



United Way  
of Santa Barbara County

## Virtual Fun in the Sun

### Welcome Letter

Dear Parents,

For the safety of Fun in the Sun (FITS) participants, staff, parents and partners, Fun in the Sun will be delivered virtually this summer. Your child will participate in a variety of activities that are hands-on, engaging and fun! We want your children to have a wonderful summer and we acknowledge that students are missing their friends. Therefore, we will encourage all students to show their faces when they log in so their friends can see them. Additionally, participants will have access to a secure virtual platform called Seesaw that will provide a safe space for your student to blog and communicate with one another. Seesaw is widely used among school districts throughout the country, even some in Santa Barbara County.

#### Program Dates

June 29 through August 7, 2020

#### Times

Assigned times between 9:00am and 12:15pm (see schedule below)

#### VFITS Schedule

Your child will check in once a day for 40 minutes with their program leader and fellow participants. Together, they will create and engage in a variety of activities. **Please make sure your child logs in on time.** There will be additional opportunities for your child to engage in activities using the virtual platform. The virtual platform will provide a safe way for your child to interact with their peers, upload video and images for discussion and share their work. Additional information will be provided in your first week's VFITS Activity Kit.

9:00am - 9:40am	POD 1 check-in
9:45am - 10:25am	POD 2 check-in
10:00am - 10:45am	Jr. High # 2
10:50 - 11:30am	Jr. High # 1
10:25am - 10:40am	Staff Break
10:45am - 11:25am	POD 3 check-in
11:30am to 12:10pm	POD 4 check-in

### **Virtual Fun in the Sun Activity Kits**

Every Friday, parents will be asked to pick up their child's Virtual Fun in the Sun (VFITS) Activity Kit. This kit will contain their weekly schedule, STEAM lessons with all the supplies they will need and individualized literacy lessons. We will incentivize students to attend daily with prizes and gift cards so please make sure you check your child's kit weekly! We encourage parents to participate with your children as they create and explore using the supplies we provide to them. Students will engage in virtual field trips and participate in various activities facilitated by local artists, engineers and professionals! We are excited to meet your student and have a fun summer!

Please make sure you pick up the FITS Activity Kits on the following locations on **Fridays between 12:15 and 1:30pm. Face masks or facial coverings are required at all sites:**

- Canalino Elementary School (1480 Linden Ave, Carpinteria, CA 93013)
- Franklin Elementary School (1111 E Mason St, Santa Barbara, CA 93103)
- Harding Elementary School (1625 Robbins St, Santa Barbara, CA 93101)
- El Camino Elementary School (5020 San Simeon Dr, Santa Barbara, CA 93111)
- Solvang Elementary School (565 Atterdag Rd, Solvang, CA 93463)

You can also pick up your kit at United Way of Santa Barbara County on **Thursdays and Fridays between 9:00am and 4:00pm (320 E Gutierrez St Santa Barbara). Please pick up your child's first Virtual FITS Activity Kit on Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup> or Friday June 26<sup>th</sup>. Face masks or facial coverings are required.**

Special accommodations can be made in advance. Please call Anna Gavin at (805) 965-8591.

### **Lunch**

Lunch will be provided for all VFITS participants. Lunch will also be served at your site daily from 12:15pm to 1:15pm for your child and anyone 18 years old and younger.

### **Attendance**

Your child is required to participate every day of the program. If your child misses two consecutive days of virtual activities, you will receive a phone call from your child's Program Leader. If, for some reason, you decide to remove your child from the program, please notify us immediately so we can enroll another child.

### **Text Message Announcements**

You will receive a text message invite from *Remind*, **please opt in to receive future updates and announcements from Virtual FITS.**

We encourage parent feedback and participation. Please feel free to reach out to your Site Coordinator at any time with any concerns or questions you may have. You may also reach out to Melinda Cabrera, Director of Strategic Partnerships (805) 956-8591 or [mcabrera@unitedwaysb.org](mailto:mcabrera@unitedwaysb.org).