



# Santa Cruz Mission State Historic Park Junior Ranger Program 2023

**Junior Rangers is a statewide program for 7–12 yr olds**  
**We meet on Thursdays 11–12:15**

**June 15**

**Indigenous Foodways: Acorns**

Learn about the steps and tools used to process this traditional food. We'll cook over a wood fire and spin acorn tops.

**June 22**

**Indigenous Trade Network**

Native Californians participated in a vast network of trade. Join us and use your crafting skills and strategic smarts to help your tribe trade with others to obtain resources, develop relationships, and attain status in this fun simulation game.

**June 29**

**Age of Sail: Line Handling & Bo'sunry**

Join us "aboard" and learn your way around an 18<sup>th</sup> century sailing vessel. Find out how sailors kept time, practice tossing the mooring lines, and make your own monkey's fist to commemorate a successful voyage.

**July 6**

**Age of Sail: All Hands on Deck**

Learn the parts of a sailing ship typical of the golden age of sail, and the various jobs necessary to keep a ship afloat. Take your turn on deck, and enjoy the delights of hardtack and sea chanties after the watch change.

**July 13**

**Archaeology**

How do we find clues about the ways people lived in the past? We'll dig, sort, and analyze artifacts to learn the stories of the Santa Cruz Mission.

**July 20**

**Mission Foodways**

Prepare and taste some of the new foods the Spanish brought with them to Alta California, including making a fresh corn tortilla on the iron comal— and eating it!

**July 27**

**Mission Landscape: Cattle & Candles**

How did cows get to Santa Cruz, and what changed when they arrived? Meet the first cowboys in the west, and make a candle to take home.

**August 3**

**Stone & Steel**

We'll look at the materials and use of arms used by indigenous people and Spanish colonizers, and ponder the impact of these devices in the turbulent times of the mission era. Practice your aim with a hoop & spear game, and sword etiquette of 18<sup>th</sup> century Spain.

**Space is limited.**

**Reservations are recommended.**

Visit

<https://tinyurl.com/SCMJuniorrangers>  
to register today!

