

CAMP LIFE

September 2026

Newsletter

Santee Lakes Recreation Preserve



SQUISHES are here!

Squishes are trending and not just for the kiddos!! Get yours today at the General Store! Grab them for \$5.99–7.99 with the BIG duckies \$15.99. Limited to 2 squishes per purchase.

**General Store Hours:
8:00AM – 5:00PM Daily**



Kid's bored while in the RV? We have some great art supplies and games to keep them busy.



Did you feel that chill in the air? Get ready for those chilly nights here!



For upcoming events...

Events On Deck



Concert Series on Deck

**Fridays & Saturdays
in September | 5PM-7PM**



Sept. 04 | Miranda Ramos

Sept. 11 | Jason Mann

Sept. 18 | Just Friends Jazz

Sept. 21 | The Tradesmen Band

Sept. 05 | Harmonica John

Sept. 12 | The Ideas Rock & Roll Trio

Sept. 19 | Groove Therapy

Sept. 22 | The Blue Groove

**Check
socials
for
details**

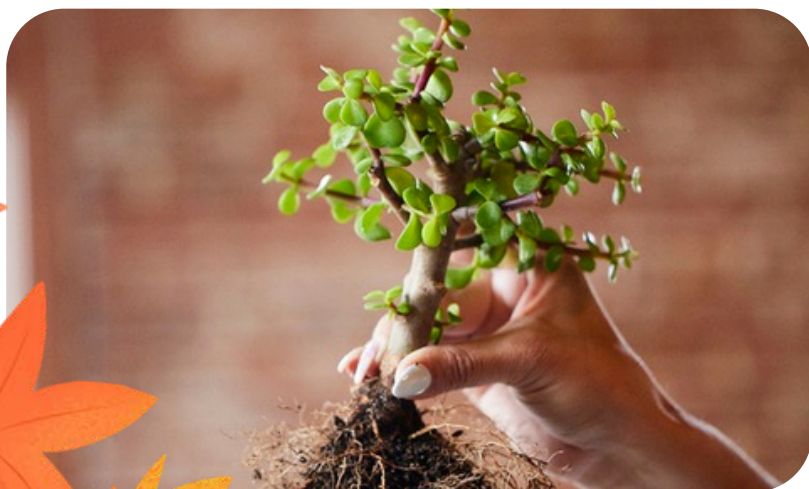


Create on Deck | Tote Bags

September 12 | 10:00AM-12:00PM

These classes fill up fast! Sign up now.
Drink special provided by Topwater Grill.

SIGN UP



Create on Deck | Bonsai Bar

September 26 | 12PM-2PM

Bonsai Bar is an afternoon of fun on deck you don't want to miss! Beginner workshops are perfect for you to learn everything you need to know to walk away with your very own tiny tree. So grab a friend, your beverage of choice, and get ready for a great 2 hours of everything bonsai. Sign up [HERE](#).

Upcoming Events

Ladies at the Lake Fall Market 10 Year Anniversary



October 10 | 10AM-3PM

We are so excited for our 10th Anniversary Event! A little more of everything will make this market unforgettable! Join us **October 10 from 10AM-3PM**. Grab a drink at the Lounge, then buy yourself a little something or a lot of somethings because there will be 120+ vendors with unique items. FYI: Campers, the first 50 registered camping guests to arrive at the Santee Lakes booth at the event will receive a free tote bag (10 have a little something special) First 100 guests through the gatehouse will also get a tote!

TIM BURTON SELF PORTRAIT WORKSHOP

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18TH

10:00AM - 12:00PM

\$35 PER PERSON | ALL MATERIALS INCLUDED | \$7 PARKING

REGISTER VIA EVENTBRITE



For more info: beckyaroman@gmail.com | 408.373.4329

Tim Burton Self Portrait Workshop

**October 17 | 10AM-12PM &
2:00PM-4:00PM**

Last year this class sold out, so we are having two! **SIGN UP**

ANDY MATEYS!

**TAKE A GANDER AT THESE LEGENDARY SPONSORS
THAT HAVE DROPPED ANCHOR TO SUPPORT OUR
PIRATE SPOOKTACULAR - GIVE 'EM A CHEER!**

EXPRESSIONS
— dance & movement center —



SD POP UP MINI GOLF

San Diego
Kids' Party Rentals



Spooktacular

October 24 | 10AM-2PM

Get ready mateys! Spooktacular is an amazing family friendly event featuring a trunk or treat around Lake 1! Inflatables, games, crafts, donut walk, and so much more await you on this swashbuckling adventure!



