



The Costa Mirada Sun

Costa Mirada Apartment Homes
9323 Somerset Road; San Antonio, TX 78211

BACK TO SCHOOL TIPS

August 2009



Revive old routines. Family routines tend to slide in the summer and now it's time to get back on track. Practice school bedtimes a week before school starts so that the new routine is established. **Be Prepared!** Don't underestimate the fun and importance of new stuff for the big day. Be sure your children have supplies and properly fitting new clothes for them to feel confident and make a good impression this school year. **Show Them the Way.** If your child is new to the school, give your child a tour. Also, go over bus know how and safety. **Prepare the Teacher.** Let your child's teacher know about any specifics about behavior or health ahead of time. **Talk, Talk, Talk.** Say positive things about school. Keep the line of communication open with your children and make a habit of asking them about their day. **Be Organized.** Ease back-to-school anxiety by establishing better ways for you and your child to stay organized. **Take it Easy!** Preparation is great—just don't go overboard. **Attend the Back-to-School Pool Party on August 21.** Reassure your child, everyone feels a little nervous the first week back and party one last time for the summer!

CALENDAR ITEMS Summer Enrichment Program

DAYS: Tuesday-Thursday
TIME: 1:30 PM-3:30 PM
Students grades 1-5 participate in fun activities each day. Program ends August 13.

Angel Food Ministries

DATE: August 9, 2009
TIME: 3:30 PM- 4:30 PM
Pick-up a menu today or call Clara at 210/542-8049 for more information.

Continuing Education

DATE: August 21
TIME: 2:00 PM-3:00 PM
Any teens or adults are invited to learn how to continue pursuing their education through GED, trade schools or college programs.

Money Management Class

DATE: August 10, 2009
TIME: 5:00 PM- 7:00 PM
Budgeting course for adults given by Consumer Credit Counseling Services.

Resident Services at this property are provided by:



212 West Laurel
San Antonio, TX, 78212
Ph: 210/281-0234
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GET BUSY! HIP HOP DANCE CLASSES THIS MONTH

Our fellow resident youth, Betsy, who has experience in teaching dance, will offer hip hop dance instruction for kids 5-7 years old from 3:30 PM-4:00 PM and students 8 years and older from 4:00 PM-4:30 PM on August 4, 11 and 18. Call Shannell at 210/923-1692 to sign up!



COSTA MIRADA SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

From August 1 until the first day of school we invite all parents, neighbors and friends to donate school supplies for those who may not be able afford them. Just pick up a few extra items while you shop for your own child's supplies. You may drop off your donation in the leasing office or in the resident services office. If your child needs school supplies, please call Shannell Batiste at 210/923-1692.



Costa Mirada Residents,

It's back-to-school time, and school clothing and supplies will take a bite out of your budget this month. Here are a few ways to help:
Remember that tax-free weekend is August 21-23. Try to schedule shopping around these dates. You can save while buying the things your children need most, such as supplies, clothing, footwear and backpacks. To keep your family fed, try the Angel Food program that feeds a family of four for one week for only \$30.00. You place your order by August 13, 2009 with me and pick up your food from the designated site on August 29. It's that simple. Seniors, you can apply for a free box of food through Project Hope, too. Parents remember that our summer program ends on August 13 and After-School program begins August 25. Please let me know how I can assist you with anything else-I am here for you!

~ Shannell Batiste

Resident Services Office Information

Office Hours: Walk-in Monday & Tuesday 9:30 AM-3:00PM
Other times by appointment only.
PHONE: 210/923-1692 email: shannnell@mercedhousingtexas.org