CITY OF SANTA CLARA PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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RESIDENT YOUTH PARTICIPANT FORM

For Year August 2013 through July 2014

- All participants must register each year for a Resident Youth Card. A completed Participant Form and proof of residency are required for registration. The first card costs $5.00; payment can be made with cash or by check (make checks payable to "City of Santa Clara").
- A Release of Liability and Assumption of Risk Agreement (back of form), as well as Behavioral Contract, must by signed by the participant and their parent or legal guardian and submitted to the Youth Activity Center (YAC.)
- Please note that youth participants are able to gain access to the Skate Park with their Resident Youth Card.
- Parents, please be aware that there is internet availability in the computer labs at the YAC and Teen Center.
- Providing false information may result in disqualification from participation in Santa Clara Parks & Recreation programs.

Please print information clearly.

Participant Information			
Participant First Name		**Participant Last Name**	
Date of Birth	**Age**	**School**	**Grade**
Address (#, street, unit)	**City**	**Zip Code**	**Home Phone #** ( )
Main Contacts (parent/guardian)			
1. Parent/Guardian Name		**Cell #** ( )	**Phone #** ( )
2. Parent/Guardian Name		**Cell #** ( )	**Phone #** ( )
Emergency Contacts (persons such as a relative or neighbor, other than parent or guardian)			
1. Name/Relationship		**Cell #** ( )	**Phone #** ( )
2. Name/Relationship		**Cell #** ( )	**Phone #** ( )
Please indicate any special needs or medical conditions that staff should be aware of:			
For Office Use:	❑ **Proof of Residency** ❑ **Completed Participant Form; all information is legible/readable** ❑ **Signed Release of Liability and Assumption of Risk Agreement and Behavioral Contract** ❑ **Fee paid** **Comments:** **Entered into Computer by (staff)/date**		

Please complete both the Release of Liability and Assumption of Risk Agreement and Behavioral Contract below.

Release of Liability and Assumption of Risk Agreement

In consideration of the acceptance by the City of the application for participation in the activities at the Santa Clara Walter E. Schmidt Youth Activity Center (YAC), Teen Center and Skate Park for entry to and use of these facilities or equipment, I hereby waive, release and discharge any and all claims for damages, death, personal injury, or property damage which I or my child may have, or which may hereafter accrue to me or my child as a result of my child's participation in said activities. This release agreement is intended to discharge in advance the City of Santa Clara, its City Council, officers, agents, and employees, the Santa Clara Unified School District, its School Board, officers, agents and employees from and against any and all liability arising out of or connected with my child's participation in said activities and entry to and use of any facilities or equipment, even though that liability may arise out of NEGLIGENCE or CARELESSNESS, on the part of the persons or entities mentioned above.

I HAVE READ THE DESCRIPTIONS OF YAC, TEEN CENTER, AND SKATE PARK ACTIVITIES, AND I AM AWARE THAT THESE ACTIVITIES MAY SUBJECT ME OR MY CHILD TO PHYSICAL RISKS AND DANGERS. NEVERTHELESS, I VOLUNTARILY AGREE TO ASSUME ANY AND ALL RISKS OF INJURY OR DEATH, AND TO RELEASE, DISCHARGE, AND HOLD HARMLESS ALL OF THE ENTITIES OR PERSONS MENTIONED ABOVE WHO, THROUGH NEGLIGENCE OR CARELESSNESS, MIGHT OTHERWISE BE LIABLE TO ME, OR MY HEIRS, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, RELATIVES, SPOUSE OR ASSIGNS.

It is understood and agreed that this waiver, release and assumption of risk is to be binding on my HEIRS, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, RELATIVES, SPOUSE AND ASSIGNS and is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the laws of the State of California and that if any portion of this Agreement is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

I have carefully READ this Agreement and fully understand its content. All participants registered in activities, including minors 13-17 years of age, must sign this Agreement.

Participants age 13 to 17, please sign here:

Signature	Print Name	Date

Parent or Guardian of a minor participant (under 18 years of age), please sign below:

I have fully READ this agreement and fully understand its content. Furthermore, the significance of this release of liability and assumption of risk agreement has been EXPLAINED TO THE MINOR.

