

## A Week At Santa Cruz Kiwanis Camp



Thirty-five Santa Cruz area youngsters are spending a week camping in the Santa Cruz country-side as guests of the Santa Cruz Kiwanis club.

The children, from 8 to 14 years of age, are enjoying swimming, archery, baseball, crafts, nature lore, and hiking under the experienced direction of Gerald Renshaw, a Mission Hill Junior High teacher.

The 25-acre camp site, owned by Delmar Miller, club president, serves as a camp for several Girl Scout groups for eight weeks during the summer.

Kiwanis club members held their regular meeting at Rancho Verde earlier this week and were treated to several skits by the youngsters.

The camp is the result of funds raised from a pancake breakfast earlier this summer by the Kiwanis club.

"We hope to make this an annual affair," said Ernest Damkroger, secretary of the sponsoring Kiwanis club.

Student counselors from high schools in the area are serving as camp coordinators.

Counselors are Clinton Giese, Russ Potter, and Dan Frank of the Soquel High school Key club; Larry Dreis of Ben Lomond; Ron Finnegan of Soquel High school; Walter Damkroger of Santa Clara; and Lloyd Boledmann and John Hegarty of San Mateo High school.

Campers sleep in cabins on the grounds and awake at 7:30 a.m. reveille. After breakfast, they clean up their cabins.

There are three activity periods in the morning and four more in the afternoon.

Renshaw said, "We try to give every camper an equal opportunity at the different activities. We rotate the seven groups that have been formed every day."

Earlier in the week, the youngsters slept out under the stars at several camps set up on the hill-side.

After a long day, campers are ready to hit the sack. Taps is at 9 p.m.