

Teen Center Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the Santee Teen Center?

The Santee Teen Center at the Lakes is a drop-in after school program offered by the City of Santee designed to provide a healthy recreation environment for teenagers that foster respect for self, family and community.

2. What about the Staff?

All Santee Teen Center staff members are CPR and First Aid certified. They are cleared through a Department of Justice background investigation prior to being hired and also receive extensive Teen Center training. The Teen Center operates with a maximum of 1:15 staff-to-participant ratio.

3. Where is the Santee Teen Center located?

The Santee Teen Center is located at the Santee Lakes Recreational Preserve, Lake 5, 9310 Fanita Parkway, Santee, CA 92071.

4. What are the hours of operation?

The Santee Teen Center is open Mon/Tu/Thu from 2:30 pm – 6:00 pm and Wed/Fri from 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm. The Teen Center is closed on all Santee School District holidays.

5. What ages can participate?

The Santee Teen Center serves ALL teens grades 6th – 12th, up to age 17.

6. What kind of programs do you offer?

The Santee Teen Center offers a variety of programs that include homework time, outdoor recreation, indoor activities, opportunities for community service and leadership, socialization, special events and trips. Daily activities are designed and selected by participants.

7. How much does it cost/How do I become a member?

The Santee Teen Center is only \$20.00 for an annual membership for Santee residents, \$30.00 for non-residents, or \$3.00 per day. In order to become a Santee Teen Center member, a parent/guardian must submit the Santee Teen Center membership application and the membership fee. Applications can be turned in at the Santee Teen Center or at Santee City Hall at 10601 Magnolia Avenue, Building 6.

8. Is financial assistance available?

The City of Santee Community Services Department is proud to offer the Voucher Incentive Program (V.I.P.) which provides financial assistance to qualifying Santee families. This program assists children and teens to take part in the City's recreation programs. For more information or to find out if your family qualifies, contact Community Services at (619) 258-4100 x222.

9. How do I enter/exit the park when dropping off my child?

The Santee Teen Center drop-off area is located on the corner of Lake Canyon and Fanita Parkway. For parents and participants who would like to park inside the Santee Lakes Recreation Preserve, you must enter before the gates close at dusk.

10. What is Mobile Recreation?

The Mobile Recreation Program offers FREE recreation programs for 6th-8th grade students on school campuses during lunch and recess.

11. How do I find out more information?

For more information, contact Teen Services at (619) 258-4100 x120.