

# **SWEDISH SCHOOLS, PRE-SCHOOLS, PLAY GROUPS & YOUTH CAMPS FOR CHILDREN IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA**

## **Supplementary education in Swedish from 1st through 12th Grade Los Gatos, Sacramento, San Francisco, San Rafael and Walnut Creek**

The Swedish School Associations in the Northern California are five independent organizations consisting of parents who have a personal connection to Sweden and whose objective is to preserve the Swedish language, culture, traditions and customs in their and their children's lives. The primary objective of the school associations is to develop the students' language skills so that the children can understand and express themselves in speech and in writing, and to expand their vocabularies. Strong emphasis is also given to strengthening the Swedish identity by giving the children an orientation in Swedish cultural heritage through music, traditions, literature, geography and history. The Schools follow the curriculum set forth by the Swedish National Board of Education <http://www.skolverket.se/skolofs?id=929> for supplementary studies in the Swedish language.

### **South Bay – Los Gatos**

The Swedish School Association in Silicon Valley  
Contact: Karin Jacobson  
<mailto:swsinfo@swedschool.org>  
[www.swedschool.org](http://www.swedschool.org)  
Fridays 3:30 to 5:30 PM

### **East Bay – Walnut Creek**

The Swedish School Association Tre Kronor  
Contact: Ami Rådström-Ditzel  
Tel: +1-925-672-2322  
<mailto:ami@pacbell.net>  
Wednesdays 4:00 to 6:00 PM

### **North Bay – San Rafael**

The Swedish School in Marin  
Contact: Eva DeWolfe  
Tel: +1-415-454-2878  
<mailto:evadewolfe@comcast.net>  
Tuesdays 4:00 to 5.30 PM

### **Sacramento**

The Swedish School Association in Sacramento  
Contact: Christina Bittner  
eFax: +1-309-405-9963  
<mailto:board@swedschoolsac.org>  
[www.swedschoolsac.org](http://www.swedschoolsac.org)  
Mondays 4:30 to 6:30 PM

### **San Francisco**

The Scandinavian School in San Francisco  
Contact: Kristina Bünger  
Tel: +1-415-665-3276  
<mailto:info@scandinavianschool.org>  
[www.scandinavianschool.org](http://www.scandinavianschool.org)  
Tuesdays 4:15 to 5:45 PM

## **Swedish Language Pre-Schools for children from 2 to age 5.9 Los Gatos, San Francisco, San Rafael and Walnut Creek**

The Swedish Pre-Schools in Northern California are four (possibly five) independent organizations consisting of parents who have a personal connection to Sweden and whose objective is to preserve the Swedish language, culture, traditions and customs in their and their children's lives. The children learn about Swedish culture and traditions and all classes are held in Swedish. The Schools also organize and/or participate in traditional celebrations such as Lucia, Christmas, Easter and Midsummer.

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The Swedish School Association in Silicon Valley  
Contact: Karin Jacobson  
<mailto:swsinfo@swedschool.org>  
[www.swedschool.org](http://www.swedschool.org)  
Tuesdays 1:00 to 3:00 PM

### **San Francisco**

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Tel: +1-415-665-3276  
<mailto:info@scandinavianschool.org>  
[www.scandinavianschool.org](http://www.scandinavianschool.org)  
Tuesdays & Wednesdays 4:15 to 5:45 PM

### **North Bay - San Rafael**

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Contact: Eva DeWolfe  
Tel: +1-415-454-2878  
<mailto:evadewolfe@comcast.net>  
Tuesdays 4:00 to 5.30 PM

### **East Bay - Walnut Creek**

Lekis East Bay  
Contact: Ann-Marie Ödling  
Tel: +1-510-864-1286  
[mailto:lekis\\_moderator@yahoo.com](mailto:lekis_moderator@yahoo.com)  
Saturdays 9:30 AM to Noon

The Swedish School Assoc. in Sacramento <mailto:board@swedschoolsac.org> will start a Pre-School section based on a min of 10 pre-schooler's signing up.

## Swedish Play Groups for children up through age 6 Peninsula and San Francisco

The Swedish Play Groups in Northern California are two independent organizations consisting of parents who have a personal connection to Sweden and whose objective is to preserve the Swedish language, culture, traditions and customs in their and their children's lives. The Play Groups meet in various local parks where the children get the opportunity to play with other Swedish children, sing Swedish songs, listen to Swedish stories etc. The meetings are held in Swedish. The parents have the opportunity to network.

### Peninsula

Little Vikings

Contacts: Linda Ström and Malin Leschly

Tel: +1-650-968-9528 and +1-650-321-2869

<mailto:littlevikings-subscribe@yahoogroups.com>

[www.littlevikings.org](http://www.littlevikings.org)

Fridays 2:00 PM

### San Francisco

Scandinavian Playgroup - Lill-Vikingarna

Contact: Susann Kinhead

Tel: +1-415-239-5550

<mailto:sussieolsson@yahoo.com>

Every second Wednesday 10:30 to 12:30 AM

## Swedish Youth Camps for children from 8 to age 13 Silver Lake, California & Menucha Retreat, Oregon

The Swedish Youth Camps in Northern California and Oregon are two independent organizations that every summer during one week gives young people an opportunity to learn Swedish language, culture, music, games and crafts.

### Northern California

Trollebo Swedish Youth Camp

Highway 88, Silver Lake, CA (Sierra Nevada Mountains)

(50 miles East of Jackson - 40 miles from Lake Tahoe)

Contact: Phyllis Petersen

Tel: +1-209-763-2523

<mailto:phyllypoo@aol.com>

[www.swedschoolsac.org/trollebo.html](http://www.swedschoolsac.org/trollebo.html)

August 4-7, 2005

### Oregon

Trollbacken Swedish Language and Culture Camp

Menucha Retreat, OR (22 miles east of Portland)

Contacts: Gunilla Wildey Tel: +1-503-284-2415 or

Tina Kreft-Tengblad Tel: +1-503-296-4884

<mailto:director@trollbacken.org>

[www.trollbacken.org](http://www.trollbacken.org)

August 21-26, 2006

## Swedish Classes for Adults and Swedish Translators in Northern California

[www.scandinavius.com/sweden/seconnections/setransclass.html](http://www.scandinavius.com/sweden/seconnections/setransclass.html)

## Links to Swedish information in Northern California

[www.scandinavius.com](http://www.scandinavius.com), [www.siliconvikings.com](http://www.siliconvikings.com), [www.sacc-usa.org/sf](http://www.sacc-usa.org/sf),  
[www.chapters-swea.org/sanfrancisco/](http://www.chapters-swea.org/sanfrancisco/) and [www.vestkusten.com](http://www.vestkusten.com).

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