



# Santa Cruz Mission State Historic Park Junior Ranger Program 2018

**Junior Rangers is a statewide program for 7–12 year olds.  
We meet on Thursdays during the summer, from 11–12:15.  
Bring a picnic lunch or purchase a pop-up picnic (11:30–1:30)**

## **Week 1: June 21**

### **Californios: Fiesta!**

We'll celebrate the legacy of the Californio families with crafts – we'll make papel picado (paper flags), games, and tortillas on the comal

## **Week 2: June 28**

### **Californios: Vaquero**

We'll go back in history to find out where our cowboy traditions originated. After a branding demonstration, you'll develop your own brand as a stamp for personalized cards & artwork.

## **Week 3: July 5**

### **Sailors: Age of Sail**

Get to know your way around a 19<sup>th</sup> century vessel during the Age of Sail, and some of the tasks it took to stay afloat. We'll also discover how sailors spent the long hours between shifts – and try our hand at the art of scrimshaw.

## **Week 4: July 12**

### **Explorers: Using a Compass**

We'll learn how a compass works, then follow a trail to treasure! You'll be able to make and decorate your own compass rose.

## **Week 5: July 19**

### **Russians: The story of Jose Bolcoff**

Learn the fascinating tale of the captured Sailor who became California's first permanent Russian Citizen. We'll find out how he made a mark on the Santa Cruz Mission, and we'll explore Russian culture by making a traditional beeswax *pysanky* egg.

## **Week 6: July 26**

### **Ohlone: Toys & Games**

Learn and play traditional games of skill & luck. We'll test our aim at spear throwing, and learn the game of staves. You'll even get to make your own game set to take home!

## **Week 7 August 2**

### **Ohlone: California Trade Network**

Native Californians participated in a vast network of trade. Your tribe will trade with others to obtain resources, develop relationships, and attain status in this fun simulation game.

## **Week 8: August 9**

### **Mission Era: Building Methods**

We'll learn about the types of homes Ohlone people traditionally made, and we'll explore the construction of adobe buildings. You'll work with tule reeds and make your own adobe brick!

## **Week 9: August 16**

### **Mission Era: Wool, Spinning & Weaving**

Use traditional tools such as a drop spindle & loom that transform sheep's wool into textiles. We'll experiment with natural dyes, and you will be able to weave your own miniature blanket to take home.

