

# SWIM LESSON NEWSLETTER



## Welcome to our Learn to Swim program at the Greenfield Parks & Recreation Department!

The first day of lessons can be very hectic for everyone and our goal is to get the children into the water as quickly as we can.

This newsletter was created to address your first day questions. If you have any additional questions, feel free to talk with the Site Coordinator at the pool.

Not all "Learn to Swim" programs are alike. At Greenfield Parks & Recreation, our year-round swim lesson program follows the principles and methods set by the nationally recognized **American Red Cross**. As Licensed Training Providers, we have agreed to follow specific program standards.

Our program focuses on two main goals:

- Teaching water competency skills
- Safety in and around the water.



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## How is my child evaluated?

Each level of the American Red Cross Learn to Swim has specific performance criteria that our Water Safety Instructors follow when evaluating your swimmer. At the end of the last class, your swimmer will receive an emailed report card/skill assessment that will show what skills they have mastered and which, if any skills, need further work. This report card will also indicate what level to register for next. The email will come from "digiquatics" so check your spam folder if you don't see it.

To move to the next level, your swimmer must master each of the skills in the level they are currently taking. It is important to remember that each child progresses at their own pace and may not pass the first time they take a level.

Not sure what level your swimmer is in? Take advantage of our Pre-Test (information on dates and times in the Recreator) to have your child's skills evaluated.

## Swim Lesson Observation Policy

Spectators can be a distraction - children need to be focusing on their lesson, not the activity around them. It is also important that your child be in an environment with their peers during lessons. Observation on the pool deck is restricted to the first and last scheduled lesson only. Please be extra responsible for siblings on these days and do not allow them to wander about the pool deck.

- **Greenfield High School Pool:** On days other than the first and last lesson, parents/guardians are welcome to view their child's lesson from the second floor observation deck/bleachers. Families can access this space via the elevator directly outside of the pool. We ask that families do not yell down to their children during lessons, keep the noise level of waiting siblings to a minimum, and pick up discarded trash prior to leaving.
- **Whitnall High School Pool:** Without an available observation space, parent/guardians will be asked to wait in the hallway or locker room on days other than the first and last day of lessons.

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## Policies and Procedures

### Arrival and Pickup Times/Supervision of Participants

Parents, please watch your children. We ask that you bring them into the building, supervise them in the locker room, and escort them to the pool deck to their class instructor at class time. Participants are NOT supervised outside of the pool area by our staff. Our instructors are teaching classes and lifeguards are watching the water so they cannot also be supervising children in the locker rooms and other areas outside of the pool area.

We ask that you do not arrive more than 10 minutes before the scheduled class time. At the start of the day, our staff needs time to open and unlock the pool. This time frame also allows for one class to be dismissed as the next class is arriving.

Showers are required before entering the pool.

Please be prompt to greet your children at the end of their class time as class instructors will dismiss children to the locker rooms.

### Locker Rooms

Please make use of a lock or bring items into the pool area. Neither the Greenfield Parks and Recreation Department or the respective School District are not responsible for lost or damaged items.

### Pool Requirements

- *Please remove band-aids.*
- *Showers must be taken by all pool users.*
- *No food or drinks are permitted in the pool area. Please toss any gum!*
- *Proper swimming attire is required.* Swim wear must be appropriate for a family friendly environment. It must be designed and sold specifically for the activity of swimming.
  - Females:** Swim wear must cover lower torso and chest. Swim wear may be a one piece or two pieces that do not match.
  - Males:** Swim wear must cover lower torso.

#### **Acceptable Swim Wear:**

- ✓ Board shorts and swim trunks
- ✓ Standard bikinis and one piece swimsuits
- ✓ Two piece tankinis
- ✓ Swim briefs
- ✓ Swim diapers designed for in water use or cloth diaper and vinyl cover with swimsuits
- ✓ Surf/swim rashguards over acceptable swim wear
- ✓ Tank tops, close fitting t-shirts or compression shirts over acceptable swim wear.
- ✓ Modesty swim wear over acceptable swim wear

#### **Unacceptable Attire in the Water:**

- ✗ Sports bras, workout clothes, or compression shorts
- ✗ Disposable diapers
- ✗ Underwear, boxers, and lingerie
- ✗ Gym and basketball shorts
- ✗ Loose-fitting t-shirts and jerseys
- ✗ Jean, cutoff, cargo shorts
- ✗ Socks and shoes of any type
- ✗ Thong bikinis or swim briefs

### Make-up for Missed Classes

Classes missed for individual absences are not made up, nor may participants attend classes other than the one they are registered for. If the class cancellation is made by the Greenfield Parks & Recreation Department, we will attempt to reschedule the class or refund your account for the canceled class.

## Fire Alarms and Pool Evacuation

We ask for your assistance if you are in the building when a fire alarm sounds. Our staff will immediately clear the water and gather all participants on the pool deck. If you hear an alarm, please come through the locker room to join us. We will stay in the pool area unless it becomes unsafe for us to remain there. Our staff will conduct a head count and determine where the emergency is happening. If it becomes necessary to go outside, the Fire Department will assist our staff. Remember that for most months of the year, the weather is too cold for our wet swimmers to go outside. Swim lessons will resume once the all clear is given.

## Email Updates

Does the Parks & Recreation Department have your current email address? We send emails periodically to anyone that has given us their email address. If you have not, request that your account be updated by sending an email to [parksrec@greenfieldwi.us](mailto:parksrec@greenfieldwi.us).

## More Information and Swim Levels

Get more information about our aquatics programs as well as samples of the report cards/swim assessments for each level, scan the code below or visit our website at <http://www.ci.greenfield.wi.us/875/Aquatics>

