

EXCITING SUMMER!

There is absolutely no reason in the world for us to have a boring summer, or to waste three months in front of a television set. We can make new friends, learn how to sew or play an instrument, join a softball team, learn to swim, start a collection of something, make a kite, or go visit people in nursing homes or hospitals to bring a little joy into their lives. But if we don't start planning now, our summer might not be as wonderful as we think it will be.

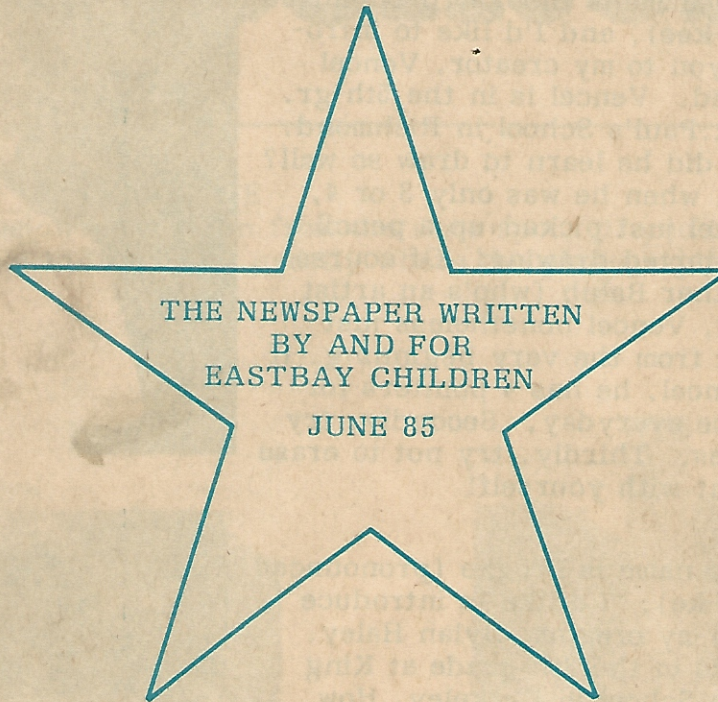
Where can we find something to do? Well, for starters, we can look for ideas under the Ke-Ke's advertising section (the pages with a border of stars). Next, we might want to find out what our local Office of Parks and Recreation has to offer. All of the cities around here have an Office of Parks and Recreation, and they all publish summer schedules of their classes and activities. All together, they offer hundreds of activities! HUNDREDS!

Then there is the East Bay Regional Park District. They have all kinds of classes and activities too! Plus, they watch over some of the most beautiful forests and shorelines that you can imagine!

Anybody who says that there isn't anything to do this summer is just plain lazy!

HANDICAPPED LEFT OUT!

In the article on the left, you read about the zillions of things there are to do this summer... zillions of things, that is, for children without handicaps. We can tell you firsthand that kids with learning disabilities are going
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to have another long, dry summer. Another long, long, dry, dry summer.

So, what are we going to do about it? We should bring our handicapped friends to our classes and summer activities. Oh sure, the teachers may raise a fuss, but if we help out we can show the teachers that their fears are silly. (It seems that teachers sometimes think that they need special training or certification before they can even LOOK at a learning-disabled person).

We also need to encourage
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adults in the community to volunteer to work with the disabled. Sure, it's going to require some time and patience from them, but so what?

The Ke-Ke will help out by listing all those programs that are open to the learning disabled. In the meantime, please include your handicapped friends in your activities. If you don't have any handicapped friends, find some!

JOIN THE KE-KE

Would you like to write articles for the Ke-Ke? You wouldn't? Boy, are you weird! But that's O.K., don't feel bad. Weird people make great cartoonists! We just happen to really need cartoonists too! So if you are in elementary or junior high school and want to draw cartoons for the Ke-Ke, please do!

EASTBAY SLIDEWAYS

Those big hills that run in a ridge along the East Bay are not only beautiful, they're real handy too. First of all, it's almost impossible to get yourself very lost with those hills around.

If you start to get your directions mixed up, all you have to do is to look for those hills. If they're in front of you, you're heading East. If they're behind you, you're heading towards the Bay. If they're on your left, you're heading for some sunny village in Mexico. If they're on your right, you're heading for some snow-covered cabin in Canada.

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