

## What is Fun in the Sun?

Fun in the Sun is a safe and supportive place for local kids. The program focuses on improving reading skills and character development in a fun and creative atmosphere. The kids learn about their well-being, discover their world through field trips, connect with positive adult role models, find self-expression through the arts, and cultivate positive friendships to last a lifetime.

The summer program runs all day for seven weeks at multiple locations throughout Santa Barbara County.



## Who are the Fun in the Sun Kids?

Fun in the Sun kids are local at risk children ages 6-12. These children are qualified on an income basis, and are also in great need of academic support and intervention.

The program is free of charge to participants, as all children receive full scholarships funded by United Way and the contributions of its supporters. Fun in the Sun specializes in addressing the complex behavioral, academic, and basic need factors endangering these children's futures while they are still in their early years.

**In 2008, more kids qualified for the program than we were able to serve. We'd like to reach them all.**

With the help of Family Advocates, we truly seek to connect the entire family. With their help, we are able to identify and address the individual needs of both the child and the family, and, along with our partners, we work to make a difference in their lives in any way we can.



## Fun in the Sun 2009 Program Partners

All Stars After School Program  
American Indian Health & Services  
Art From Scrap • Assistance League of Santa Barbara  
Cancer Center of Santa Barbara  
California-Hawaii Elks Major Project  
Carpinteria Sportfishing Club  
City of Carpinteria and City of SB, Parks & Recreation  
Community Action Commission  
Community Counseling and Education Center  
Cornelia Moore Dental Foundation  
Dancing Drum • Diabetes Resource Center  
Family Service Agency of Santa Barbara  
FoodBank of Santa Barbara County  
Girls Inc. of Greater Santa Barbara  
Girls Inc. of Carpinteria  
Girl Scouts of California Central Coast  
Goleta Union School District • Los Compadres  
Montecito Bank & Trust  
Paul Mitchell the School • Rein Teen Tours  
Santa Barbara Bass Club • Santa Barbara Dance Arts  
Santa Barbara Flyfishers  
Santa Barbara Neighborhood Clinics  
Santa Barbara Public Library  
Santa Barbara School District  
Santa Barbara Sportfishing Club  
Sempra Energy  
UCSB Summer Sessions  
United Way of Santa Barbara County  
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**"Without Fun in the Sun, most of these children would fall farther behind their peers in reading ability and character development." - Tere Jurado, Family Advocate**



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## United Way's Vision for Local Children

Through the *Power of Partnership™*, United Way leverages community resources to help local kids living in homes with limited resources to succeed.

Fun in the Sun is a collaboration of more than thirty-six local organizations working together to deliver a comprehensive set of focused services to the Fun in the Sun children at four different school sites.



**FITS is growing!**  
In 2009 we were able to serve more than 360 children at more sites than ever before!

In 2007 United Way brought Fun in the Sun down to Carpinteria. The network of local, Carpinteria based partners helped us enrich the lives of 56 kids in this community!

## Other Fun in the Sun Services

- Daily reading instruction
- Dental checkups and follow-up care
- Eye screenings and follow-up care
- Distribution of clothing, swim suits, towels, beach bags
- Safe sun exposure and cancer education
- Swim lessons · Conflict resolution training
- Manners and courtesy education
- Free haircuts and hygiene information
- Nutritious snacks and meals · Health education
- Health screenings and follow-up care
- Expression and team-building through rhythm and dance · Jazz dance
- Family advocates and services coordination
- Financial Literacy · Family Fun Nights
- Senior citizen connection · Self-esteem program
- Environmental Education · Safety instruction · Leadership training · Enrichment projects · Field trips!

# Lunch Bunch

## About Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch connects Fun in the Sun kids with hundreds of caring adults from the local community. The Lunch Bunch program provides caring individuals with a fun way to get involved during their lunch hour.

Volunteers have a chance to chat, play, and even plan activities for the kids. Many teams come up with their own creative contributions like holding a book drive, organizing a soccer game with the kids, or sponsoring a barbecue!

Lunch Bunch is an intentional time for you to be a positive role model for these children, and we encourage you and your team to come up with a fun way to educate them about what you do in your job.



The most important thing is that you get to know the kids and the kids get to know you!

## How to participate

Many local employers have formed volunteer teams, so ask around to see if your company is involved this year.

If your employer does not currently have a team, bring it up at a staff meeting and see if anyone else is interested. It's an easy way to get involved, and it is a wonderful team-building opportunity. Volunteers rave about their experiences in the past and we're sure you and your co-workers will have a great time, also!

Can't get involved through work? No problem! We can connect you with other individuals who also want to volunteer.



## Volunteer at Fun in the Sun



Are you interested in spending more time as a volunteer this summer? Do you have a special interest in helping children improve their character and reading skills?

If so, consider volunteering with us every week this summer. We are looking for patient, compassionate, and fun-loving individuals of all experience levels who are willing to dedicate a couple of hours a week with the children at our program.

For more information and an application form: Contact Jenny Lewallen  
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