

Newsletter

Santee Lakes Recreation Preserve



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You can grab a bundle of wood from the General Store for \$9.99. You could also purchase a fire pit!

**General Store Hours:
8:00AM – 5:00PM Daily**



Kid's bored? We have some great art supplies and games to keep them busy.



Who doesn't like to drink their coffee in a great mug? We have the perfect mugs and soon in new colors!



Pedal Boats are open daily from **9:00AM-4:00PM**.

Standard boats \$17 per ½ hr.

Specialty boats \$24 per ½ hr.

**FREE Wi-Fi
on Deck!**



**For upcoming
events...**

Events



Check
socials
for
details

Concert Series on Deck

Fridays & Saturdays in August | 5PM-7PM



August 1 | Miranda Ramos

August 8 | Junkyard Cats

August 15 | Gary Seiler

August 22 | Setting Sons

August 28 | Swingin' Jazz Quintet

August 7 | The Tradesmen Band

August 14 | Wolff Almost Unplugged

August 21 | Dave Preston & The Grownups

August 28 | The Tradesmen Band



Night Fishing

August 6 | August 21

5:00PM-11:30PM

Bring a lantern and join us for our June night fishing events under the stars.

Stocking Schedule:

August 14: 1,000 lbs. Lakes 3, 4

August 28: 1,000 lbs. Lakes 2, 7



Fishing 101

August 6 | August 21

5:00PM-11:30PM

Need a lesson/refresher on how to catch fish at Santee Lakes? Join our ranger right outside of the General Store with your rod, fishing permit & bait. This class is designed for participants over the age of 5. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Limit of 10 per class. Visit our Facebook Events page for details and sign up.



Create on Deck | Bonsai Bar

August 29 | 12PM-2PM

Bonsai Bar is an afternoon of fun on deck you don't want to miss! Beginner workshops are perfect for you to learn everything you need to know to walk away with your very own tiny tree. So grab a friend, your beverage of choice, and get ready for a great 2 hours of everything bonsai. Sign up [HERE](#).

Upcoming Event & News



Hey Campers, we have a new event (or two) just for you!

September 11 | September 25
5:00PM-11:30PM

Each camping reservation includes entry for 1 team of 2 people. Additional team entries are \$30. Only registered campers may enter the derby. Lakes 6 & 7 will be stocked. Get all of the details [HERE](#).



January is not that far away.

Reservations for some great winter camping will be open online on **July 31 at 8PM** for January! If your resolution includes spending more time outdoors, we've got you!



You have probably heard by now.

Our Epic Laser Tag is rentable! If you want your next birthday party, corporate event, or time with family and friends to be EPIC, book now by calling our team at 619-596-3141.



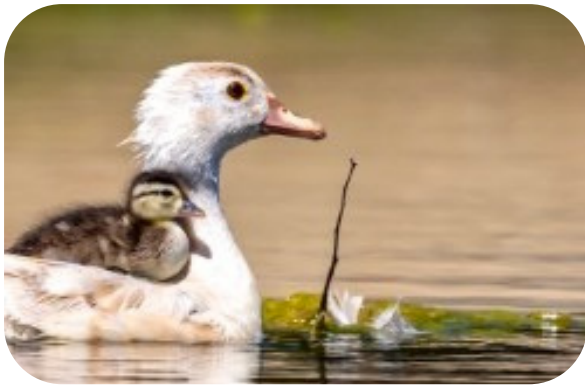
San Diego
Kids' Party Rentals

San Diego Kid's Party Rentals is a Preferred Vendor at Santee Lakes. If you need a bounce house or other party rentals, check them out [HERE](#).

Spotlight & More News



We are so excited to announce our partnership with CBSI & The Barn SD for **Ladies at the Lakes Fall Market - 10th Anniversary** Event as our Title Sponsors! Learn more about them: [CBSI](#) & [The Barn SD](#)



Adopt a Wood Duck Box

Would you like to support the beautiful Wood ducks at Santee Lakes? We have new Wood duck boxes ready to be adopted. You can fill out the contact info on our website [HERE](#).

Photo: Tammy Kokjohn



Art Kits in General Store

Need a little something to keep the kiddos busy? A variety of art kits will be available in the General Store in early to mid-August. The kits are provided by Becky's Artworld, owned by a local artist.



Need more room?

We have RV storage sites available for your boats, jet skis, ATV trailers and more. Many are small 26' and under. For more info. send an email to santeelakes@padre.org.

Campground Events



Back to School Luau

August 1 | 2PM-5PM

Giant inflatable, Leis, Cool Games & DIY Tattoos
Kona Ice on site.



Root Beer Floats

August 8 | 3PM until they are gone

YUM!



Campfire & S'mores

August 15 | 6PM-7PM

Meet at the Lakeshore Fire Ring.
We will bring the s'more stuff!



Outdoor Games

August 22 | 10AM-12PM

Join us for some great games on the
Campground Lawn!



Lion's Club Pancake Breakfast

August 29 | 8AM-10:30AM

Come enjoy slip & slides, water fights and more
after the parade!



Golf Cart Drive-in Movie

August 29 | 7:45PMish

Bring your golf cart or blanket/beach chair
and join us for a movie!

