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UC Davis Student Parent Child Care Funding

The Student Parent Child Care Grant program is designed to help offset the costs incurred in child care services (home/center care, nannies, babysitters) for your child.

Applications for the entire July 1—June 30 Graduate Student Child Care Grant (GSCCG) are NOW available. **This application includes SUMMER term this year.** The Community Based Care Grant applications will be available in September.

Summer Funding:

The only grant available for summer (July Aug Sept) is the GSCCG. Graduate or Professional students must be officially enrolled in at least one summer session, an Academic Student Employee (AI, Reader, TA, Community Teaching Fellow, Remedial Tutor/Tutor) or a GSR (at least 25% appointment). Fellowship, or outside internships are not considered "employment" for the summer grant. Summer applications accepted June 20 through Sept 23. Please note, we cannot begin processing until July 1 (fiscal year).

As child care situations often change during the summer months, the definition of Child Care Provider extends to include week-long "camps" as eligible. During the Academic year, recreation programs are not eligible as child care. In lieu of a child care provider signature on the application, students may submit the child's registration in such programs. Please note, these will only be accepted if they are long-term (at least a week, multiple hours per day) classes utilized as child care.

Academic Year Funding:

CBCG: The Community Based Care Grant is a financial **need-based** grant available to undergraduate, graduate and professional students.

GSCCG: The Graduate Student Child Care Grant is a financial **need-blind** grant for Graduate and Professional Students.

The Graduate Student Child Care Grant (GSCCG) Program provides a \$900 per quarter/\$1350 per semester *regardless of financial need*. Please note, the GSCCG can be supplemented with additional funds from the CBCG program for those students who demonstrate financial need.

For more information and to download the application, visit:
http://worklife-wellness.ucdavis.edu/family_care/children/childcaresub.html

Solano Park Office Hours:

Monday—Friday
9:00am—12:00pm
1:00pm—4:00pm

Special points of interest:

Parking permit renewals begin on August 2, 2016 and continue until September 30, 2016. Renew your parking permit(s) for the new year. If not renewed, you may be ticketed for displaying an invalid permit.

Meet The New RA, Audrey Bergmann

Audrey Bergmann has been living in Solano Park for the past year and is excited to join the team as one of your new RAs. You've probably seen her enjoying the Solano Park playgrounds and garden with her young son, Asher.

Audrey is from the bay area originally, and she moved to Davis when her husband started law school in 2015. A former educator, she loves working with children and learning new things. She is excited to lead programs centering around education, exercise, literature, and crafts (she loves to knit!)



Renter's Insurance

Submitted by Corey Coates

In January, I wrote an article about why you should buy renters insurance and how affordable it actually is. On average it costs \$12 a month and you can usually bundle it with your auto insurance and save money. The most obvious reason to buy renters insurance is if you have things that are stolen or damaged. Which brings up the reason for writing this article again on why you should buy renters insurance.



Theft and bike theft happen a lot at Solano Park. Last month someone stole my road bike by cutting my u-lock and cable lock off. My bike was in front of our kitchen window and I didn't even hear someone cutting my u-lock. My bike was six years old and I bought it for about \$1,200. After my bike was stolen, I called our insurance company hoping that they would cover my bike. They asked me about 15 min worth of questions and told me a check would arrive in a few days to cover the replacement cost for a new bike. In one week I received a check for \$1,500.

So this is just another example while buying renters insurance can help you get things covered if they are stolen or damaged. In Solano Park we have lots of bike and bike trailer theft and renters insurance is an inexpensive way to make sure you don't have to pay the full amount to replace those items. If you have any questions about renters insurance feel free to contact me at cncoates@ucdavis.edu.

Community Programs

WATERSLIDE FUN

Want to chill off from summer heat! Join the waterslide fun. All children have to come with an adult. Parents don't



forget the towels and sunscreen. *Waivers must be signed by a guardian to participate in this event and are available at the event. For more information contact Corey Coates, RA for Solano Park, by email at cncoates@ucdavis.edu.

When: Tuesday, August 2 at 4:30pm

Where: Solano Park Community Center

S'MORES EVENT

Enjoy the evening with a classic summer treat, as we roast some marshmallows for our s'mores. All ingredients will be provided. For more information contact Corey Coates, RA for Solano Park, by email at cncoates@ucdavis.edu.



