



Simpkins Family Swim Center
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Picnic Area Rental Terms and Conditions of Use at the Simpkins Family Swim Center

A. RESERVATIONS

- i. **Reservations:** Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis, and can be made up to one year in advance. All picnic area reservations for the Simpkins Family Swim Center must be submitted at least 7 days prior to the requested event date for staffing purposes. Reservations may be made online at scparks.com. Minors (under 18) are not eligible to reserve facilities.
- ii. **Payment:** Full payment is required when the reservation is made. Credit cards are charged by ACT*SCCountyParks. Credit card charge backs and checks returned for insufficient funds and chargebacks are charged at the current processing fee.
- iii. **Changes to Permit:** Changes to the permit, including change of date, must be requested in writing by the Permittee. All changes are subject to Department approval and subject to a change fee (as described in the Additional Fees section). No changes or additions to the reservation times may take place within 7 days of the event date.
- iv. **Cancellations:** Reservation cancellations must be made in writing and are subject to a fee (as described in the Additional Fees section). Please note, the pool does not close in the event of rain.

B. PICNIC RENTAL PERMIT SPECIFICATIONS

- i. **Reservation Area:** The covered picnic area and adjacent aluminum picnic tables are reserved spaces. The Space can accommodate up to 35 people. The round tables are not part of the reservable space and remain available for first-come, first-served use.
- ii. **Reservation Details:** This rental includes picnic space and 35 entry passes, which may be used for adults or children. At the start of your rental, please check in at the front desk to receive 35 wristbands for your guests. It is your responsibility to ensure each guest receives a wristband and checks in with the front desk. Any guests beyond the 35 included must pay the standard entry fee. Every person on the pool deck, whether swimming or not, must either have a wristband or pay the drop-in fee.
- iii. **Reservation Times:** The reservable picnic area at the Simpkins Family Swim Center may be reserved during available weekend times with shared facility use in the following blocks of time. The times of the reservation permit include all set-up and clean-up time and are the only times hosts and guests will be allowed in the pools or on the pool deck. Exceeding the permitted times will result in additional fees (as described in the Additional Fees section).

Day	Block #1	Block #2
Saturdays and Sundays	9am – 12pm	1pm – 4pm * offered seasonally for Sundays

C. SIMPKINS FAMILY SWIM CENTER SPECIFICATIONS

- i. **Safety and Supervision:** All guests are expected to follow Simpkins Family Swim Center Rules & Guidelines and lifeguard instructions.



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ii. Simpkins Family Swim Center Rules & Guidelines

i. Pool Deck Safety:

1. Walk, do not run.
2. Keep pathways, pool ladders, and Warm Water Pool peninsula clear. Only one person on a ladder at a time.
3. **Food and Beverages:** All food and beverages must be kept in the food court area. Glass containers are not allowed. No gum chewing.
4. Bicycles, skateboards, roller blades, etc. are not allowed on the pool deck. Please use the racks by the entrance to secure your bicycle. Skateboards and roller blades should be stored in a bag if brought onto the pool deck.

ii. Pool Safety:

1. No swimming without a lifeguard on duty.
2. Do not hang onto the lane lines or swim ropes.
3. No diving. Look before you jump into the pool. Please face forward when jumping into the pool, no spinning. Cannonballs are not allowed in the warm water pool, or in any pool if deemed unsafe by the lifeguard.
4. No aggressive behavior, fighting, or rough play. Do not fake drown. Please do not carry another swimmer on your back or shoulders.
5. **Children & Non-swimmers:** Children 6 and under must be accompanied by someone 13 or older who can be responsible for the child in and out of the water. Children not yet toilet trained must wear swim diapers or plastic swim pants over their diapers at all times. Non-swimmers must always be accompanied by an adult.
6. **Swim Diaper Policy:** Swimmers who require swim diapers must wear two layers of protection: 1. a disposable single-use swim diaper and 2. a reusable swim diaper, tight-fitting swimsuit, or plastic pants.
7. **Pool Toys and Floatation Devices** may be used during Open Swim only at the discretion of the lifeguards. They will not be permitted if the pool is crowded or during Recreation Swim.

iii. Community:

1. Help us keep our community healthy! Please do not enter the pool if you are ill or have open wounds or rashes.
2. Please use the locker rooms to change in/out of your swim attire. There are changing tables for infants and small children located in all restrooms in the ADA stalls.