Your events at Santee Lakes



Bounce House?

Do you have an event coming up at Santee Lakes?

San Diego Kid's Party Rentals is a Preferred Vendor at Santee Lakes and would love to give you \$50 off! Use the coupon code for your discount.

Find out more about them [HERE](#).



Call the Park
Office to book
your spot!
619.596.3141

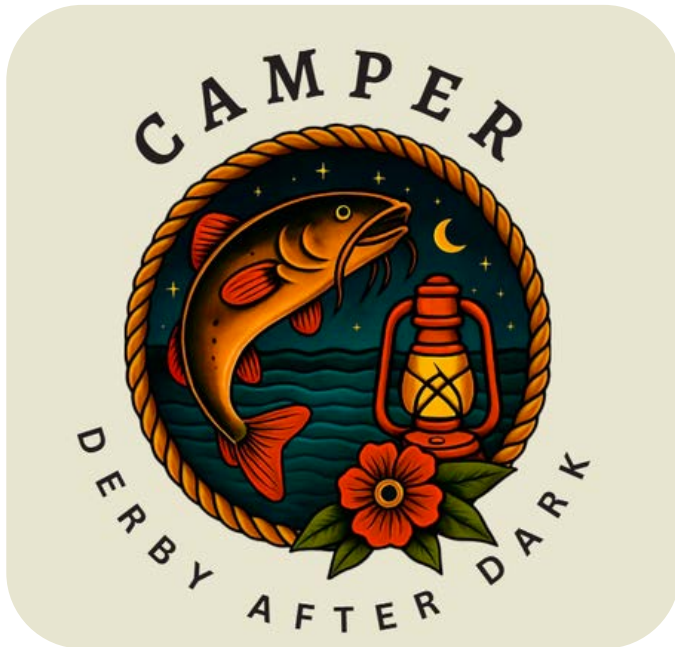
Fishing Events



Fishing 101

September 5 | September 19
9:00AM-10:30AM

Need a lesson/refresher on how to catch fish at Santee Lakes? Join our ranger right outside of the General Store with your rod, fishing permit & bait. This class is designed for participants over the age of 5. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Limit of 10 per class. Visit our Facebook Events page for details and sign up.



Derby After Dark

September 11 | September 25
5:00PM-11:30PM

Each camping reservation includes entry for 1 team of 2 people. Additional team entries are \$30. Only registered campers may enter the derby. Lakes 6 & 7 will be stocked. Get all of the details [HERE](#).



Kid's Fishing Pond

Did you know that we stock the Kid's Fishing Pond? All fish are catch and release aside from trout. The pond is open during park hours and your kiddo can grab a permit at the General Store.

More Info.



Pedal Boats are open daily from **9:00AM-4:00PM**.

Standard boats \$17 per ½ hr.

Specialty boats \$24 per ½ hr.



There is **FREE** Wi-Fi on the Deck.

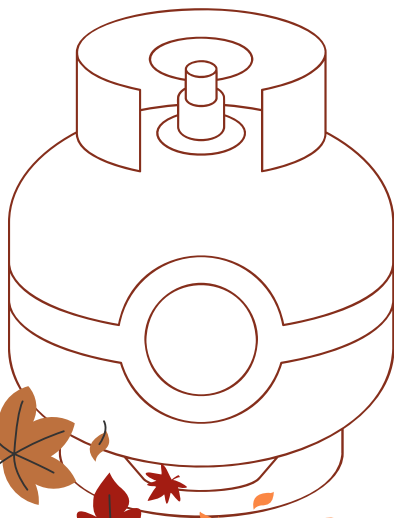
Reminder September

is the last month of the season the Park closes at **7PM**.

PROPANE IN THE CAMPGROUND

Propane Appointments (M-F, by appointment only, 10:30 AM or 2:30 PM) just in case you are a new camper and didn't know that service is an option. **YOU CAN BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT ON OUR APP!**

If you need propane delivered to your site, SD Propane can provide that service on **TUESDAYS** only, also by appointment only. Please call 619-460-1705 to schedule with SD Propane directly.



More News



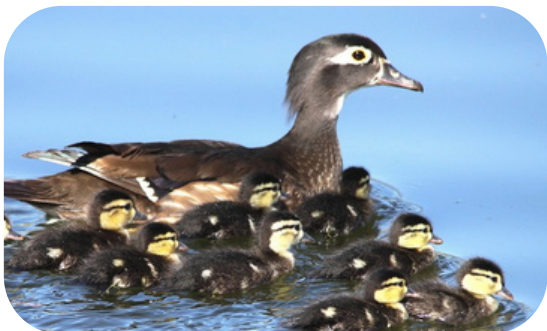
February Reservations

Reservations for some great winter camping will be open online on **August 31 at 8PM** for February! If you are thinking of a nice romantic escape, think about camping.



