

Fun in the Sun 2011 News



Fun in the Sun 2011 (FITS) is just around the corner!

This summer, FITS is scheduled to be at five sites: Girls Inc. of Carpinteria-Carpinteria; La Cumbre Jr. High-Santa Barbara; Franklin School-Santa Barbara; Devereux-Goleta; Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Center- Guadalupe. FITS is scheduled to begin on Monday, June 20 and run for seven weeks, Monday through Friday, 8am-5pm. The last day of FITS will be Friday, August 5.



This summer, FITS will be delivering a variety of its interrelated educational and enrichment services to 200 underserved and at-risk children, and youth throughout Santa Barbara County. In addition, FITS 2011 will provide parent education opportunities/workshops for over 300 parents of FITS participants as well as connections and referrals to local social service programs.

New for FITS 2011 will be a focus on a science, math, technology and engineering component which will be made possible through a new and exciting partnership with the Santa Barbara County Office of Education. FITS participants will be able to improve their reading (through the Reading Plus program), writing, math, and science skills during summer 2011 and will return to school in fall 2011 with a greater knowledge base than when they left school during Spring 2011.

FITS-Summer of Service (FITS-SOS) will also be making its mark this summer with student-led projects that will provide much-needed environmental awareness and disaster preparedness services throughout the local community. In addition, FITS-SOS encourages youth (incoming 6th to 9th graders) to become more civically engaged and it exposes them to future career opportunities and possibilities.

A new partnership with the UCSB Coastal Fund and the FITS-SOS program will result in a student-led project for the Goleta site that will be geared towards enhancing, protecting, and preserving the surrounding UCSB shoreline areas. All FITS-SOS 2011 participants will have the opportunity to create a video of their service-learning projects this summer and share their research, results, and findings to the Santa Barbara County community.

Contact FITS Coordinator,
Courtney Tarnow at
ctarnow@unitedwaysb.org
for more info!

We look forward to sharing the outcomes and successes of FITS and FITS-SOS 2011 with the community.