I certify that I have custody or am the legal guardian of said minor and that I and/or my minor child are physically able to participate in recreation activities. In the event I or said minor requires medical treatment while under the supervision of City staff and/or agents, I authorize said staff to provide and/or authorize medical treatment. I expect City staff to contact me immediately in the event emergency medical treatment is required for said minor, but this contact is not necessary to administer emergency aid. I will pay for all medical treatment which I or said minor may require. I hereby grant permission to City to include pictures and/or video of me and/or said minor during department activities for brochures or other publicity. I understand I will not receive any compensation for use of such pictures or video.

I am signing as: Parent ☐ Legal Guardian ☐

Parent/Guardian Signature	Print Name	Date

Behavioral Contract

I have READ the Participant Behavior Standard and Discipline Plan* and fully understand its content. Furthermore, the significance of this Standard and Plan has been explained to the youth participant.

Parent/Guardian Signature	Print Name	Date
Participant Signature	**Print Name**	**Date**

***Participant Behavior Standard and Discipline Plan is available online and at the YAC and Teen Center.**

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WALTER E. SCHMIDT YOUTH ACTIVITY CENTER (YAC), TEEN CENTER (TC), AND SKATE PARK INFORMATION

For Year August 2013 through July 2014

It is our pleasure to welcome you to Santa Clara's Youth Activity Center, Teen Center, and Skate Park!

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE

Definition of Resident Youth

A Santa Clara resident youth is defined as:

- Youth who attend an elementary, middle or high school in the Santa Clara Unified School District (SCUSD); or
- Youth who attend an elementary, middle or high school NOT in the SCUSD, but reside in the City of Santa Clara or within the SCUSD boundaries; or
- Youth who attend an elementary, middle or high school and whose parent, grandparent, or great-grandparent reside in the City of Santa Clara or SCUSD boundaries, or own property in the City of Santa Clara.

Definitions of 8th Grader and High School Student

- An 8th grader is defined as someone who is currently attending 8th grade.
- A Santa Clara high school student is defined as someone who has graduated from middle school, is attending high school, and is up to 19 years of age.

PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

A completed Participant Form, providing participant and emergency contact information, and proof of residency or SCUSD status are required for registration each year. In addition, a Release of Liability and Assumption of Risk Agreement and Behavioral Contract must be signed by parents/guardians and participants. Applications are submitted to the YAC.

All skate park guests (adults and minors) are required to provide emergency information and have a signed liability form on file (Resident Adult and Guest Participant Form). Participants younger than 18 years old must have the liability form signed by a parent or legal guardian.

To apply for a Resident Youth Card:

1. Obtain a 2013-2014 Resident Youth Participant Form from the YAC or Teen Center offices or online at http://santaclaraca.gov/YAC.

2. Parent/Guardian fills out the Participant Form, and signs the Release of Liability and Assumption of Risk Agreement. All participants must sign the Behavioral Contract. If the participant is between the

ages of 13 and 17 years, they also sign the Release of Liability and Assumption of Risk Agreement portion of the form.

3. Application is submitted in person to the YAC. Proof of Santa Clara residency is required. The following items are acceptable forms of proof of residency: valid and current California Drivers License, State of California issued ID card, current utility bill with your name on it, or business mail received within the last 30 days. Once proof of residency is shown and the fee is paid, a photo of the participant is taken and a Resident Youth Card is issued. The first card costs $5.00. Replacement cards cost $2.00 for the second, $3.00 for the third, $4.00 for the fourth, etc. We accept cash or checks only for payment of a Resident Youth Card.

PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES

The detailed list of rules, Participant Behavior Standard and Discipline Plan, is available online and at the YAC, Teen Center, and Skate Park.

A Participant Behavior Standard and Discipline Plan was developed to inform parents/guardians and participants how we expect them to behave while they are participating in our programs. Parents/guardians and participants should review this Standard and Discipline Plan so there is a clear understanding of behavior expectations and consequences of actions. Both parents/guardians and participants will be asked to sign a Behavioral Contract indicating support of the Participant Behavior Standard and Discipline Plan.

Participant Responsibilities:

- Participants shall be courteous and respectful of adults, staff and fellow participants.
- Participants shall obey rules of the facility.
- Participants shall show respect for City property and the personal property of others.

