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-- UCSC Reciprocity Student

"What I liked best at Santa Cruz was the sports courses available for free, with subjects from surfing to Brazilian martial arts to ballet. There are also organized events like hiking or canoeing weekends for the athletically adventurous!"

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