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April 18 Readers' letters: Family Camp at Yosemite needs to be financially sustainable

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Family Camp is great but should break even

At the April 7 San Jose City Council meeting, the parks and recreation department presented a report on Family Camp at Yosemite. Council approval is required to renew the Family Camp lease because it affects the budget. While the presentation was very good, I agree with Councilman Tam Nguyen, who passionately said, "You always talk on the wrong issue. The issue is not how good it is. The issue is how to make it not lose money." While Family Camp is not an essential service, it is highly valued by many residents. The relevant question is, can it be managed without requiring a general fund subsidy? If so, the city should continue providing this service to residents; otherwise, different options should be considered. The parks and recreation department needs to present data that helps the city council make an informed decision on Family Camp's future.

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