Education Code 48909: California State Law makes parents fully responsible for losses of and damage to school and City property by students.

Fees, Fines and Assessments: Fees, fines, etc., are payable by check or cash. Checks should be made payable to the "City of Santa Clara." There will be a fee charged for returned checks in the amount of the bank's charge to the City.

Enforcement of Facility Rules: Facility rules will be enforced at all times, including, but not limited to: while at the YAC, Teen Center, Skate Park, while going to and from the YAC, Teen Center, or Skate Park during, or while going to or from a City-sponsored activity.

Suspension: All participants are expected to observe accepted standards of our society. There is good cause to suspend participants who exhibit continued and willful disobedience. (Please refer to "Participant Behavior Standard and Discipline Plan")

Administrative Suspension: Discipline at the YAC, Teen Center, and Skate Park will be administered with firmness, fairness and consistency. We realize that the parent has a great responsibility in the area of discipline. We feel it is important for the YAC, Teen Center, Skate Park, and parent to work together toward this goal. (Please refer to "Participant Behavior Standard and Discipline Plan")

Participant Behavior: If a participant becomes aware of any potentially dangerous and/or illegal situations regarding weapons, drugs, alcohol, fights, property damage, theft, etc., or has information regarding such, he/she is requested to report it to a staff member.

Skate Park Rules

To skate you must:

- Be a City of Santa Clara resident. A resident youth card or drivers license is required.
- Complete a Participant Information Form.
- Be supervised by an adult if you are under 5 years of age.
- Be a skateboarder or inline skater.
- Wear a helmet, kneepads, and elbow pads. Inline skaters must also wear wrist guards.
- Wear a shirt and shoes.

Not allowed:

- Bicycles or scooters
- Food, gum, or drinks
- Smoking
- Graffiti or littering (SCMC 18-10)
- Possession of aerosol paint; misdemeanor (COC 5941(D))
- Amplified music (SCMS 18-10)
- Alcoholic Beverages (SCMC 18-9)
- Pets (SCMC 415)

Failure to obey rules and regulations may result in ejection from Skate Park (SCMC 1394, 18-10)

Maximum capacity is 75 persons.

PROGRAMS

Santa Clara Parks & Recreation Department offers the following programs to its residents:

Youth Activity Center (YAC) –After school programs at the YAC are free of charge to Santa Clara youth. The after school program is open to elementary and middle school participants only. The open gym program is open to elementary school, middle school, and high school participants and their parents.

- **Homework Room & Computer Lab** - Open during the after school program, the homework room is a quiet area where kids can get a head start on their homework. Textbooks for elementary and middle school students are available and can be checked out from the YAC office. The computer lab features 10 workstations with Microsoft Office programs and internet access for participants to do their homework.

- **Organized Sports & Games** - Organized Sports & Games are offered for participants in elementary school and middle school. A variety of recreation from high-energy games to more passive activities are planned Monday through Friday during the after school program. Check out the action-packed sports, games and activities planned each day on the bulletin board in the lobby.

Teen Center – The Teen Center offers a variety of drop-in and organized after-school programs at the Teen Center, for little or no cost, to Santa Clara 8th graders and high school students and their guests*. The huge multi-purpose room, with patio, includes a snack café and lounge area where teens can play and socialize. Two classrooms are open for recreation classes, group projects, or as a silent study area. The computer lab is available for participants to use the internet. A Resident Youth Card is required to use the facility and check out equipment.

Skate Park – Adjacent to the YAC is the Santa Clara Skate Park. The concrete Park is 15,000 sq. ft. and offers features for beginner and intermediate skaters. Use of the Skate Park free of charge to residents of Santa Clara and their guests. All guests must provide emergency information and have a signed liability form on file.

RESIDENT YOUTH CARDS/DAY PASSES

To participate in the YAC, Teen Center, and Skate Park programs, each youth must have a Resident Youth Card. Resident Youth Cards are valid from August through the following July. For emergency purposes, please inform us of any changes pertaining to information on file for your child.

Participants are expected to bring their Resident Youth Card each time they visit. Those participants who bring their card will be admitted into programs first. Participants are allowed one day pass per week, which will allow them to participate in programs without their card.

