

SUMMER CAMPS

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6th Annual Summer Camp Guide

29 full day & overnight camps listed

Part 1, Full Day and Overnight Camps (Part 2, half-day camps, April 11 2012)

Camp Fair in Moraga Touts Variety of Summer Activities

Parents Urged to Sign Up Early

By Sophie Braccini



Photo Sophie Braccini

Yukyeong Kim cautiously wandered the grounds of the Hacienda de las Flores on Saturday, March 3, interacting with summer camp vendors who gathered there for the Moraga Parks and Recreation Summer Camp Expo.

The young South Korean mother moved to Moraga just a few weeks ago, following her husband on an expatriate contract, with their two boys, ages 6 and 8. The camp fair was a perfect opportunity for them to see what's customary and possible for children locally. For the children who do not yet speak English, the fair was a concrete way to get a feel for what they'd like to experiment with this summer.

This direct interaction was the motivation behind Moraga Parks and Recreation Director Jay Ingram's idea to hold such an event. "We want to show Lamorinda families all the possibilities that are offered here in town," he said. "Having the opportunity to meet the camp operators and talk to them gives a much better idea [of the camp] than looking at a catalogue."

Ingram, his team, and the vendors were lucky that there was such a spring feel in the air on Saturday. With warm sun and flowers in bloom, the Hacienda was itself a perfect advertisement for the peaceful Moraga summer to come.

Estelle Dupart and Martha Rutzen both came to the Hacienda with husbands and children 5 and 8 years old. "We're going to register my son for baseball again and we are getting ideas of what's available for my daughter as well," said Rutzen, who received a flyer about the event in her child's backpack.

About a dozen vendors' booths filled the Hacienda courtyard, each a part of the Parks and Recreation summer (and some spring) camp offerings. "We offer a mix of sports, games and academic camps," said Ingram. "Usually the sports camps are the ones that fill up at the beginning of the summer, while parents tend to register their children for more academic subjects as the start of the school year gets closer."

In addition to traditional sports offerings, like lacrosse, baseball, cheerleading and basketball, two new exciting offers in the sports category include fishing and scuba diving, said Ingram. ... continued on page E5

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