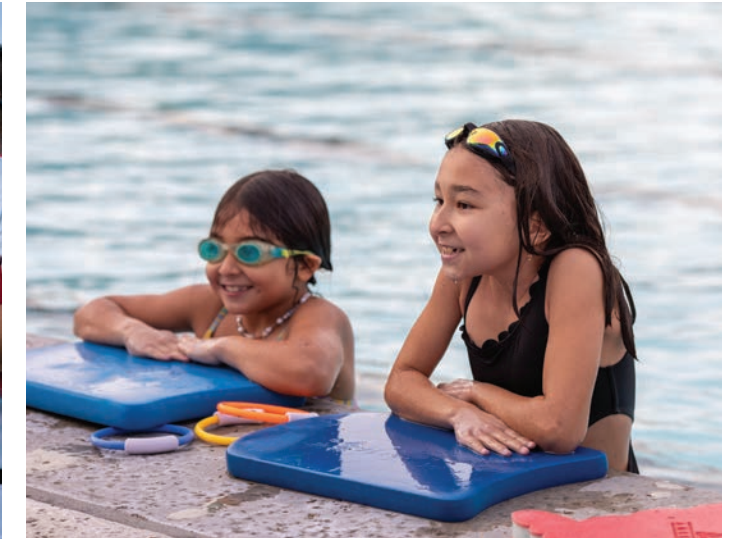
## Juneteenth Festival

11am - 6pm  
Centennial Park

June



# SANTA ANA AQUATICS UPDATE



## The City of Santa Ana is proud to announce the relaunch of Parks & Recreation aquatics programming for summer 2023!

Thanks to a new partnership with the #CaliforniansForAll Youth Jobs Corps employment program, Santa Ana is bringing back City aquatics programming. Providing the Santa Ana community with affordable and accessible swimming opportunities will once again be a core focus of the Parks and Recreation Agency.

Aquatic programs returning to City operations means affordable, cost effective, and value packed lessons for you! Swimming lessons will be available for ages 6 months to 17 years starting on June 5, 2023. Santa Ana residents will soon be able to enroll in sessions of 8 half-hour classes for \$55. And with the help of an American Red Cross Centennial Grant, swimming scholarships will be available for qualifying families. These scholarships will help families take a full session of swimming lessons for just \$15.

The partnership with #CaliforniansForAll Youth Jobs Corps will also create an intentional new workforce. Participants, ages 16-30 years old, receive priority access to employment opportunities focused on serving their community. Santa Ana Aquatics is partnering with the Santa Ana Work Center to secure this funding, and is now seeking lifeguards and additional aquatics support staff to join the team.

Employees who participate in the #CaliforniansForAll Youth Jobs Corps program will receive additional professional development opportunities and gain critical job skills that will support them as they dive into their future careers. Participants will learn the basic skills of lifeguarding and acquire a Lifeguard Certification with CPR, first aid, and AED training. Firefighters, emergency medical technicians, and police officers are just a few available careers open to those starting their first position as a lifeguard.

Dive right into your professional journey and follow the QR code for more information on joining the Santa Ana Aquatics team!

Aquatics services have been managed by Blueray in Santa Ana for the last eight years. The City would like to thank Blueray for their commitment to serving our community. Keep an eye out for the summer issue of the Cultura for additional details on aquatics scholarships and class schedules.



