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Santee Training Site All Set For Chargers

The suburban community of Santee yesterday officially wrapped its brown hills and warm temperatures around the San Diego Chargers.

Sid Gillman, the team's general manager, said at a luncheon at Carlton Oaks Country Club that the club has entered into a 17-year contract with the Bran-D Construction Co. of Santee to build an athletic complex for the year-round use of the Chargers.

Gillman's announcement confirmed earlier reports that the National Football League club would hold its training, both pre-season and in-season, in Santee.

To eventually encompass 75 acres, the area in the Carlton Hills area will be developed as a complete athletic and recreational complex to be used by the Santee Youth Association in addition to the Chargers.

The Chargers are to continue their in-season training this year at Sunset Park in La Mesa and then occupy the Santee facility

for their pre-season conditioning in 1971.

The Charger complex is to consist of two and one-half football fields and a 6,000 square-foot, two-story clubhouse which will contain dressing rooms, meeting rooms, film rooms, weight and therapy rooms and handball courts. During the summer, the team will be housed and fed in the Carlton Oaks Lodge.

Negotiations to bring the Chargers to Santee were led by Don Gandy, president of Bran-D Construction Co.; Bill Mast, owner of Carlton Oaks Country Club, and Chuck Lowery, representing the Santee Youth Association. Project architect is Ronald K. Davis.

The 17-year contract between the Chargers and Bran-D coincides with the 17 years remaining on the Chargers' 20-year occupancy lease at San Diego Stadium.