

FEBRUARY 2026

# Camp Life

Santee Lakes Recreation Preserve | Monthly E-Newsletter



We love

February

almost as  
much as  
fishing.

# General Store

## Hours:

**8:00AM-5:00PM**

**Every. Single. Day.**

**(except Thanksgiving, Christmas  
Eve & Christmas Day)**

Fishing Permits  
Merchandise  
Ice Cream Novelties  
Firewood  
Snacks & Drinks  
Ice  
Bait

## Pedal Boat Rentals

**10:00AM-4:00PM**

**Daily**

**\$17-\$24 half-hour**



## Love Boat Special on Valentine's Day

Saturday, February 14

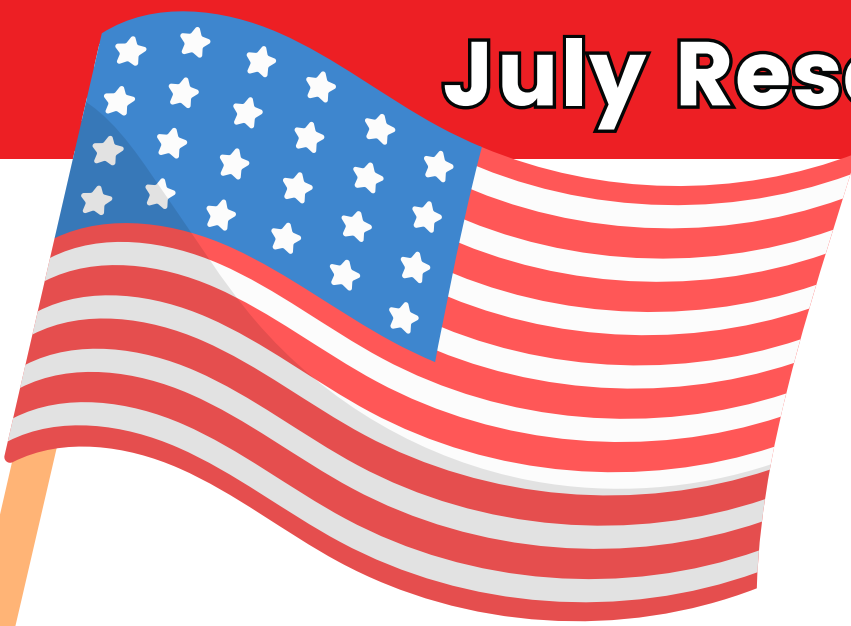
Standard Pedal Boat: **\$14**

Special Pedal Boat: **\$20**

*Gift  
Ideas*



# July Reservations FYI



**July**  
is going to be  
**BIG!**

**You can book your campsite now for July and join in the fun! We are celebrating 250 years of independence all month long!**



- **Our famous golf cart & bike parade, leveled up** 🚲 ✨
- 🚗 **Classic car show**
- 🎵 **Live concerts**
- 🎬 **Golf Cart Drive-in & Dive-in movies**
- 💧 **Water play to beat the heat**
- 🏆 **Camper Family Challenge**
- 🔫 **Laser Tag battles**
- 🔥 **Campfires & s'mores under the stars**

**and more...a lot more.**

**WINTER  
CAMPING  
NOW!**

**Campsites available!**



**SUMMER  
CAMPING LATER!**

Camping/cabins  
reservations for **JULY** are  
now open!

# Upcoming Park 2026 Events



## Catfish Opener

2,500 lbs. of Catfish will be stocked!

**Event date: Saturday & Sunday | April 11 & 12**



## Our Concert Series is coming in MAY!

Due to popular demand, we are increasing the number of concert dates! Concerts will now begin in May and run through September.

**Event dates: Saturdays in May & Fridays & Saturdays June through September | 5PM-7PM**

## Night Fishing

**Event dates:**

Thursdays & Fridays

June 11, June 26

July 9, July 24

August 6, August 21

**5:00PM - 11:30PM**

**New CAMPER ONLY NIGHT FISHING DATES  
September 11 & September 25**



**Ladies at the Lake Fall Market** will celebrate it's **10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!** Stay tuned for all the details planned for this milestone.

**Event date: Saturday October 10 | 10AM-3PM**



## Spooktacular

Trunk or Treat, inflatables, games & more!

**Event date: Saturday October 24 | 10AM-2PM**



## Trout Opener

3,500 lbs. of trout stocked for this event!

**Event date: Saturday & Sunday | November 7 & 8**



## Water Lantern Festival

So popular, we brought it back!

**Event date: December 12 & 13**

# Upcoming Park 2026 Events

## We ♥ Trout Season



### TROUT STOCKING SCHEDULE

February 6th  
February 20th  
March 6th

\*Stocking dates and time are subject to change

Tip: Buy your permits on our App now!



