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Olympic Pool to open June 16

Kerrville, Texas (June 9, 2020) – Summer is here, and the Olympic Pool is the place to go to cool off! Staff is prepped and the pool is ready for swimmers. The pool will be open from 12 noon to 6 p.m. beginning Tuesday, June 16 through Friday, Aug. 14, with the schedule subject to change. The pool will be closed every Monday for maintenance, except on holidays. Pool admission is \$1 (cash or check only) for ages four years and up. Toddlers three years and under are free. The Olympic Pool is located in Singing Wind Park at 601 Olympic Dr. Children 11 years and under must be accompanied by a responsible adult 17-plus years.



COVID-19 Disclaimer

The novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has been declared a worldwide pandemic. COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. As a result, federal, state, and local governments and federal and state health agencies recommend social distancing and have, in many locations, prohibited the congregation of

groups of people. The Texas Governor, pursuant to Executive Order GA-23 and a subsequent proclamation which amended that order, has defined “amateur sporting events”, “youth sports programs”, and “recreational sports programs for adults” as “covered services”, meaning that such activities may now take place, subject to conditions. In addition, the governor has also found in general parks and their amenities are “essential activities” and should be opened to the public.

Pursuant to all these activities, the state has issued “minimum health standard protocols”. The protocols apply not only to the operators of sports and parks facilities, such as the City of Kerrville, but they also apply to participants, families, and club teams and they may be amended. Everyone has a part to play in terms of responsibilities and safe practices.

The city and, where applicable its operators and licensees, are following the protocols and have put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, no one and certainly not the city can guarantee that you or your child(ren) will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, by attending any program or event or using any city facility, you may increase your child(ren)s risk of contracting COVID-19.

Due to COVID-19, the Olympic Pool will be operating at 50 percent capacity. Entry to open swim will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Once maximum capacity has been reached no one will be allowed to enter the facility until the capacity level is reduced. This includes all swimmers and non-swimmers that enter the facility. Large groups such as day cares/camps must make arrangements in advance of arriving at the pool. The contact person is Rosa Ledesma, Parks and Recreation specialist, at (830) 258-1160 or rosa.ledesma@kerrvilletx.gov.

There is no evidence that the virus that causes COVID-19 can be spread to people through the water in pools. Proper operation and maintenance of these facilities should inactivate the

virus in the water. Equipment you could normally check out, such as goggles, noodles and lawn chairs, will not be available until further notice. Patrons are encouraged to bring their own chairs and pool equipment.

Visitors to the Olympic Pool are encouraged to observe, at all times, the CDC's minimum recommended social distancing of six feet from other people. Individuals should avoid being in a group larger than 10 individuals. Within these groups, individuals should, to the extent possible, minimize in-person contact with others not in the individual's household.

When maintaining six feet of separation is not feasible, other methods should be utilized to slow the spread of COVID-19, such as wearing a face covering or mask, washing or sanitizing hands frequently, and avoiding sharing common objects. Avoid touching areas that other patrons have touched.

Adult Aquatics Programs

Adult Lap Swim

Adults aged 16 years + may swim laps long course at the Olympic Pool Tuesday – Thursday from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Regular admission or a Dietert Membership pass required for entry.

Senior Water Aerobics

Senior Citizens may participate in this low impact water aerobics exercise class. Classes are held Tuesday – Thursday from 10-11 a.m. Registration is through the Dietert Center, 451 Guadalupe St., (830) 792-4044.

US Master Swimming Private / Semi-Private Lessons

Whether you're an experienced triathlete, fitness swimmer, or newbie, learn to improve the efficiency and power of your stroke, making you comfortable, proficient, and faster. The

focus is on the front crawl stroke, but other strokes can be included in the lessons. Register through Celeste Hamman, Certified US Masters Swim Coach, at coach@clesetehamman.com

Youth Aquatics Programs

Swim Lessons

Two sessions of group swim lessons will be offered this summer for ages 6-plus months.

This is a great way to introduce your infant to the water, learn basis swimming techniques, or refine skills. We utilize the Jeff Ellis Swimming program to provide high-quality fun, and engaging lessons. There are classes for all level types from beginner to advanced. Classes are held Tuesday – Friday for two week sessions.



Session 1 is June 16-26, with a registration deadline of June 12. Session 2 is July 7-17, with a registration deadline of July 3. Classes are offered at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

The [Parent Handbook](#) is available on our website at www.kerrvilletx.gov. Please read this helpful information prior to registering. The registration fee is \$45 per session. Register [online](#), or at the Parks Office either over the phone at (830) 257-7300 or in person at 2385 Bandera Hwy. Registration is not accepted at the pool.

Private / Semi-Private Swim Lessons

For those who prefer individual attention, private swim lessons are the way to go! Private lessons consist of one on one individual swim instruction with the instructor. The fee is \$100 for four lessons.

Semi-private lessons are with an instructor and up to two children who are at a similar skill level. The fee is \$150 for four lessons.

Private and semi-private lessons can be scheduled for any four days during the Olympic Pool operating season (Tuesday – Sunday). Each lesson is an hour long and can be scheduled for an hour time block between 12 noon to 5 p.m. Availability is limited. To make an appointment, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at recreation@kerrvilletx.gov.

Junior Lifeguard Camp

Kids aged 10-14 years have the opportunity to obtain skills and knowledge to keep themselves and others safe in aquatic environments. Participants will be introduced to lifesaving skills and participate in team building skills to help in an aquatic emergency. Participants will NOT become certified lifeguards, but can gain experience in this fun camp. This camp is perfect for those considering employment as a lifeguard in the future.

The half-day camp will be held July 20-24 from 8 a.m. to noon. Drop off time begins at 7:30 a.m., with pickup by 12:30 p.m. The fee is \$60 and is due by July 17. Prerequisite - participants must be able to swim. Lunch not provided.

Mermaid Class

Learn to swim in a beautiful mermaid tail! You'll learn different monofin swimming techniques to get you feeling like a mermaid / merman. Participants are encouraged to provide their own mermaid tail, and must be able to swim on their own.

The class will be held July 28-31 from 11 a.m. to noon. The fee is \$60 and is due to by July 24. This class is for ages 8-12 years old.

Rental Opportunities

For guaranteed shade during the day, picnic areas and the pavilion are available to rent during the day. Picnic areas are \$20 for the day. The pavilion is available to rent in two-hour time blocks during operational hours for \$35 + \$25 deposit or for the entire day for \$95 + \$25 deposit. Picnic area and pavilion rental fees do not include admission fees.

The pool is available for rent on the weekends for private parties. It's available Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. to noon, and Saturday and Sunday evenings from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The fee is \$250 + \$100 deposit and includes lifeguards. Capacity levels enforced. Reservations can be made over the phone with the Parks Office at (830) 257-7300.

For more information, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (830) 257-7300, recreation@kerrvilletx.gov, visit the city's website at www.kerrvilletx.gov, or follow us on Facebook at City of Kerrville TX – City Hall or Instagram at cityofkerrville.



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