

## Testimonials

- “Knowing my son is safe, nurtured, and making friends while I am working to make our life better means more than you could imagine.”  
-Fun in the Sun parent
- “Fun in the Sun is an important part of Carpinteria’s ongoing efforts to give students positive, enriching summer options. I would highly recommend it to any school or community.”  
-Paul Cordeiro, Superintendent of Carpinteria Unified School District
- “I can’t believe how fortunate I was to have access to this program as a youngster. If every child had a place like this to go during the summer we would see fewer teens in gangs, dropping out of school, and involved in alcohol and drug abuse.”  
-Former Fun in the Sun participant



- “I made new friends and met new people who made me feel better about myself.”  
-3<sup>rd</sup> grade Fun in the Sun participant
- “I learned that you can help your community by volunteering and helping people in it. You can also be friends with everyone in your community.”  
-Fun in the Sun Leadership Group participant
- “I think the field trips are a great component of the Fun in the Sun program. It broadens their view of where they live and they are excited to learn about the different places.”  
-Fun in the Sun Program Leader

## 2010 Program Partners

### Founder and Director United Way of SB County

### Lead Agencies Girls Inc of Carpinteria Girls Inc of Santa Barbara Girl Scouts of CA’s Central Coast Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Center

### Service Partners American Indian Health Service Art From Scrap Assistance League of SB California Conservation Corps California State Parks Canalino Elementary School Cancer Center of SB Carp. Unified School District City of SB Parks & Rec. Dep. City of SM Parks & Rec. Dep. Community Action Commission Comm. Counseling/Ed Center Cornelia Moore Dental Foundation Dana Adobe Family Liaisons, GUSD Family Service Agency Foodbank of SB County Friendship Center Goleta Union School District Goleta Valley Jr. High School Guadalupe Hardware Co. Guadalupe School District Home Improvement Center La Cumbre Jr. High School Lake Casitas Rowing Club Land Conservatory of SLO Los Compadres Miner’s Ace Hardware Montecito Bank & Trust Native Sons Nursery

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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

United Way  
of Santa Barbara County



# Fun in the Sun

Fun in the Sun is a summer enrichment program for local, at-risk children. It is the oldest and largest public/private partnership dedicated to the long-term improvement in the lives of low-income children and their families in Santa Barbara County.

The primary goal of the program is to reverse summer learning loss and eliminate our community's achievement gap between low-income students and their middle-upper income peers. Fun in the Sun does this by using the best services and ideas from over 70 public and private organizations.

## Who are the participants?

Fun in the Sun participants are all identified as being academically at risk, between the ages of 6 and 14, and qualified on an income basis. These children are in great need of academic support and intervention.

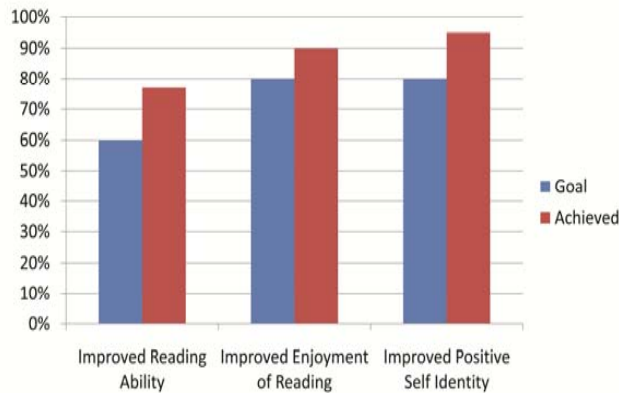
## What services are provided?

- Adult mentorship
- Health screenings/follow up
- Daily reading/writing
- Conflict resolution training
- Health education
- Free haircuts
- Expression through arts
- Financial literacy training
- Parenting education classes
- Self-esteem program
- Nutritious snacks/meals
- Sun exposure education
- Swim lessons
- Team-building activities
- Field trips
- Dance lessons
- Family fun nights
- Environmental education
- Leadership training
- And many more!

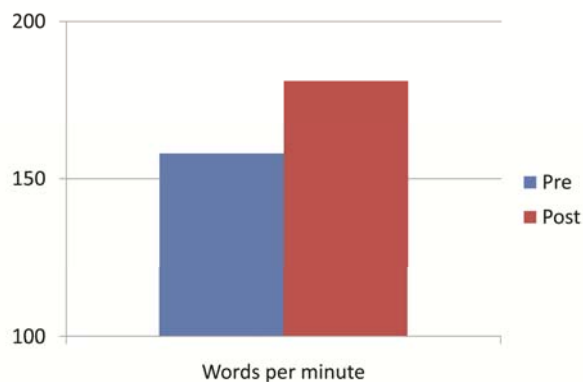
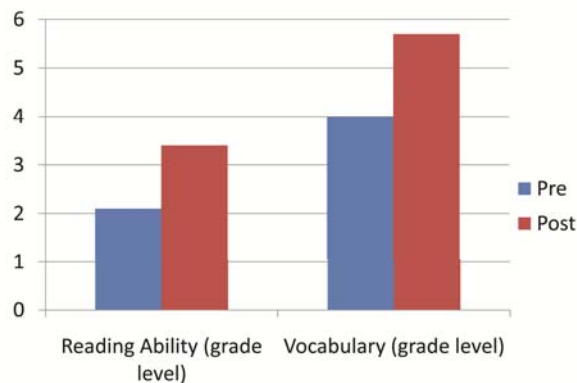


# Results

1) Overall, Fun in the Sun participants achieved the following results:



2) 137 participants used United Way's United for Literacy online reading program. This group achieved the following results:



# Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch is the volunteer component of Fun in the Sun. It allows local community members to act as positive adult role models during the lunch hour each day. Volunteers have a chance to chat, play, and have fun with program participants. Many workplace teams come up with their own creative activities like playing a trivia game, showing off specialized vehicles or equipment, or sponsoring a barbecue. Each year participants rate Lunch Bunch as one of their favorite activities.



## How can I get involved?



Teams or individual volunteers are encouraged to sign up for Lunch Bunch by contacting United Way. The Fun in the Sun coordinator is happy to work with you to choose a day or multiple days that work for you.

If your workplace does not currently have a Lunch Bunch volunteer team, we encourage you to introduce the idea at a staff meeting. Every organization has caring individuals who would love to participate.

## Are there other volunteer opportunities?

Yes! Go to [volunteersbc.org](http://volunteersbc.org) to see a full listing of volunteer opportunities from different agencies in our community. We are currently enlisting adult mentors for our newest major initiative, *United for Literacy (UFL)*. This is another great way to have a positive influence on local youth!