When: Thursday, August 4 from 7:30pm—8:30pm

Where: Solano Park Community Center

WATER BALLOON FUN

Come out and cool off with some water balloons. We are going to

be tossing around some balloons and playing different games. It should be a fun time but be prepared to get wet. For more information contact Corey Coates, RA for Solano Park, by email at cncoates@ucdavis.edu.



When: Tuesday, August 9 at 4pm

Where: Solano Park Community Center

AUDREY'S INTRO POTLUCK

Let's have a potluck to welcome our new RA, Audrey Bergmann! Audrey has been living here for a year, but she's excited to join the team as a Resident Assistant. Come by the community center for a relaxed meal and introductions. Please bring a dish to share.



When: Wednesday, August 10 at 6pm

Where: Solano Park Community Center

WATER SLIDE TIME

Come escape the summer heat and enjoy the new Solano Park waterslide! Bring a towel, a swim

suit, and a water bottle. All ages welcome!



When: Thursday, August 11 and 25 at 4pm

Where: Solano Park Community Center

VOLLEYBALL GAME

I just built a new volleyball net. Let's hit the ball around and maybe we can get a game going. If you have never played volleyball before this would be a great chance to learn. For more information contact Corey Coates, RA for Solano Park, by email at cncoates@ucdavis.edu.



When: Saturday, August 20 at 9 am

Where: Solano Park Community Center

KNITTING CIRCLE

Stop by the community center for evening of knitting and socializing. Experienced knitters can bring projects, and beginners are welcome to start a scarf. We have a limited number of supplies, so come early! I will be available for basic instruction, project advice, and assistance. Beginners welcome! Ages 10 and up (adults welcome too!)

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When: Wednesday, August 17 at 8pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center

around the world. Bring a clearly labeled main course dish or dessert to share and your own plate to dine with. For more information contact Corey Coates, RA for Solano Park, by email at cncoates@ucdavis.edu.

When: Thursday, August 18 at 6:30pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center

CROSS-CULTURAL CUISINE EXCHANGE



Solano Park is rich in ethnic diversity and national heritage. Let's celebrate our unique cultural delicacies and expand our palates by sampling various recipes from

MATH CLUB

Come by the community center for a fun math afternoon. Keep



your skills sharp during the summer without all the boring worksheets. You will work with an experienced educator who loves coming up with fun learning activities. We will practice math using games, activities,

projects, and computer coding activities, depending on the interests and needs of club members. Ages 6-13.

When: Tuesday, August 23 at 4pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center

SWEET TREAT THURSDAY

On the last Thursday of every month we will have a sweet treat! The treats will usually be something cold to help cool us off on the hot summer nights. For more information contact Corey Coates, RA for Solano Park, by email at cncoates@ucdavis.edu.



When: Thursday August 25 from 7:00-8:00pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center

Monthly Maintenance Tips

By Solano Park Maintenance

Drains, Drains, Drains

To help avoid nasty drain back-ups, please make sure that your kitchen sink strainer is in place when rinsing vegetables and cooking so that vegetable matter does not slip down the drain. Also, never put grease or oils of any kind down the drain. Doing so could result in significant problems and unfortunately, charges.

In the bathroom, please make sure that the hair strainer is in the bottom of the tub; occasionally remove the hair from it. Also, please remember not to flush feminine hygiene products or paper towels down the toilet.

By following these simple suggestion, we can all help to hold down maintenance costs and personal inconvenience in Solano Park. Thank you for your cooperation.



Holidays and Anniversaries

August 1— Lamas [Wiccan]

This day honors the turning of the wheel once again and represents the midpoint between summer and fall. Lammas in the Wiccan tradition is a cross-quarter holiday, acknowledging Mother Earth for the fruits of the harvest.

August 9 — International Day of Solidarity with the Struggle of Women in Africa

The United Nations General Assembly invited all governments and organizations to observe this date, the anniversary of a demonstration by South African women against racist pass laws in 1956.

August 13-15 — O-bon Festival [Japan]

A Buddhist ceremony observed by lighting lanterns after the harvest for ancestor. This memorial service to the spirits of ancestors is held because the spirits of the dead are said to return at this time, and the festival welcomes them home. Traditionally, fires are lit at entrances to homes so the spirits do not lose their way, and Buddhist family altars are tidied up and food offerings set out. Festival folk dances (bon-odori) are held in various parts of the country on the grounds of shrines, temples, parks, squares, or in the streets, and people dressed in informal

summer kimonos (yukata) dance to the songs sung by folk musicians. When O-bon is over, the spirits are sent on their way with fires at entrances of homes. Tokyo, unlike the rest of Japan, celebrate O-Bon in July.