Topwater Grill

Hours:

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



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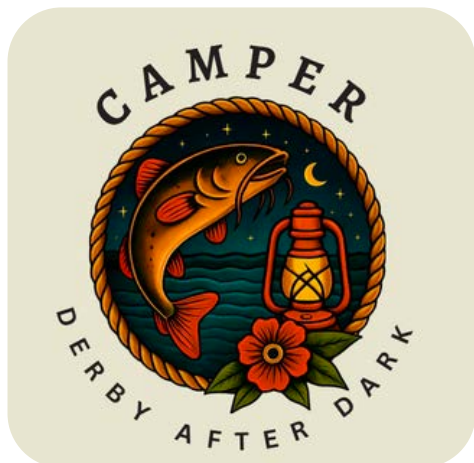
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We have our
upcoming events
posted on the
chalkboard at the
pick-up window!

Make those Reservations



September will bring a new event for campers!

Introducing our newest fishing event, Camper Derby After Dark! There will be two separate events on September 11th & 25th. All registered campers will receive two free participant wristbands, but you can purchase additional entries if you like.



October will be a milestone for us!

This October 10 from 10AM-3PM we will be celebrating one of our very favorite events' 10th Anniversary! Book your site now and enjoy this exciting year at Ladies at the Lake Fall Market, 10th Anniversary.



October will also be Spooktacular

October is a little over-the-top here!

Nonstop events and activities will make your stay memorable.

- Boo Bash Every Friday Night
- Costume Laser Tag
- Trick or Treating every Saturday in the Campground
- Pumpkin Carving
- Pirate Ship building

Don't forget our 4th annual Spooktacular on October 24!



December will be beautiful!

Book your stay at Santee Lakes in December and grab your tickets to the Water Lantern Festival [HERE](#). Water Lantern will be here on December 12 & 13, 2026.

Water Lantern Festival San Diego

Water Lantern Festival – Holiday Edition
December 12 & 13, 2026



Water Lantern Festival is an incredible experience where you, your friends, and your family will create a magical memory together. It can be a very emotional experience, writing down some of your hope and dreams, or a letter to a loved one, and then sending it out into the water. At Water Lantern Festival, we cherish these moments and will do our best to help you have an memorable experience that you'll never forget. Book your site and grab your tickets to the Water Lantern Festival [HERE](#).

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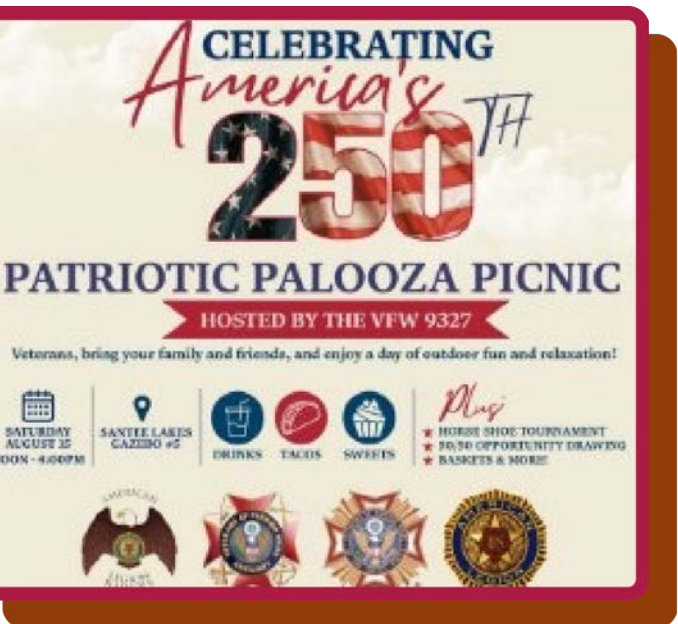


The Santee Lakes Foundation is thrilled to help host the Santee VFW Post 9327 Annual Picnic! This will be the third year of coming together for a day at Santee Lakes and we are proud to have helped the Santee VFW establish this tradition. Our ability to help host this event comes from our community. Special thanks goes to Ronn and Virginia Hall for their generous donation allowing us to fund the main gazebo picnic area! Thank you to Santee Lakes for donating an additional area! Gratitude goes to John Hossick as well as Mission Realty for assisting this year with their own successful fundraising events! Thank you to all who have donated in order to help our Santee veterans, families and friends enjoy a day at Santee Lakes!

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:
Tax Id: 27-1296867

Santee Lakes Recreation Preserve
Attn: Santee Lakes Foundation
9310 Fanita Parkway
Santee, CA 92071



- Recreational Programs
- Habitat Restoration and maintenance
- Environmental education programs
- Park improvements and maintenance

Find out more at
santeelakesfoundation.org

Camper Safety

Rule & Regulation 9.3.9: Motorized Devices



All motorized vehicles, including but not limited to electric bikes, scooters, and skateboards within the Park boundaries shall strictly obey all Park rules and regulations and shall only operate on designated roadways.

Gas powered scooters are prohibited within the Park boundaries. Only electric powered scooters are permitted for use within the Park boundaries. Operators of motorized devices must be at least 12 years of age. All operators, regardless of age, must wear a helmet at all time



Pick up the poop.

Please pick up after your pet. We do not want to step in anything. There are doggy bags throughout the Park, thanks to the Santee Lakes Foundation.



Slow your roll, please.

We have a full campground and people that need to leave here alive. Please be cautious when driving through the park and campground.

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.