

SAPTO FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Mom to Ian 2-2, Allison 7-1 and Emily,
graduate class of 2011.

Welcome back to another school year!
Hope you all had a busy yet restful
summer, ready to take on another
year of learning and adventures!

To all our new parents, welcome, and
as a brief intro, this is our newsletter,
created and supported by SAPTO
families. Always seeking
contributions – stories,
recommendations of things to do or
see, recipes, jokes, movie reviews,
whatever you'd like. I just make sure
it's all put together once a month or so
(depending on what I have) and it's
posted on the school website.

Send to: jlstarks@yahoo.com with
SAPTO NEWS in the subject heading!

EXPANDING YOUR

HORIZONS: For 6th to 12th grade
girls to encourage interests in math
and science.

This year's EYH conference will be
held on Saturday, October 29, 2011,

at SF State University. Those
wishing to register can go to our
website sf-eyh.com. The registration
link will go live on Friday, September
16, 2011.

It's great. My daughters have done
this several years in a row (twice a
year, since they also go to the one at
Skyline College in the Spring) and
they loved it every time!

WHAT DID YOU DO THIS SUMMER?

*Some of our students and families
shared great summer adventures –
PLEASE feel free to contribute other
summer stories if you went somewhere
or did anything!*

Here is our little summer story.
Melanie experienced going to
various camps for the first time this
summer. She attended basketball
camp where she learned to do the
bridge, went to zoo camp where she
learned about the animals
and attended YMCA camp where
she got to go swimming, day trips to
the tech museum and Malibu grand
prix. To top off her summer we went
on our annual family trip to
Disneyland. Spent 5 wonderful days
with her princesses and doing all her
favorite rides like "Big Thunder
Mountain", "Indiana Jones" and
Pirates of the Caribbean. Of
course, we can't forget her favorite
new ride "Ariel's Under the Sea
adventure". She was finally tall
enough to ride her first upside down
roller coaster; she rode it but didn't

love it. We also went to Knott's Berry Farm where she rode all of the rides in camp snoopy and visited universal studio's. She loved the 45 minute tram ride and the new Simpson's ride as well. The highlight of the trip was probably swimming at the Disneyland hotel with the 100 foot monorail water slide. What a wonderful summer.... can't believe school is starting up in less than 2 weeks....

~Carol and Elliot Quan
Daughter Melanie 2-2

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We had an adventurous summer, we spent the 1<sup>st</sup> month at a sports and science camp. Afterwards, my family and I traveled to Southern California to visit Mickey and Minnie in Disneyland and California Adventure. Shortly after we traveled to Palm Springs, and boy was it hot – 115 degrees! We enjoyed an exciting gondola ride to the top of the Palm Springs Mountain. We also went camping in Stanislaus National Park this summer with family and friends. We had a great summer and look forward to next summer.

Neve Yuan (3-2) and Luke Yuan (1-1) ~~ Mylien & Michael Yuan

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From Devon Wong 7-1

This summer I fenced at Nationals in Reno, Nevada and then went to fencing camp in Szombathely, Hungary for two weeks. I traveled

with my coach and eight kids from the club. First, we all flew to Vienna, Austria and stayed in a hotel for a few days. We did the tourist thing and visited some interesting museums like a castle with trained falcon demonstrations, the arms and armory museum at Neue Berg and a museum of musical instruments. Then we took the bus to the fencing camp, which was at a university. Fencers from all over Europe attended the camp and I made friends with the kids from the Netherlands because they spoke English well. In the cafeteria you could hear French, Italian, German, English, Indian, Hungarian and Dutch all being spoken at the same time. Hungarian food is based on potatoes so we had lots of carbs. We trained for several hours each day and at the end of the camp, we had an individual and team competition. Fencing is a challenging sport that trains your body and your mind. If you want to learn more about it, visit our club website at:

www.sfyouthfencing.com



Devon Wong, Coach Rob and friend Gerardo Flores at Nationals in Reno, Nevada.



Please send in more summer stories or any other fun stories to share!