August 15 — Honolulu Toro Nagashi [U.S.A.]

Every summer, spirits of the deceased return home to visit living relatives. In August, lanterns launched on the sea help guide the spirits back to Nirvana.

August 17 — Hari Proklamasi Indonesia, Independence Day [Indonesia]

Indonesians celebrate the proclamation of independence from 350 years of Dutch colonial rule. Festivities abound in cities and villages alike, organized by the government, neighborhood community associations and other organizations.

August 23 — Rose of Lima Day [Peru]

Born in 1586 as Isabel to Spanish immigrants to the New World. A beautiful girl and devoted daughter, she was so devoted to her vow of chastity, she used pepper and lye to ruin her complexion so she would not be attractive. Lived and meditated in

a garden, raising vegetables and making embroidered items to sell to support her family and help the other poor. Received invisible stigmata - Assorted physical and mental sufferings. Died on August 24, 1617 and canonized on April 2, 1671 by Pope Clement X. First saint born in America. Founder of social work in Peru.

August 26 — Women's Equality Day [U.S.A.]

Commemorates ratification of the 19th Amendment to the US Constitution, which gave women the right to vote. (1920)

August 28 — Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. delivers a speech titled, "I Have a Dream" in front of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, DC. [U.S.A.]

When we allow freedom to ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, "Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!"



Calendar of Events

August 2016

All residents are welcome to attend all programs. All events held in the Community Center unless otherwise noted.

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | 1 | 2 <u>Waterslide Fun</u> SPCC @ 4:30pm | 3 | 4 <u>S'mores Event</u> SPCC @ 7:30pm | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 <u>Water Balloon Fun</u> SPCC @ 4pm | 10 <u>Audrey's Intro Potluck</u> SPCC @ 6pm | 11 <u>Waterslide Time</u> SPCC @ 4pm | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 <u>Knitting Circle</u> SPCC @ 8pm | 18 <u>Cross Cultural Cuisine Exchange</u> SPCC @ 6:30pm | 19 | 20 <u>Volleyball Game</u> SPCC @ 9am |
| 21 | 22 | 23 <u>Math Club</u> SPCC @ 4pm | 24 | 25 <u>Waterslide Time</u> SPCC @ 4pm <u>Sweet Treat Thursday</u> SPCC @ 7pm | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | |



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Did you know?

Large Item Dumping:

Unwanted personal items such as couches, dressers, desks, and other furnishings left behind detract from the visual appearance of our complexes. In addition, our dumpster areas that have unwanted items, often blocks access for trash pick-up. Student Housing then has to pay for staff time, dump fees, and gas to remove these unwanted items. As a result, if any personal items are left at the dumpsters upon vacate, you will be billed for the full cost of removal/dumping.

Harassment of Animals:

While ducks are often a source of frustration for our community members, we ask that residents be mindful of children's behavior toward the ducks. At times the Student Housing Office will take steps to "herd" the ducks to the Arboretum,

however, section 251.1 of the Waterfowl Regulations stats the following, "Except as otherwise authorized in these regulations or in the Fish and Game Code, no person shall harass, herd or drive any game or nongame bird or mammal. For the purposes of this section, harass is defined as an intentional act which disrupts an animal's normal behavior patterns, which includes, but is not limited to, feeding or sheltering. This section does not apply to a landowner or tenant who drives or herds birds or mammals for the purpose of preventing damage to private or public property, including aquaculture and agriculture crops."

Safety Escort Service:

Need assistance while walking home at night? Call 752-1727 if you would like a safety escort while walking alone on campus at night. A Cal Aggie Host will

meet you and escort you to your destination on campus. We want our complex to remain a safe place to live. Report any suspicious activity to Campus Police.

Lights Out :

If you ever notice that your front door light is out, put in a maintenance repair request on the My UC Davis page.

Packages:

Please don't ask the Solano Park Office to accept your incoming packages. We don't have space and security for them. Perhaps a neighbor could be designated to accept a package for your, or you might indicate your balcony for drop-offs.