Need more room?

We have RV storage sites available for your boats, jet skis, ATV trailers and more. Storage 26' Travel Trailers and 34' Motorhomes. For more info. send an email to santeelakes@padre.org.



Adopt a Wood Duck Box

Would you like to support the beautiful Wood ducks at Santee Lakes? We have new Wood duck boxes ready to be adopted. You can fill out the contact info on our website [HERE](#).



Have you met our resident Wild Turkey?

The wild turkey (*Meleagris gallopavo*) is a large, ground-dwelling bird native to North America and the direct ancestor of the domestic turkey.



Labor Day Weekend Camping?

Yes, we are sold out for Labor Day, but we will post all cancellations on our Facebook page.

Campground Events



Candy Bar BINGO!

September 5 | 2PM-5PM

Play BINGO! win a candy bar!



Craftapalooza

September 12 | 2PM-4PM

All kinds of crafts!



Campfire & S'mores

September 19 | 2PM-4PM

Meet at the Lakeshore Fire Ring.
We will bring the s'more stuff!



Lion's Club

Pancake Breakfast

September, 26 | 8AM-10:30AM

Grab some yummy breakfast for a great cause!



Ice Cream Social

September 26 | 1:00PM

Join us until it's gone!

Topwater Grill

Hours:

Monday - Sunday
7:00AM-7:00PM



Don't miss our
famous
#TopwaterTuesdays
on socials!
Sometimes we
have guest stars.

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We have our
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chalkboard at the
pick-up window!

Water Lantern Festival San Diego

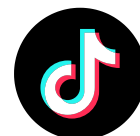
Water Lantern Festival – Holiday Edition
December 12 & 13, 2026

**Book
Now**



Water Lantern Festival is an incredible experience where you, your friends, and your family will create a magical memory together. It can be a very emotional experience, writing down some of your hope and dreams, or a letter to a loved one, and then sending it out into the water. At Water Lantern Festival, we cherish these moments and will do our best to help you have an memorable experience that you'll never forget. Book your site and grab your tickets to the Water Lantern Festival [HERE](#).

@waterlanternfestival
@santeelakes



Santee Lakes Foundation



The Santee Lakes Foundation's primary purpose is to raise funds to support projects in design and to enhance the guest experience at Santee Lakes. The Foundation is committed to promoting the importance of outdoor recreation in conjunction with habitat maintenance through educational opportunities and financial support.

The Foundation is dedicated in our mission to promote the importance of outdoor recreation, conservation, and environmental sustainability at Santee Lakes through charitable support in the following areas:

All donations to the Santee Lakes Foundation are tax deductible.

You can make your donation at the Santee Lakes Park Office or mail your donation to:

Tax Id: 27-1296867

Santee Lakes Recreation Preserve
Attn: Santee Lakes Foundation
9310 Fanita Parkway
Santee, CA 92071



- **Recreational Programs**
- **Habitat Restoration and maintenance**
- **Environmental education programs**
- **Park improvements and maintenance**

Find out more at
santeelakesfoundation.org

Campground FAQs



- Do campers need to purchase a fishing permit?
 - Yes, campers will need a permit. You can purchase a permit at the General Store, Gate house, or Park Ranger.
- How late are campers able to fish in Lake 6 and 7?
 - Campers may fish until 11 PM.
- Do we have to bring our own fire pit?
 - Yes, please bring your fire pit, there are no ground fires allowed.
- Can we set-up a tent on our RV site?
 - No, there is only one camping unit per site. If you wish to set-up additional camping units you can reserve one of our designated tent sites.
- What time is checkout?
 - 11:00AM is checkout for campers, Cabin guest's checkout time is 10:30AM.
- Where is the Campground Bark Park located?
 - The Bark Park is located in the very north west corner of the Campground.
- Can we use an inflatable pool?
 - No, due to safety issues, inflatable pools are not allowed.
- What time is quiet time?
 - 9:00PM is Campground quiet time.
- What time does my fire have to be out?
 - Please have your fire extinguished by 10:00PM
- How many people are allowed on my campsite?
 - Campers can have a maximum of 6 people on each site.
- Can we hang up a hammock?
 - No. Hammocks can be harmful to trees, as well as other safety issues.