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Recreation Services Division Fee Waiver Program Update

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Fee Waiver Program: Background

- Has been in place since 1981
- Allows low-income youth to access programs/services during out-of-school time
- Available to Sunnyvale youth ages 17 and under
- Any Sunnyvale family with children can apply
- Benefits: \$234 per child in camp/class/activity scholarships and 70% off many camps/classes/activities offered in the Activity Guide

Current Fee Waiver Program Details

- Funding allocation for FY 2020-21 = \$51,000
- Current funding cycle = Oct. 1, 2020, to Sept. 30, 2021
- Maximum income eligibility cap was changed in FY 2017/18 to address high cost of living in Sunnyvale.
 - ◆ A 2-tier system was created – fee waiver & subsidized rates.



Maximum Income Eligibility Criteria & Subsidized Rates

2020 Annual Family Income Eligibility

Family Size	Eligible for Fee Waiver	Eligible for Subsidized Rates
2	\$31,894	\$38,048
3	\$40,182	\$47,993
4	\$48,470	\$57,938
5	\$56,758	\$67,883
6	\$65,046	\$77,828
7	\$73,334	\$87,773

2019-20 Example of Activity Fee Rates

Activity	Resident	Non-Resident	Subsidized
Swim Lesson	\$106	\$133	\$58
Soccer Camp	\$148	\$185	\$20
Music Camp	\$139	\$174	\$19
Leaders in Training	\$233	\$283	\$70



Number of Youth Served

Year	# Applied	# Approved	# Used	Funds Expended
2018/19	370	342	175	\$32,787.00
2019/20	230	222	70	\$26,910.01



New and Upcoming Items

- 30 Chromebooks given to Fee Waiver families to support distance learning
 - ◆ Refurbished Chromebooks provided by a Google grant
- Fee Waiver program restructure proposal will be included in Division-wide Revenue and Fee Study (in progress):
 - ◆ Increase subsidy amount
 - ◆ Increase methods for verifying family income
 - ◆ Change maximum income criteria to continue to address high cost of living



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Questions?



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