

Sports program offered free to children of low-income homes

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A six-week program of supervised sports is being provided free this summer to some 250 San Diego youngsters, most of them from low-income homes, at the University of California, San Diego.

Supervised by UCSD's physical education department, the program is subsidized by a \$25,000 government grant under a contract with the National Collegiate Athletic Association. The activity is part of the nation-wide 1969 National Summer Youths Sports Program sponsored by the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports.

According to Dr. Ted Forbes, chairman of UCSD's physical education department, approximately one hundred girls and 150 boys signed up for the course, which runs until August 1. They range in age from 12 through 18 years.

Traveling from downtown assembly points by chartered bus, the youngsters arrive on campus at 9 a.m. and stay through lunch time. Each is given a free box lunch, plus a mid-morning snack.

Under supervision of UCSD instructors aided by minority personnel hired for the duration of the program, the boys and girls take part in a wide range of sports activities. Basketball, swimming, soccer, field hockey, karate, touch football, volleyball, weight-training and skin-diving are among scheduled activities. Especially popular, said Forbes, are frequent trips to nearby UCSD beach property and dips in the University swimming pool.

During their six weeks on campus, the youngsters also will tour Revelle College laboratories, libraries and other facilities, where they will have an opportunity to talk with faculty and students.