

Autism Society of Santa Barbara

Education Awareness Advocacy Support



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Dear Parents,
We are very excited to bring you Surf & Beach Day with the Santa Barbara Seals.

Saturday, August 14th from 9:00am-1:00pm - Leadbetter Beach.

**** Please Print, Complete and Bring your copy to the event! ****

In order for us to make this a truly special event for your child, we have developed the following questionnaire about your child's likes and dislikes. The more we know about your child, the better we can tailor our instructions to your child when he/she is learning to surf.

Since this event is designed to meet the needs of our children with disabilities, siblings will be given surfing lessons only after all of our children with special needs have had a chance to catch some waves.

We are excited about working with your children and bringing your family a fun, safe and exciting event!

*Please remember to bring a picnic, beach toys, goggles and sunscreen! *

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____

Height: _____ Weight: _____

Parent's Names: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Are you a member of ASofSB? yes no If not, would you like to join? yes no

May we add your family to the SB Seals mailing list? yes no

What is the best time of morning for your child? early morning mid-morning noon

Can your child swim? yes no

What is your child's comfort level in the water? _____

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Does fear inhibit your child's behavior at all? yes no

How is your child's balance? excellent age appropriate poor

What are your child's reinforcers? (books, toys, special food treats, etc.) _____

Will you bring the reinforcers with you so that we may use them appropriately? yes no

Will you or your child be uncomfortable with physical contact between the instructor and your child while in the water?

For Example: for people who do not have excellent balance, or for younger children, the instructor and child lay face up on the board together (like on a bobsled) in order for the instructor to control the balance of the board. For older children, or children with excellent balance, the instructor may place a hand on the child's shoulder or calf as the/she lays on the board to steady the board while waiting for a wave.

Can your child be:

hugged? given a hi-five? pulled up into a standing position on a surfboard?

physically helped onto a surfboard in the water?

Does your child have sensory issues?

Likes to touch others? Does not like to be touched?

Can be touched, but not on his/her (i.e. arm, leg, shoulder, head) _____

Can your child be verbally praised? (Good job! Way to go! That was awesome!) yes no

Does your child have any special routines that we should know about? _____

Can your child follow non-verbal cues? (pointing, facial expressions, etc.) yes no

Will your child wear a wetsuit? (it's going to be cold in the water!) yes no

Can your child follow concrete, multi-step instructions? yes no

How many steps? _____

Does your child have any medical history or medical concerns that we need to know? yes no

Note to parents: if your child has a tantrum/becomes overexcited during the surfing lesson, we will ask you to take him/her with you to calm down. As soon as your child is calm, he/she may re-enter the lesson.