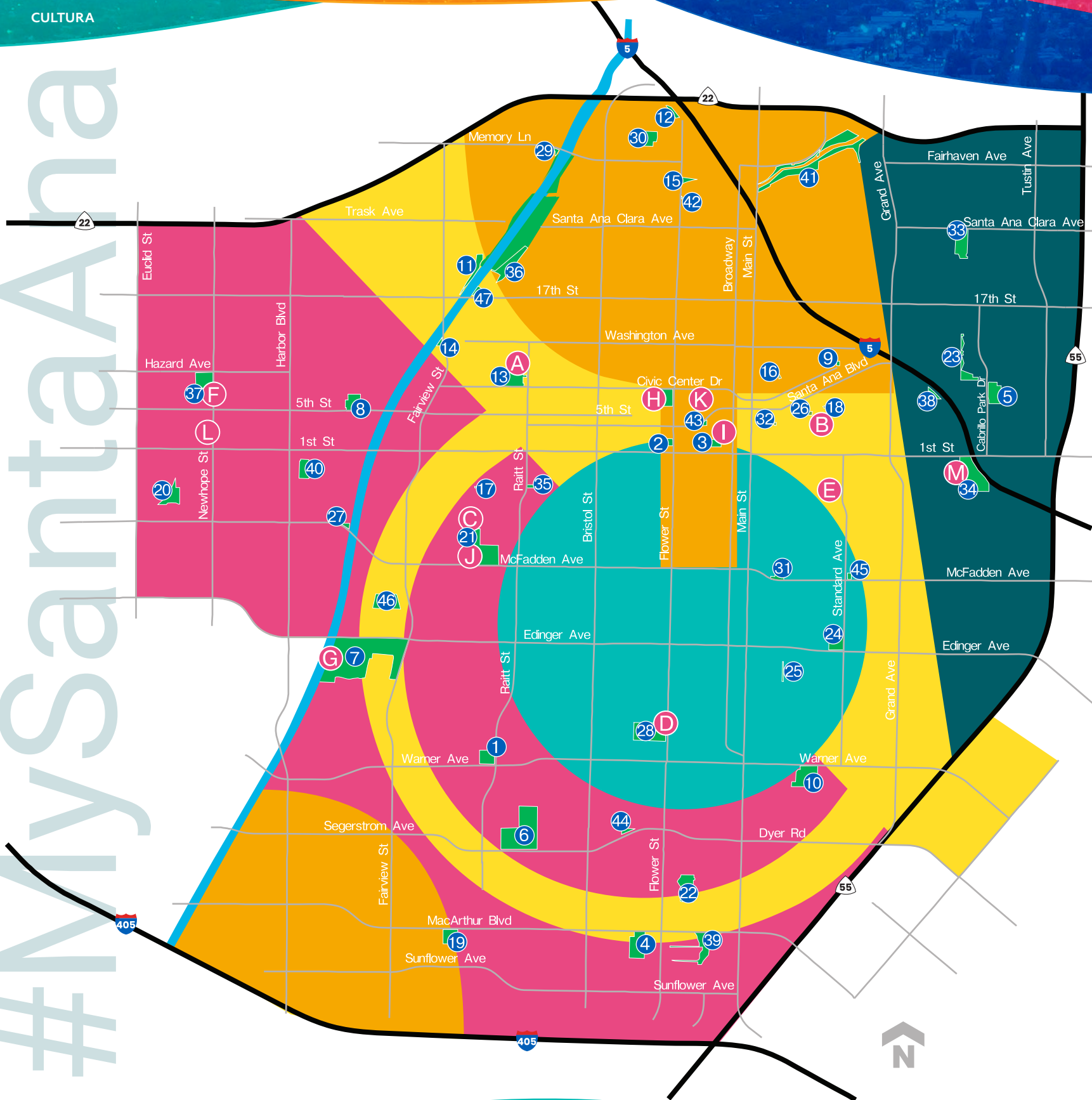

LIFEGUARD APPLICATION WITH #CALIFORNIANSFORALL YOUTH JOBS CORPS

<https://ecms.santa-ana.org/Forms/ca4all>



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# City of Santa Ana



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| <p><b>Recreation Community Centers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>A</b> EL SALVADOR CENTER<br/>1825 W Civic Center Drive<br/>(714) 647-6558</li> <li><b>B</b> GARFIELD CENTER<br/>501 N. Lacy Street<br/>(714) 571-4288</li> <li><b>C</b> JEROME CENTER<br/>726 S. Center Street<br/>(714) 647-6559</li> <li><b>D</b> MEMORIAL CENTER<br/>2102 S. Flower Street<br/>(714) 571-4242</li> <li><b>E</b> ROOSEVELT-WALKER CENTER<br/>816 E. Chestnut Avenue<br/>(714) 647-5220</li> <li><b>F</b> SALGADO CENTER<br/>706 N. Newhope Street<br/>(714) 571-4267</li> <li><b>G</b> DAN YOUNG SOCCER COMPLEX<br/>3000 W. Edinger Avenue<br/>(714) 571-4225</li> <li><b>H</b> SANTA ANA STADIUM<br/>602 N. Flower Street<br/>(714) 571-4225</li> <li><b>I</b> SANTA ANA SENIOR CENTER<br/>424 W. 3rd Street<br/>(714) 647-6540</li> <li><b>J</b> SOUTHWEST SENIOR CENTER<br/>2201 W. McFadden Avenue<br/>(714) 647-5306</li> <li><b>K</b> MAIN PUBLIC LIBRARY<br/>26 Civic Center Plaza<br/>(714) 647-5250</li> <li><b>L</b> NEWHOPE LIBRARY<br/>122 N. Newhope Street<br/>(714) 647-6992</li> <li><b>M</b> SANTA ANA ZOO AT PRENTICE PARK<br/>1801 E. Chestnut Avenue<br/>(714) 836-4000</li> </ul> | <p><b>Parks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1</b> Adams Park</li> <li><b>2</b> Angels Park</li> <li><b>3</b> Birch Park</li> <li><b>4</b> Bomo Koral Park</li> <li><b>5</b> Cabrillo Park</li> <li><b>6</b> Carl Thornton Park</li> <li><b>7</b> Centennial Park</li> <li><b>8</b> Cesar Chavez Campesino Park</li> <li><b>9</b> Chepa's Park</li> <li><b>10</b> Delhi Park</li> <li><b>11</b> Edna Park</li> <li><b>12</b> Eldridge Park</li> <li><b>13</b> El Salvador Park</li> <li><b>14</b> Fairview Triangle</li> <li><b>15</b> Fisher Park</li> <li><b>16</b> French Park</li> <li><b>17</b> Friendship Park</li> <li><b>18</b> Garfield Exercise</li> <li><b>19</b> Griset Park</li> <li><b>20</b> Heritage Park</li> <li><b>21</b> Jerome Park</li> <li><b>22</b> Lillie King Park</li> <li><b>23</b> Mabury Park</li> <li><b>24</b> Madison Park</li> <li><b>25</b> Maple &amp; Occidental Park</li> <li><b>26</b> Mariposa Park</li> <li><b>27</b> McFadden Triangle</li> <li><b>28</b> Memorial Park</li> <li><b>29</b> Memory Lane Park</li> <li><b>30</b> Morrison Park</li> <li><b>31</b> Pacific Electric Park</li> <li><b>32</b> Plaza Calle Cuatro</li> <li><b>33</b> Portola Park</li> <li><b>34</b> Prentice Park</li> <li><b>35</b> Raitt/Myrtle Park</li> <li><b>36</b> Riverview Park</li> <li><b>37</b> Rosita Park</li> <li><b>38</b> Saddleback View Park</li> <li><b>39</b> Sandpointe Park</li> <li><b>40</b> Santa Anita Park</li> <li><b>41</b> Santiago Park</li> <li><b>42</b> Sarah May Downie Garden</li> <li><b>43</b> Sasscer Park</li> <li><b>44</b> Segerstrom Triangle</li> <li><b>45</b> Standard/Mcfadden Park</li> <li><b>46</b> Windsor Park</li> <li><b>47</b> 17th Street Triangle</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Community Gardens</li> <li>⬢ Outdoor Fitness</li> <li>🏊 Pool</li> <li>● In Development</li> <li>▲ Park Improvements Coming Soon</li> </ul> |
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# COMMUNITY EDUCATION

