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### FREE “KICK OFF SANTA CRUZ 2026” SOCCER EVENTS JUNE 13-14

Santa Cruz County Parks, in partnership with Scotts Valley Recreation, will host two days of free community soccer events on the weekend of June 13 and 14, to celebrate soccer, team spirit, and excitement in anticipation of international soccer coming to the region in 2026.

Both events are open to all ages and skill levels.

On Saturday, June 13, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Anna Jean Cummings County Park, Santa Cruz County Parks will host a free Skills & Drills Clinic featuring interactive soccer activities, including agility races, soccer tic-tac-toe, scrimmages, and more. Central Coast FC will lead activities designed to help sharpen and build soccer skills in a fun, community-focused environment. No registration is required.

On Sunday, June 14, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Skypark in Scotts Valley, Scotts Valley Recreation and Santa Cruz County Parks will host the Wacky Soccer Tournament, an all-ages round robin tournament featuring creative mini soccer games, friendly competition, and prizes. Attendees can enjoy a day full of games, booths, additional family activities, food trucks, and more. Pre-registration is required for the Wacky Soccer Tournament. All registered tournament participants will also be entered into a drawing to win two tickets to one of the 2026 World Cup Games.

“We are excited to bring the community together to celebrate the international soccer game with free, family-friendly events that encourage recreation, connection, and fun,” Sarah Shea, Santa Cruz County Parks Superintendent said. “With the biggest soccer tournament coming to the region this summer, this is a great opportunity for residents of all ages to get active, build community spirit, and share in the excitement.”

These community events are independently organized by Santa Cruz County and are not affiliated with or sponsored by FIFA or the FIFA World Cup. For event information, registration details and event updates, visit [bit.ly/sccpcalendar](http://bit.ly/sccpcalendar)

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