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REGISTRATION OPEN FOR MONTEREY RECREATION
CAMP QUIEN SABE YOUTH OVERNIGHT CAMP PROGRAM

Monterey, CA. – Registration for the Camp Quien Sabe Youth Overnight Camp with Monterey Recreation is now open with Summer 2024 weekly sessions beginning Monday, June 17 through Monday, July 22. Camp Quien Sabe (CQS) has been offering an amazing overnight camp experience for Monterey County youth for over 70 years with 47 of those years being at the County of Monterey’s Toro Park located near Salinas. This County and City partnership provides lifelong learning and memories for children ages 7-15 years every summer. Generations of youth, families, and even staff have been a part of what makes Camp Quien Sabe so special. Camperships/scholarships are available to ensure every child has the opportunity to enjoy an outdoor, summer camp experience. For more information about campership opportunities, contact montereyrecreation@monterey.gov.

“Camp Quien Sabe is an open and welcoming overnight camp for all children ages 7-15. CQS offers a rare opportunity for youth in Monterey County to disconnect from technology while spending time in nature, making friends and learning new skills that help build confidence,” said City of Monterey Recreation Manager Shannon Leon.

Additional information, including specific program information and how to register, is available online at amilia.com/store/en/city-of-monterey/shop. Monterey Recreation updates may be found at monterey.gov/rec and on Monterey Recreation’s official Facebook and Instagram pages.

About Camp Quien Sabe Youth Overnight Camp Program: Camp Quien Sabe is a traditional overnight summer camp experience, held at Toro Regional Park in the Youth Overnight Area. The camp area rests on an attractive oak-shaded knoll with excellent hiking trails, campfire stage, kitchen and restroom facilities, a private swimming pool, and a lake with a dock for boating activities. The

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Regular Program for children ages 7 to 11 years, is a closely supervised program devoted to teaching children basic camping skills and an appreciation for the great outdoors. Regular campers spend a week sleeping outside under the stars and learning to live in a natural setting without altering or damaging the environment. A variety of outdoor activities including swimming, hiking, boating, crafts, cookouts, games, nature lore and campfires make this an exciting and memorable week for all that attend. The Environmental Team (ET) Program for 12-year-olds, includes regular camping activities as well as special activities aimed at developing an understanding of environmental concerns.

The Work Experience (WE) Program, for ages 13 to 15 years, combines the fun of camping with two hours of work experience each morning in which the "WE's" participate in various outdoor projects to improve Toro Park under the supervision of their counselors. The WE's receive a job evaluation that may be of value when seeking future employment, especially as a possible future CQS staff member.

Five Generations of Camp Quien Sabe Counselors, each generation was a counselor to the next generation: (From left to right) Peggy Hutchinson, former CQS Camp Counselor to; Rachel Deis, former camp participant and camp counselor and now Hilltop Park Center Recreation Coordinator; Christina Cook, former counselor and now CQS Camp Director; Jordan Garrett, former counselor and CQS Assistant Camp Director; Peggy’s daughter, Ellen Hutchinson, CQS Camp Support Staff. Another fun fact, Peggy’s Dad and Ellen’s Grandpa, Jason Reed (not pictured) was a camper at the very first week of Camp Quien Sabe ever.

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