Our first Paint & Sip of the year in our **Create on Deck** Series is coming!  
**Event date: Saturday February 14 | 10AM-12PM**  
**Sign up [HERE](#).**



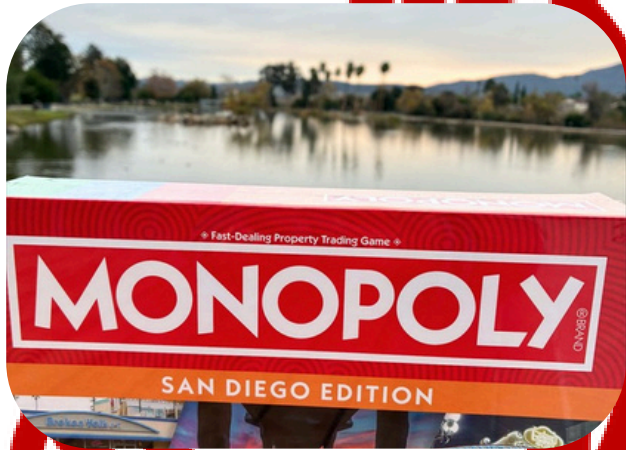
Inspired by the success of our Ladies at the Lake Fall Market is our newest event—Spring Market and this time we're expanding the experience, it's not just for the ladies.

**Event date: Saturday May 2, 2026 | 10AM-3PM**  
**You know a guy?** Tell them about the Spring Market!  
The application is open under Events at [santeelakes.com](http://santeelakes.com)



Join us for our **Cornhole Tournament**, now open to everyone!  
Southern California Cornhole Association will be hosting this tournament at Lake 1.  
**Event date: Saturday May 30 | 12PM-6PMish**  
**Sign up [HERE](#)**

# News



**Monopoly, San Diego Edition**, is available in the General Store for \$39.99+tax.



Something EPIC is landing at Santee Lakes! Perfect for parties, group outings and special events, something guests have been asking for. **Laser Tag rentals** — COMING SOON!



## **Nesting Season is coming!**

The Wood Duck population at Santee Lakes has thrived thanks to our successful program! If you would like to learn more about our **Adopt a Wood Duck Box**, visit [santeelakes.com](http://santeelakes.com) for details.



The new **Reservation Desk facelift** is complete! Big thanks to PRC Kyle and all the PRCs that supported him!

## Topwater Grill Hours

Monday - Sunday  
7:00AM-5:00PM

### Menu



Don't miss our **#TopwaterTuesdays** every week on social! We highlight a different menu item from Topwater Grill and give an honest opinion about their food.

**@santeelakes**



# Campground Events



Join us for **Valentine's Day Crafts** in the Clubhouse on **Saturday, February 7** from 2PM-4PM.



Watch the **Patriots VS Seahawks** with your neighbors on Sunday, **February 8 Kickoff is at 3:30PM**. Bring a snack to share! We'll bring chips and salsa.



**Lion's Club** will be serving pancakes with some extra love in the Clubhouse on **Saturday, February 14** from 8AM-10:30AM



Join us for a special Valentine's Day **Campfire & S'mores** at the Lakeshore Fire Ring on **Saturday, February 14** from 5PM-6PM. We will bring the s'mores!



**PJ's & a Movie** is always fun! Come to the Clubhouse on **Saturday, February 21** from 4PM-6PM for a family friendly time.



Join us for **Bingo!** **Saturday, February 28** in the Clubhouse from 4PM-6PM.

**Sports on the Lawn is happening EVERY Saturday morning from 10AM-11AM**

# Santee Lakes Foundation



## **Santee Lakes celebrates America's 250th Anniversary this 4th of July!**

In the past, the Santee Lakes Foundation sponsored the 50 Flags of Freedom patriotic display at Santee Lakes and it's been a great success! Now, with America's 250th Anniversary approaching, the Santee Lakes Foundation is proud to sponsor special 250th Anniversary flags that will commemorate the Semiquincentennial!

Visitors to Santee Lakes can expect the 250th Anniversary display to begin this Presidents Day Weekend and return on patriotic holidays leading up to the 4th of July at Santee Lakes!

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**Recreational Programs**  
**Habitat Restoration**  
**Habitat Maintenance**  
**Environmental**  
**Education Park**  
**Improvements**  
**Park Maintenance**



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:

Santee Lakes Recreation Preserve  
Attn: Santee Lakes Foundation  
9310 Fanita Parkway  
Santee, CA 92071  
Tax Id: 27-1296867

# Campfire Recipes



## Campfire Strawberries

[Click here for recipe](#)



## Campfire Mac & Cheese

[Click here for recipe](#)



## Grilled Cabbage Steaks

[Click here for recipe](#)

# Camper Safety

## Leash please

Please keep your fur babies on a leash. Not only because of wild animals that visit periodically, but for the safety of your your pet and neighboring campers.



## Electric bikes & scooters

If you or your kiddos have an E bike or E scooter, please be mindful of your speed and the speed of your kiddos. The posted speed limit of 15 mph is for all vehicles including Electric bikes/scooters.



## As always...

Our campground is situated in an area of wildlife habitat. If you see a coyote, you should exhibit caution, as they may be desperate for food and will attempt to get close if there is food nearby. If you are approached by a coyote, shout, wave your arms, and do what you can to make yourself appear bigger. If you are walking a small pet, pick it up. If you are walking a larger pet, keep it close to your side.

# 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.