## CLASSES THROUGHOUT THE CITY

- Aerobics
- Adult & Pediatric First Aid/ CPR/ AED
- Ballet
- Basic Guitar
- Danza Folklorico
- Hip Hop
- Gymnastics **NEW**
- Karate Do Kai
- Pickleball **NEW**
- Taekwondo **NEW**
- Tennis **NEW**
- Yoga **NEW**
- Zumba

## BALLET AND CREATIVE DANCE

<i>Jerome Center</i>			
Saturday	9:30am-10:20am	\$30 Monthly	3-5yrs
Saturday	10:30am-11:20am	\$30 Monthly	6-8yrs
<i>El Salvador Center</i>			
Wednesday	4:00pm-4:45pm	\$30 Monthly	3-5yrs
Wednesday	5:00pm-5:45pm	\$30 Monthly	6-8yrs

## BASIC GUITAR

Students must provide their own guitars.  
*El Salvador Center*  
 Tuesday 6:00pm – 7:00pm \$45 for 4 weeks 9yrs+

## BEGINNING TAEKWONDO **NEW**

Korean style martial arts. \$40 uniform fee due to instructor on site.  
*Jerome Center*  
 Monday, Tuesday, Friday 4:00pm-4:50pm \$60 Monthly 6yrs+

## DANZA FOLKLORICO

Fundamental steps, choreography and stylistic nuances unique to various regions of Mexico. Additional costs for practice skirts and shoes.  
*El Salvador Center*  
 Beginning Monday 6:00pm-7:00pm \$30 Monthly 5yrs+  
 Advanced Friday 6:00pm-7:00pm \$30 Monthly 5yrs+

## HIP HOP DANCE

*Jerome Center*  
 Wednesday 4:30pm-5:15pm \$30 Monthly 4-12yrs  
*El Salvador Center*  
 Wednesday 6:00pm-6:45pm \$30 Monthly 4-12yrs

## KARATE DO KAI

Japanese style martial arts.  
*Jerome Center*  
 Monday & Wednesday 5:30pm-6:30pm \$50 Monthly 4-11yrs  
 Monday & Wednesday 6:30pm-7:30pm \$50 Monthly 12yrs+  
*El Salvador Center*  
 Tuesday & Thursday 6:00pm-7:00pm \$50 Monthly 9-11yrs



