

Fencers camp to be held at UCSD from June 29-July 10

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Fencers of all ages and skills are invited to participate in the second annual summer fencing camp at the University of California, San Diego June 29 to July 10.

Daily lessons and workouts will be offered in foil, saber, epee and women's foil events with five world fencing masters from Europe serving as teachers.

Area parents are especially encouraged to enroll their children in the camp, said Dr. Jim White, UCSD fencing coach.

"If you've ever wanted to try fencing or if you'd like to improve your skills, the course provides a unique opportunity," White said. "It's designed for the development of the student not for the training of the competitor."

White also said the chance to study with some of the world's best teachers is a rare one. "We'll probably not get this number of fencing masters together again for a long time."

Fencing masters have two years of advanced athletic training in addition to a college degree. The majority of masters live in Europe. There are less than 40 individuals with such training in the United States, according to White.

White, UCSD fencing coach for six years, believes fencing is a valuable study because individuals can develop their ability to concentrate in addition to improving their muscle tone, agility and speed.

"A fencing lesson requires intense concentration under stress," White said. "As a result an individual's attention span is usually lengthened and deepened in intensity."

In addition to the general public, some of the nation's top fencers will also participate in the camp. The fencers, members of the 1972 Olympic team and former national champions, will train at UCSD June 18 to 23, compete in the trials for the Pan American Games June 24 to 28 in Los Angeles and return to UCSD for further study during the camp.

Fee for the fencing camp is \$175 and includes the use of UCSD equipment. Enrollment is limited. Interested individuals should contact Jim White in the UCSD Department of Physical Education at 452-4032.

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