HOURS OF OPERATION - The YAC, Teen Center and Skate Park open and close at different times throughout the week. Please check the monthly calendar for program plans and hours of operation. When planning your child's visit, please keep in mind ending times for programs, as participants must be picked up before closing time.

CITY HOLIDAYS AND SCUSD (SANTA CLARA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT) BREAKS - Both the YAC and Skate Park are closed on City Holidays. There are no drop-in programs at the YAC during SCUSD (Santa Clara Unified School District) breaks. Please check the YAC monthly calendar for facility closures.

DROP-IN FORMAT - The YAC, Teen Center and Skate Park programs operate on a drop-in format. Participants are free to come and go from the programs. Please make arrangements with your child about when it is appropriate for them to leave the facility and with whom.

PICKING UP CHILDREN FROM PROGRAMS

Parents are asked to come inside the facility to drop off and pick up their children. It is the policy of the YAC, Teen Center, and Skate Park that staff will wait with children who have not been picked up at the conclusion of programs. Ultimately, the Santa Clara Police Department will pick up the child. Continued incidents of late pickups will result in the youth losing their privilege to participate in programs.

PHONE USE

YAC, Teen Center, and Skate Park - Office phones are available for participants to use. Parents may call to talk to participants: YAC main number is 408/615-3760; Teen Center main number is 408/615-3740; Skate Park main number is 408/615-3191.

SAFETY

After School Program - For their safety, participants in YAC programs must wear closed-toe athletic shoes with non-scuff soles at all times.

Teen Center - For safety purposes, participants are expected to adhere to Teen Center rules.

Skate Park - Participants are required to wear protective equipment at all times. This includes a helmet, kneepads, and elbow pads. Roller blade participants are also required to wear wrist guards. Santa Clara Parks and Recreation Department will determine the acceptability of protective equipment. Loaner protective equipment is available for use by participants, but is subject to availability.

LEAVE ITEMS AT YOUR OWN RISK

YAC & Skate Park - During their visit, participants can leave their backpacks in the storage room, which is staffed by volunteers. Santa Clara Parks and Recreation is not responsible for items that are lost or stolen. Participants are responsible for the safety and security of their personal belongings and leave them at their own risk. Please do not allow your child to bring expensive or valuable items to the facility. These are best kept at home.

Teen Center - Storage cubes are available for teens to store their belongings while at the Teen Center. Santa Clara Parks and Recreation is not responsible for lost or stolen items. Participants are responsible for the safety and security of their personal belongings and leave them at their own risk. We advise teens not to bring expensive or valuable items to the facility.

FOOD AND DRINKS

YAC & Skate Park - Snack and beverage vending machines are located on the YAC patio. The largest denomination bill the vending machines accept is $1.00. Please keep this in mind when you are giving your child money for after school snacks.

Food and drinks are not permitted inside the facility or in the Skate Park. Food and drinks may be consumed on the YAC patio. Gum is not allowed in the YAC or Skate Park.

Teen Center – A café offering a variety of food and drinks, as well as snack and beverage vending machines are located in the multi-purpose room of the Teen Center. The largest denomination bill the vending machines accept is $1.00. If change is needed, check with the café or front desk. No outside food is allowed in the Teen Center, unless prior authorization is granted. Food and drinks are not permitted in the computer lab, classrooms and conference room.

GUEST POLICY

Teen Center - Teen Center participants are allowed to have two guests per calendar month. Guests must be either in 8th grade, entering high school (defined as having graduated from 8th grade), or already be in high school. Guests are subject to all Teen Center rules. All Teen Center guests are required to have emergency information and a signed liability form on file. Participants younger than 18 years old must have the liability form signed by a parent or legal guardian. Guests must be in the company of their Santa Clara hosts. Residents are responsible for the behavior of their guest.

Applications for Teen Center guests may be obtained from the Teen Center office or online at http://santaclaraca.gov/TeenCenter.

Skate Park – Non-Residents are allowed to use the Skate Park as guests. Guests are subject to all Skate Park rules. All skate park guests (adults and minors) are required to have emergency information and a signed liability form on file. Participants younger than 18 years old must have the liability form signed by a parent or legal guardian.

Applications for Skate Park guests may be obtained from the YAC office, Skate Park, or online at http://santaclaraca.gov/YAC.