## TUMBLE-N-KIDS, INC. GYMNASTICS **NEW**

Additional Cost: \$2 material fee due to instructor. Tumble Bugs offers auditory and social skills through basic obstacle courses.  
*Jerome Center*  
 Saturday 9:30am-10:15am \$75 for 5 weeks 1.5-3yrs  
*Roosevelt Walker Center*  
 Saturday 9:30am-10:15am \$75 for 5 weeks 1.5-3yrs  
 Junior Olympians introduces gymnastic skills and coordination.  
*Jerome Center*  
 Saturday 10:30am-11:15am \$75 for 5 weeks 3.5-5yrs  
*Roosevelt Walker Center*  
 Saturday 10:30am-11:15am \$75 for 5 weeks 3.5-5yrs  
 Jammin' Gymnasts explores the disciplines of gymnastics.  
*Jerome Center*  
 Saturday 11:30am-12:30pm \$90 for 5 weeks 6-12yrs  
 Kartwheels-N-Kids explores the disciplines of gymnastics.  
*Roosevelt Walker Center*  
 Saturday 11:30am-12:30pm \$90 for 5 weeks 6-8yrs  
 Cheernastics explores the disciplines of cheer and gymnastics.  
*Roosevelt Walker Center*  
 Saturday 12:30am-2:30pm \$90 for 5 weeks 9-12yrs

## YOGA **NEW**

*El Salvador Center*  
 Monday 10:30am – 11:30am \$30 Monthly 18yrs+

## ZUMBA

*El Salvador Center*  
 Monday, Wednesday, Friday 6:15pm-7:05pm \$45 Monthly 18yrs+  
*Salgado*  
 Monday & Wednesday 7:00pm-8:00pm \$25 Monthly 18yrs+

# COMMUNITY PARTNERS

## SANTA ANA COLLABORATIVE

Monthly meeting for local Santa Ana agencies to meet and discuss community outreach and resource opportunities.  
**SEEKING NEW MEMBERS!**  
 CONTACT: (714) 647-6588  
*El Salvador Center*  
 Monthly on 2nd Wednesday 12:00pm

## ORANGE COUNTY THERAPEUTIC ARTS CENTER (OCCTAC)

As a part of REVIVE Santa Ana funding, we are excited to host OCCTAC at a number of our facilities. Find early childhood enrichment programs through a range of arts and cultural learning opportunities at the below locations:  
*Garfield Center*  
*Jerome Center*  
*Roosevelt Walker Community Center*  
*Salgado Center*



# HEALTH & WELLNESS

## COMMUNITY GARDEN PROGRAM

Five Community Gardens available for residents to gather, learn, relax, practice mindfulness and connect with nature. Specialty workshops and volunteer opportunities available at these below locations:  
*El Salvador Park*  
*Jerome Park*  
*Madison Park*  
*Pacific Electric Park*  
*Roosevelt Walker Community Center*


## WILDERNESS CLUB

Explore habitats and local wilderness parks through guided hikes, field trips, and volunteer activities.  
*Roosevelt Walker Community Center*  
 2/18/23 8:00am-12:30pm *Irvine Ranch Conservancy*  
*Native Seed Farm*  
 3/4/23 8:00am-12:30pm *Bolsa Chica Conservancy*  
 4/6/23 8:00am-1:30pm *Enhanced Whale Watching*  
 6/15/23 8:00am-1:30pm *Enhanced Whale Watching*

# Springfest: OPEN HOUSE

**MARCH 25, 10:00AM – 1:00PM**  
*El Salvador Center*

In partnership with our Santa Ana Collaborative members, we are excited to re-introduce Santa Ana classes, resources, and programs available. Enjoy presentations from instructors, food, a scavenger hunt, and much more!

COMPLETE LIST OF CLASSES AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION  
<https://secure.rec1.com/CA/santa-ana-ca/catalog>



HEALTH & WELLNESS PROGRAM REGISTRATION  
[www.tinyurl.com/santaanahealthprograms](http://www.tinyurl.com/santaanahealthprograms)

# SPORTS

## ADULT CO-ED KICKBALL

Eight-game season, plus playoffs. Wednesday night games.

*Jerome Park*

**REGISTRATION FEE:** \$600.00 per team of 15 (includes official fees and championship award)

**REGISTRATION DATES:** February 13 - March 17

Season: March 29 - May 31

## YOUTH GIRLS BASKETBALL

Ages: Pre-K to 8th

*Jerome Center*

**REGISTRATION FEE:** \$40.00 per child (includes uniform and participation award)

**IN-PERSON REGISTRATION DATES:** February 22, 25, 27 and March 1, 4, 6

**SEASON:** March 20 - June 3

## BOYS ROOKIE BASEBALL AND GIRLS ROOKIE SOFTBALL

Ages: Pre-K to 8th

*Jerome Park*

**REGISTRATION FEE:** \$40.00 per child (includes uniform and participation award)

**IN-PERSON REGISTRATION DATES:** May 10, 13, 15, 17, 20 and 22

**SEASON:** June 19 - August 26



**SPORTS PROGRAM INFORMATION**

[www.santa-ana.org/sports-programs](http://www.santa-ana.org/sports-programs)

# YOUTH & TEENS

## AFTER SCHOOL ADVENTURES PROGRAM

Program for youth, ages 5-12 yrs, with dancing, arts, crafts, sports, recreational games, homework help, and more!

