

Summer Rec Center

WITH A DIVERSE LINEUP OF ACTIVITIES, MEMBERS AND THEIR CHILDREN CAN EMBRACE SUMMER MEMORIES AT NEWPORT BEACH COUNTRY CLUB.

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When the summer sun heats up Southern California, let Newport Beach Country Club delight with its varied summer programming. The recreation department strives to create events and activities that keep families entertained and engaged while staying active and learning something, too.

“A diverse recreation program ensures that every member—regardless of age or interest—has opportunities to stay active, socialize and enjoy the club,” says Veronica Alarcon, recreation director at Newport Beach Country Club. “Whether it’s fitness, social leagues or family-friendly activities, our goal is to create a welcoming environment where members can connect and engage in a healthy, active lifestyle.”

Some of the most exciting activities include the upcoming bocce ball league, which kicks off again in May, as well as the kid’s summer camp and youth swim team. All of this will help create a lively energy around NBCC.

“With warmer weather and longer days, spring and summer are ideal for outdoor activities, social gatherings and family fun,” says Alarcon. “Our pool, camps and leagues are in full swing, creating a vibrant and energetic atmosphere at the club.”

Read on to discover the ins and outs of the club’s summer programming for kids.

COMPETITION & CONNECTION

It’s been two years since Bianca Gillett, director of recreation and fitness at NBCC, developed the club’s first bocce ball tournament in an effort to make use of and generate excitement around the on-site courts.

After a few rounds of tournaments, the event has evolved into its current iteration, which launches in May. This shortened version will run for three weeks instead of the typical seven and keeps the focus solely on bocce ball,



eliminating the cornhole element that was previously included.

Combining a competitive format of gameplay with social components, this is a great way to enjoy structured fun and make new friends at the club. “Members can look forward to an enjoyable mix of competition and camaraderie,” Alarcon notes. “It’s a fantastic way to unwind, make new connections and enjoy the club’s beautiful setting. Plus, it’s open to all skill levels, so everyone can participate and have fun.”

Friendly competition is welcomed during weekly matches in a relaxed setting, with an emphasis on bocce ball—though there will be a new side game “to keep things fresh and exciting,” Alarcon adds.

CAMP ADVENTURES

Delve into exciting camps this summer, with curated programming that will keep kids busy in the midst of learning and having fun.

Entertainment will change weekly, ranging from things like bounce houses to a reptile petting zoo and science guy. Aside from these specialized activities, the kids will enjoy fun with food throughout the week, learning to cook or prepare different dishes, as well as participating in group sports, arts and crafts, team-building games and then finish the day by diving into the NBCC swimming pool.

“Rather than weekly themes we have special event days: a water-themed day featuring slip and slides, water toys and small pools on the lawn; Thankful Thursday, dedicated to

community outreach; and Fun Friday, when we bring in exciting entertainment for the club,” Alarcon explains. “We could still add weekly themes, so stay tuned.”

Running from June 9 through Aug. 15, NBCC’s weekly summer camps are open to children or grandchildren of members between the ages of 4 and 10.

MAKING A SPLASH

Those who sign up for the NBCC Swim Team are in for a treat, able to spend time in the refreshing swimming pool nearly every day of the week. Practices, which run Monday through Thursday, focus on stroke development, endurance training and racing techniques—all while fostering teamwork and positive sportsmanship in an encouraging setting, Alarcon says.

“Beyond improving swimming skills, the team promotes discipline, goal setting and teamwork,” she notes. “It’s also a great way for kids to build friendships and enjoy friendly competition.”

Competition comes in the form of multiple swim meets that the team will participate in. Opponents this season include Balboa Bay Club, Shady Canyon Golf Club, Newport Coast Country Club, Newport Ridge, Costa Mesa Aquatics Club, Emerald Bay and Big Canyon Country Club.

“The swim team is a great way for kids to build confidence in the water, develop strong swimming techniques and be part of a supportive team environment,” Alarcon

explains. “It’s also a fun way to stay active and engaged throughout the summer.”

Also open to children ages 4 through 10, the NBCC Swim Team starts on June 2 and wraps up on July 31.

“Our recreation programs are designed to create lasting memories and foster a sense of community among [our] members,” she adds. “Whether it’s through social leagues, summer camps or swim teams, we’re dedicated to providing opportunities that enhance the club experience for all ages.”