D. GENERAL CONDITIONS

- i. **Activities for Minors:** Groups comprised predominately of participants under 21 years of age, must be chaperoned at a ratio of one adult (over 18 years) to 12 minors.
- ii. **Alcohol:** Alcohol consumption is not permitted in the County Parks outdoor facilities.
- iii. **Animals:** Animals are not allowed on the pool deck with two exceptions:
 - i. Service animals specifically trained to aid a person with a disability.
 - ii. Dogs are welcome during our annual Parks and Rex Dog Pool Party.



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- iv. **Concessions:** A permit is required to use County property for commercial purposes (Santa Cruz County Code Section 10.80.010). The County reserves sole right to control all concessions in and about Department buildings and park facilities through separate agreements. Please inquire about concessions agreements if you are planning on selling items or food in the Parks.
- v. **Decorating:** Light adhesive, removable tape (i.e., poster tape or painter's tape), zip ties, twine, and florist wire are the only fasteners permitted. Staples, tacks, nails, screws, stakes longer than 6 inches, and 3M Command products or similar products are prohibited. Release of balloons or animals is prohibited. Biodegradable confetti only; no rice throwing.
- vi. **Drones:** Drones or unmanned aerial vehicles are prohibited from use at our parks.
- vii. **Flammable Materials:** Candles, fuels, and hazardous materials are prohibited. Fires must be confined to designated barbecue areas. Portable barbecues and cook stoves are not permitted. Taco stands with sturdy workstations are subject to approval.
- viii. **Insurance:** The Department may require insurance for activities that it deems to be high risk.
- ix. **Lost or Stolen Items:** Santa Cruz County Parks is not responsible for items left, lost, or stolen.
- x. **Overnight Storage:** Overnight storage is not permitted. If rental equipment is used, Permittee must arrange for it to be delivered and removed the same day as the reservation.
- xi. **Public Use:** The facility will remain open for use by others. Permittee shall not exclude the public from any site, nor obstruct the public right-of-way, nor interrupt or impede upon the orderly flow of automobile or bicycle traffic on any streets or pedestrian right of way adjacent to the location.
- xii. **Right to Refuse Service:** The Santa Cruz County Parks Director or designated representative is authorized to refuse or revoke any use permit or agreement.
- xiii. **Set-up and Clean-up:** Responsibility for general set-up and clean-up of premises shall be the responsibility of the Permittee. Set-up and clean-up may only take place within the reservation timeframe. The facility must be restored to pre-use condition. All trash and recyclable materials should be placed in the provided receptacles. Remove all decorations and all personal belongings by end of reservation time. Clean up spilled food. Return all County items, including picnic tables, to their designated locations.
- xiv. **Smoking and Vaping:** Smoking and vaping are prohibited in Santa Cruz County Parks.
- xv. **Sublease:** Permittee shall not assign or sub-lease any portion of the premises, or any rights under approved permit, without prior written approval of the Department.
- xvi. **Vehicles:** All vehicles associated with a permit must abide by all applicable vehicle and parking statutes and regulations. Vehicles are allowed in designated parking areas only. Driving on grass areas or outside of parking areas is prohibited. Parking may be limited. Please encourage carpooling.
- xvii. **Additional Provisions:** County Parks may establish additional policies consistent with the provisions of the adopted rules and regulations as it is deemed necessary for safe, efficient, and optimum use of facilities. Please check with the Reservations Office for prior approval regarding uncommon or unique requests.

E. ADDITIONAL FEES

- i. **Change Fee:** \$25.00
- ii. **Cancellation Fee:** 50% of the reservation charge if cancelled more than 14 days prior to the date.