*Salgado Center*

Monday-Friday 2:30pm-5:30pm \$22 Weekly

## TEEN HUB

A new, free, and safe place for teens, ages 13-17 yrs, to meet, enjoy music and games, or just relax.

*Salgado Center*

Monday-Friday 3:30pm-6:00pm

## ARTS ACADEMY

Free monthly art workshops for all teens, ages 13-17 yrs. Learn to create art in a week-long workshop. Art work will be showcased at local centers locations during Gallery Nights!

*Salgado Center*

2/20/23 - 2/24/23 4:00pm - 5:30pm

3/20/23 - 3/24/23 4:00pm - 5:30pm

4/17/23 - 4/21/23 4:00pm - 5:30pm

5/15/23 - 5/19/23 4:00pm - 5:30pm

## TEEN EXCURSION

Free monthly excursions open to participants, ages 13-17 yrs. Register early, limited spots available per excursion.

*Salgado Center*

1/21/23 John's Incredible Pizza

2/18/23 Medieval Times

3/25/23 Ducks Hockey game

4/22/23 Universal Studios

5/15/23 Guardians of the Galaxy

## KID'S NIGHT OUT

Monthly Kids Night Out registration is now open! Participants, ages 6-12yrs, will enjoy an evening of fun festive crafts, games, and holiday treats. \$5 fee per child.

*El Salvador Center*

2/17/23 6:00pm-8:30pm Valentine's Celebration

3/17/23 6:00pm-8:30pm St. Patrick's Celebration

4/21/23 6:00pm-8:30pm Easter Celebration

5/19/23 6:00pm-8:30pm Spring Celebration

**YOUTH & TEENS PROGRAM REGISTRATION**

[www.tinyurl.com/santaanayouthteensprograms](http://www.tinyurl.com/santaanayouthteensprograms)

# SENIOR SERVICES

Senior Services offer a variety of recreational activities at no cost to seniors ages 55+. Register in person to participate in classes listed below.

## CONGREGATE LUNCH PROGRAM

Offers healthy nutrition and social connections for older adults. Seniors are welcomed to eat and socialize with their peers.

**Monday-Friday at Santa Ana and Southwest Senior Centers**

## SENIOR TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

Roundtrip transportation services for seniors, ages 60+, available from place of residence to either Senior Center in Santa Ana. Additional transportation program activities may also be provided.

## ASIAN SOCIAL DANCE

Improve balance and coordination in a Chinese ballroom dance environment. Fluent in Mandarin Chinese required.

*Santa Ana Senior Center*

Wednesday 3:15pm-5:00pm

## BILLIARDS OPEN PLAY

*Santa Ana Senior Center*

Monday - Friday 8:00am-5:00pm

*Southwest Senior Center*

Monday - Friday 8:00am-5:00pm

## BINGO

Win cash prizes while having fun! Practice concentration and short-term memory. Nominal entry cost.

*Santa Ana Senior Center*

Friday 12:30pm-2:00pm

## BODY WORK FITNESS

Low-impact fitness with a Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu perspective.

*Santa Ana Senior Center*

Monday & Wednesday 8:30am-10:00am

*Southwest Senior Center*

Thursday 8:30am-10:00am

## ENGLISH FOR SPANISH SPEAKERS

*Santa Ana Senior Center*

Monday 12:30pm-1:30pm

Friday 10:00am-11:30am

## ENGLISH AS SECOND LANGUAGE FOR CHINESE SPEAKERS

Fluent in Mandarin Chinese required.

*Santa Ana Senior Center*

Tuesday 9:30am-10:30am

## KARAOKE

*Southwest Senior Center*

Wednesday 12:15pm-1:15pm



## LINE DANCING

*Southwest Senior Center*

Friday 10:00am-11:00am

## LOW IMPACT RESISTANCE TRAINING

*Santa Ana Senior Center*

Wednesday 10:30am-12:00pm

*Southwest Senior Center*

Friday 1:00pm-3:00pm

## PING PONG

Stimulate the brain and improve hand-eye coordination. Athletic shoes and paddles required.

*Santa Ana Senior Center*

Monday 3:45pm-5:00pm

Tuesday 3:15pm-5:00pm

## SIMPLE CROCHET

*Santa Ana Senior Center*

Monday 10:00am-12:00pm

## STRETCH CLASS

*Southwest Senior Center*

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 8:30am-9:00am

## TAI CHI

Concentration on breathing, deliberate movements and meditation.

*Birch Park Fitness Zone*

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30am-9:30am

## TECHNOLOGY CLASS

Learn how to use the internet, Facebook, send emails, and send texts.

