



## SUMMER CAMP 2026

**AGES**  
3 YEARS TO  
5 YEARS

### Office Hours

7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
760-643-5272

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(760) 643-5272  
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### Camp Hours

9:00 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.

### Extended Camp

7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Included in the Weekly  
Cost

### Camp Locations

Jim Porter Rec Center  
1200 Vale Terrace  
Drive  
Vista CA 92084

### GUEST ENTERTAINERS

WEEKLY ENTERTAINERS WILL  
PERFORM AND AMUSE US WITH  
THEIR TALENTS. WE ALSO HAVE  
ANIMAL AMBASSADORS THAT  
WILL EDUCATE US

PLEASE SEE PEGGY FOR MORE  
INFORMATION

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
CALENDAR/ACTIVITIES ARE  
SUBJECT TO CHANGE  
WITHOUT NOTICE.

# MINI EXPLORERS

	Theme/Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday!
1	<u>June 8 - June 12</u> <b>Hold on a Minute</b>	8 Color Sort Rhyming Race Cup Mittens	9 Bottle to Bottle Don't Blow It Cookie Face	10 Catch the Cup Blow the Cup Symmetry Flies	11 <b>Sky King</b> ★ <b>Magic Show</b> Deifying Gravity	12 Cup Bowling Dice Balancing Making Playdough
2	<u>June 15 - June 19</u> <b>Wild West</b>	15 Wanted Posters Horseshoes Wagons & Horses	16 Cowboy Boot Escape From Jail Jump the River	17 <b>Petting Zoo</b> ★ Cow Masks Sheriff Badge	18 <b>Super Dentist</b> ★ Rattlesnake Water Ballon Toss	19 Footprint Horse Cowboys Stamps Line Dancing
3	<u>June 22 - June 26</u> <b>Tropical Paradise</b>	22 Cornhole Fishy Fishy Four Corners	23 <b>Gym Kids</b> Crab Craft Limbo	24 Seahorse Craft Water Ballon Toss Chuck Chicken	20 Flamingo Over Under Game Octopus Craft	21 Hula Hoop Games Bird Collage Over & Under
4	<u>June 29 - July 3</u> <b>Red, White &amp; Blue</b>	29 Beach Balls Leaf Threading American Flags	30 Sunshine Craft Rockets Cup to Cup	July 1 Pencil Wands Water Ballon Toss Lanterns	2 <b>Predator Provisions</b> ★ Bubble Painting	3 Visors Duck Duck Splash Obstacle Course
5	<u>July 6 - July 10</u> <b>House of Cards</b>	6 Go Fish War Jump the River	7 Card Tricks 1, 2, 3 Slap Jack Card Catching	8 <b>Vista Sheriff</b> Memory ★	9 Card Tricks 7, 8, 9 Trash Dice Stacking	10 Spoons Paper Plate Lily Four Corners
6	<u>July 13 - July 17</u> <b>Nature</b>	13 Bird Feeders Over Under Snails	14 Cups Stacking Nature Names Splatter Paint	15 <b>BMX Show</b> ★ Binoculars Nature Rainbows	16 Bubble Painting Bingo Leaf Painting	17 Balloon Cups Obstacle Course Lava
7	<u>July 20 - July 24</u> <b>Zoo Animals</b>	20 Put Me in the Zoo Zoo Craft Animal Charades	21 Giraffe Craft Duck Duck Splash Obstacle Course	22 <b>Firefighters</b> ★ Zoo Sounds	23 Brown Bear Bear Craft Four Corners	24 Zoo Book Elephants Flamingo
8	<u>July 27 - July 31</u> <b>Disney Days</b>	27 Shape Castle Magic Wands 7 Dwarfs Game	28 Chalk Your Walk Guess Who Four Corners	29 <b>Petting Zoo</b> ★ Minnie Mouse Mickey Mouse	30 Donald Duck Mask Pumbaa Craft Disney Musical Chairs	31 Winnie the Pooh Eeyore Egg Spoon Relay
9	<u>August 4 - August 8</u> <b>H2Oh</b>	3 Spray Bottle Tag Water Pinata Balancing Act	4 Frozen Fingers Sponge Toss Water Twister	5 <b>Gym Kids</b> ★ Cup to Cup Drip Drip Drop	6 Sprinkler Fun Hit the Mark Fill the Cup	Sink or Float Pint Size Picasso Spray Bottle Tag

# MINI EXPLORERS CAMP

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### Importance of Playgrounds:



A playground provides the environment needed for children to engage in elements that develop key cognitive, social and physical skills.

How children play, or their patterns of play, reinforce the importance of having a mixture of playground equipment that encourages an assortment of play behaviors.



### Importance of Socialization:

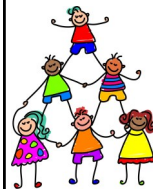
Socialization, in fact, is an important part of your child's development overall ~ with social milestones helping your child to manage personal feeling, understand others' feelings and needs, interact in a respectful and acceptable way.



### Importance of Water Safety:

Water safety is important for all ages, but especially for toddlers. Drowning is the leading cause of death in children ages 1 ~ 4. Young children can drown in as little as an

inch or two of water, and can happen quickly and silently.



### Importance of Structure:

Clear structure and expectations provide limits and boundaries and help children not only predict how parents will react but also teaches them how to behave. Consistency means that we follow through with what we say we are going to do. It gives power to our words.

## DON'T FORGET!

### CAMP REMINDERS

- Closed-toed athletic shoes required at all times.
- Place camper's name on all personal items. City of Vista is not responsible for any lost or stolen items.
- Foul and vulgar language will not be tolerated at camp.
- Please note if a waiver is needed in order to participate.
- Lunch is provided, but please let us know of any food allergies!
- Snack is provided morning & afternoon.
- NO toy or electronics from home. City of Vista will not be responsible for lost or stolen items.

## SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM



The California Department of Education Summer Food Program provides free meals to children, 18 and under, at Jim Porter Recreation Center (formerly Brengle Terrace), located at 1200 Vale Terrace Drive in the City of Vista. Since school meals are not available during summer vacation, children can rely on the Summer Food Program to provide nutritious food that will assist them to grow to their full potential. Youth simply show up at the site during the time meals are being served, and enjoy good company and a delicious meal. Meals must be eaten onsite.



The free lunches are served from Noon to 12:45 p.m., Monday-Friday, from June 8 through August 7, 2026 at the Recreation Center.

In accordance with federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture Policy, the City of Vista is prohibited for discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

Menu is available online or in the office during camp hours, [www.vistarecreation.com](http://www.vistarecreation.com)

**IMPORTANT!** If your child has food allergies, please notify Peggy in the office or at (760) 643-5272.

## MEET THE STAFF

### Susanna La Belle Camp Counselor



I'm looking forward to spending another summer here at the City of Vista Summer Camp! This is my 12th year as one of the City's preschool teachers and 9th year with the Day Camp. I am a Rancho Buena Vista High graduate and attended Mira Costa College for Early Childhood Education. I also have 2 wonderful children of my own. I enjoy gardening and I plan on joining the Vista Garden

## CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Between the ages of 3 and 5, children are typically in the "preschooler" stage, where they significantly develop their social skills, language abilities, fine motor skills, and cognitive understanding, including the ability to identify basic shapes, colors, and sizes, while also becoming more independent in self-care activities like dressing and using the bathroom; they also enjoy imaginative play, cooperative play with peers, and asking lots of questions.