*Southwest Senior Center*

Monday & Wednesday 10:00am-11:30am

# BUILDING THE FUTURE: CONSTRUCTION UPDATES AT THE SANTA ANA ZOO



SANTA ANA ZOO HOMEPAGE  
[www.santaanazoo.org/](http://www.santaanazoo.org/)

## OVER THE YEARS, YOU'VE WATCHED YOUR SANTA ANA ZOO UNDERGO ENORMOUS CHANGES AND DEVELOPMENT.

After celebrating the Zoo's 70th anniversary in 2022, the Santa Ana Zoo will celebrate by completing the most dynamic project in our history.

We've redefined what the Zoo can be with a beautiful and immersive new habitat for giant river otters, a winding aerial trail system for the zoo's family of capuchin monkeys, and new engaging guest experience areas.

The large construction project has modified zoo pathways, closed areas, and moved some animals to new temporary locations. During this process, we're working to minimize impacts, while still maintaining a great experience for visitors and our animals. Construction continues on schedule, with an anticipated Spring 2023 construction completion, and public opening in late 2023. Pictured are photos of the developing water feature and installation of water filtration tanks. In the coming months visitors to the zoo will see the new primate habitat starting to take shape with the installation of metal support poles and crafting of climbing trees for the monkeys.

Another project taking shape in early March with active construction is Goat Trails. The renovation of the goat yard creates a new accessible, and welcoming space for all visitors to engage with the goat herd. This fun area provides climbing areas for the goats and even a rope bridge where goats can demonstrate their agility.

Future projects still in planning and design include a new indoor education space called the "Hive", installation of concrete pathways for improved accessibility, and a major overhaul of the monkey area of the zoo.



## Animal Addition

# RADIATED TORTOISE

The Santa Ana Zoo is happy to have three critically endangered Radiated tortoises (*Astrochelys radiata*) join the zoo. You can find Morla, Lumpy, and Sheldon in their newly constructed habitat in the Crean Family Farm. They enjoy soaks in their shallow pool and munching on flowers and cactus provided by the animal care team. The three male tortoises range in weight from 18 to 35 lbs. and are over 40 years old!

Found in forests and scrublands of Madagascar, Radiated tortoises are herbivores and spend their day grazing on grasses. The carapace, or top shell, is marked with yellow lines radiating from the center of each dark plate, hence their name. Their head, feet, and legs also have yellow markings, helping them camouflage among leaf litter. Tortoise shells are supplied with blood vessels and nerves so they can feel when they are being touched and Morla, Lumpy, and Sheldon seem to enjoy a good scratch.

Radiated tortoise numbers are declining rapidly due to habitat loss and exploitation. You can help protect this charismatic reptile by not participating in the illegal pet trade and by discouraging friends and family from doing so.



**COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS:  
THE ZOO & YOU**

**ZOO E.C.O. Parks Pop-Up:** Meet the Zoo at a Park near you! Get outside with a new theme, activities and animal friend each week. Wednesday and Friday afternoons. See full schedule for times and locations. **FREE.**

**Story Time @ the Zoo:** Explore a new story and meet an animal friend at every program. Included with Zoo admission.

**Leer Lunes:** Mondays at 10:30am en español on the Family Farm Stage.

**Wild Wednesday Story Time:** Wednesdays at 11:30am on the Family Farm Stage.

**Super Sunday Story Time:** Santa Ana Resident Day is extra special with family story time in the Amphitheater! Third Sunday of every month at 10:30am.



**PROGRAMS FOR SCHOOL GROUPS:  
OCTOBER - JUNE**

**Zoo Explorer Program:** Students in Kindergarten through 2nd Grade become Explorers as they observe animals, identify adaptations, and discover different habitats. The adventure begins with a special presentation before students venture into the zoo to find interactive stations. Thursdays starting at 9:30am, 10:00am or 10:30am.

**Self-Guided Visit:** Students of all ages can discover something amazing at the zoo. Group reservations are required for discounted admission. Educators can build on their curriculum with activities from the Zoo web-site. Reservations available Wednesdays and Fridays, October 01 - June 01.

Attention SAUSD teachers and teachers serving Santa Ana Youth! Special program rates and resources are available for Santa Ana students. Connect your students with the natural environment with hands-on activities for a full day at the zoo or book a Zoo Explorer Program. Contact us for available dates.

Reservations **REQUIRED** for Discounted Admission and Education Programs: [ZOORESERVATIONS@SANTA-ANA.ORG](mailto:ZOORESERVATIONS@SANTA-ANA.ORG)



**SANTA ANA RESIDENTS**

*can visit the Zoo for FREE  
on the 3rd Sunday of every month!*



**FOR ASPIRING GREEN THUMBS...**

**Orchid Society at the Zoo**

If you're curious about growing orchids, join the Fascination of Orchids Orchid Society at the Santa Ana Zoo! A community of local amateur growers meet on the first Saturday of each month at the zoo for educational presentations, show-and-tell, plant raffles, and camaraderie. Meetings are held at 9:45am in the zoo's classroom, more information is available at:

[HTTPS://FASCINATIONOFORCHIDS.COM/ORANGE.HTML](https://fascinationoforchids.com/orange.html)

**Santa Ana Zoo Veggie Demonstration Garden**

Vegetable and fruit garden plots are maintained by University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) Master Gardener volunteers. Master Gardeners are available some days and at zoo events to answer questions from the public regarding growing vegetables. More information is available here:

[HTTPS://MGORANGE.UCANR.EDU/](https://mgorange.ucanr.edu/)

**"Zoo Poo" Community Gardens Composting Program**

The zoo composts and you can too! The zoo works with the Santa Ana Community Gardens to provide waste from our camels and guanacos for compost. This "zoo poo" that once went into the trash now is recycled into beautiful compost that improves the soil to grow healthy plants and people. All five Community Gardens have compost piles that are open for residents too. Not sure what is compostable? Visit any Community Garden during operating hours to learn more about composting, all of its benefits, and how "waste" can be turned into a local resource.

**HOT TIP** the orange flame vine is an incredible selfie spot #santaanazoo



**Party for the Planet at the Santa Ana Zoo**

Celebrate Earth Day and Endangered Species Day in one amazing event! Join the Santa Ana Zoo and a variety of community organizations as we learn about the natural world around us and how we can help protect our environment. Animals, plants, water, air and soil and all important parts of the planet we call home.

Party for the Planet brings together individuals, communities, businesses and government entities in recognition of how human kind impacts the planet both positively and negatively. By recognizing how humans and nature are connected, we can learn to care for and appreciate the world around us.

**Make every day a Party for the Planet:**

- Plant native plants in containers or the ground to provide food and shelter for native pollinators
- Use reusable containers, bottles and bags to decrease waste
- Monitor your water and energy use and conserve where you can

**Zoo Admission includes all Party for the Planet activities. Sunday, May 21, 2023 10:00am – 4:00pm**

**SO YOU WANT TO BE A ZOOKEEPER?**

How can I be a zookeeper? That is probably the most asked question here at the zoo, and there really is no one size fits all answer. Zoo keeping is very competitive and like other popular jobs, there are usually more qualified applicants than there are openings, so it is important to set yourself up for success to get into this field. A combination of education and hands-on experience will give you the knowledge, skills, and background necessary to get started.

Let's start with education. While in school, choose a degree program in an animal related field like biology, zoology, or ecology. There are even some zoo specific degree programs now, including several in California: Moorpark College, University of California, Davis, and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

There is no better way to get the hands-on experience necessary than by volunteering alongside a zookeeper. Volunteering can help you gain exposure to the field and clarify your personal career goals. Cleaning animal habitats, preparing diets, and creating exciting animal enrichment opportunities are all tasks volunteers can do at the Santa Ana Zoo. Volunteers can also watch zoo keepers train the animals or observe their veterinary exams.

Animal care is a very rewarding career field, and while folks often have the perception that zookeepers cuddle animals all day, it really is a demanding and difficult job. Zookeepers care for the animals 365 days a year, on weekends and holidays, and in all kinds of weather. They develop deep bonds with the animals in their care, which only strengthens their commitment to the wellbeing of the animals and the conservation of the species.

**Aloes and Flame Vines**  
Winter brings the beautiful floral displays of two very different plants. At the very front of the zoo is a remarkable wall of orange flowers from the flame vine - *Pyrostegia venusta*. Dense clusters of orange flowers provide nectar for hummingbirds and an Instagram-worthy backdrop for photos. This vine is native to South America and is drought-tolerant once well established, but does best with regular water.

Another striking winter bloomer is the torch aloe – *Aloe arborescens*. This South African succulent grows near the butterfly aviary and in the parking lot where it has room to spread into a massive 10 foot clump. One of approximately 400 species of Aloes, this species is a relative of the well-known Aloe vera. In winter, red flower stalks rise two feet above the foliage where they provide nectar for hummingbirds and a beautiful show. Many aloes bloom during the winter, have low water requirements, add interest to gardens, and provide food for wildlife.

## Green Practices Highlight

The Santa Ana Zoo ticket booth uses receipt paper from companies that plant trees (reforestation) per case sold.

For Clean Air Day in October, zoo staff disbursed hundreds of plants to visitors who took the Clean Air Pledge.

### THANK YOU ZOO VOLUNTEERS!

Did you know that you can work at the Zoo as a volunteer? Zoo Volunteers can be found throughout the zoo. Zoo Ambassadors help guests find their way around the zoo and share information about our plants and animals. Education Ambassadors help staff facilitate education programs for guests and school groups and can learn special skills in working with our Ambassador Animals. Volunteers looking for experience working with animals can learn skills starting as a Farm Monitor and work their way up to being side-by-side with our zookeepers. The Zoo Buddies program allows younger volunteers and those who need additional assistance to volunteer with a parent or guardian.

All volunteers must complete the City of Santa Ana Volunteer Application, background check and attend Zoo Volunteer Orientation. Interested? Visit [HTTPS://WWW.SANTA-ANA.ORG/VOLUNTEER-PROGRAM/](https://www.santa-ana.org/volunteer-program/) to learn more about volunteer opportunities at the Zoo and throughout the City of Santa Ana.



SANTA ANA  
VOLUNTEER  
OPPORTUNITIES

## Prehensile-Tailed Skinks

On warm afternoons, Zoo Education Specialist **Terri Hernandez (TH)** often holds training demonstrations in or near the prehensile-tailed skink habitat.

**TH:** Prehensile-tailed skinks (aka monkey-tailed and Solomon Islands skinks) do not make good pets. They are difficult to care for due to their humidity and dietary requirements, and as an arboreal species with very sharp claws, they are not easy to handle. When I first started working with them thirty-five years ago, we presented them in-hand while wearing welder's gloves. The way we work with them now is a lot different; we emphasize behaviors that they display in the wild, and free choice to participate.

**Q: Why does the Santa Ana Zoo have prehensile-tailed skinks?**

**TH:** It is illegal to import these skinks or catch them in the wild, but because they reproduce slowly and in low numbers, it is unprofitable to breed them, and smuggling persists. United States Fish and Wildlife called the Santa Ana Zoo for assistance a shipment of 80+ wild adult prehensile-tailed skinks was confiscated at the Port of Los Angeles. The zoo director and curators assisted with resources for placing the skinks, and accepted eight of them to bring back to good health. Six have since left the zoo for new homes at other zoos/aquariums. Like people, PT skinks have a wide range of personalities. The two that live at the Santa Ana Zoo (named Jade and Lucky) were selected for their suitability as zoo ambassadors.

**Q: Why couldn't the skinks go back to the wild?**

**TH:** Unfortunately, even though they were illegally caught, the skinks could not be returned to the rainforests of the Solomon Islands. If just one had picked up any kind of disease, it could decimate the wild population. The skinks were likely collected over a very large area and we don't know exactly what forests they came from.

**Q: Since the zoo is not their native habitat, what do they eat?**

**TH:** Their diet was a challenge at first, since they didn't recognize most of the food that we could offer. We went through many pothos plants as they became accustomed to a diet of mixed leafy greens, shredded mixed vegetables, and fruit. They still get pothos and other plants, and they really like green beans. As part of their training program, the skinks get incentives (like squishy mango, papaya, and banana) to learn to trust the people that work with them, come down from their places in their habitat and onto a piece of cork bark, transition into a carrier, and come out for animal programs that highlight their importance in the wild.

**Q: What are neat things to know about prehensile-tailed skinks?**

**TH:** They are the largest species of skink. Their tails look like vines; they don't hang from them, but use them to lower themselves down. Unusual for lizards, PT skinks live in small groups that protect each other. While not aggressive, they are defensive, and mothers can be formidable. Also unusual for reptiles, they are viviparous, and give live birth to young (which can be 1/3 the size of the mother).

**Q: How can people help?**

The prehensile-tailed skink is not only at risk due to the illegal pet trade, but due to deforestation. When buying products that contain wood, you can look for those certified by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), or you can explore recycled plastic lumber (RPL) options. The zoo is using RPL in its upcoming elevated goat trails farm feature.



Prehensile-Tailed Skink

The City of Santa Ana would like to thank you for residing in our beautiful City. Providing you with a wide range of community services is one of our most exciting missions. We are here to create more opportunities for you to **LEARN, LIVE, and EXPLORE** every day.



# RESOURCES

## GENERAL CITY INFORMATION

City of Santa Ana – General Info  
(714) 647-5400  
Employment with the City of Santa Ana  
(714) 647-6500  
Orange County Fire Authority  
(714) 573-6000  
Water Bill – Finance  
(714) 647-3320

## LIBRARY INFORMATION

Main Library  
(714)647-5250  
Newhope Library  
(714) 647-6992  
  
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@SantaAnaParks  
@TheSantaAnaZoo  
@CityofSantaAna

## RECREATION INFORMATION

Parks & Recreation – General Info  
(714) 571-4200  
Garfield Center  
(714) 571-4288  
El Salvador Center  
(714) 647-6558  
Jerome Center  
(714) 647-6559  
Memorial Center  
(714) 571-4242  
Mudline  
(Updated following inclement weather)  
(714) 571-4201  
Reservations Office at Centennial  
(714) 571-4225  
Salgado Center  
(714) 571-4267  
Santa Ana Senior Center  
(714) 647-6540  
Southwest Senior Center  
(714) 647-5306

## ZOO INFORMATION

Zoo – Recorded Info  
(714) 836-4000  
Ticket Booth  
(714) 647-6575  
Friends of the Zoo (FOSAZ)  
(714) 953-8555

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ADDITIONAL CITY RESOURCES



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