

## Centennial Community Services

# Aquatics Profile

**LOCATION:** Red Building pool, 4881 101<sup>st</sup> Lane, Circle Pines, MN 55014

**STAFF:** All part time

- Aquatics Coordinator
- 6 Water Safety Instructors - WSI's
- 10 Lifeguards
- .5 Custodian

Provide swimming lessons from parent/child classes aimed at teaching the child how to relax and be comfortable in the water, followed by stroke skill development, all the way up to diving, lifeguard training and water aerobics.

**Enrollment:** 579 in 2008-09 (253 preschool; 318 school age; 8 adults). Winter session was not held due to pool maintenance which would have added 120 more participants.

The Community Services Aquatics program is the primary user of the pool. The pool is also used by the high school several weeks during the school year as a physical education station, and by the high school girls swim team in the fall.

Program runs year-round in seven-week sessions offered quarterly and advertised in the Community Services Activity Guide.

Program supported entirely by participant fees in addition to paying for half the cost of a full-time custodian who takes care of the pool and gym areas.

Also schedule swim and diving club use of pool for those interested in a more athletic program.

**Notable efforts:**

- Provide swim lessons and open swim to children enrolled in Kids Club. This has filled a typically low enrollment slot and provides a desired service to parents. In the third summer of such an offering, children are enrolled for lessons and about 200 participants enjoy open swim each week.
- Offering pool rental/swim testing opportunities for area Boy Scout troops.
- Post cards will be sent to certain zip codes to inform the public of swim offerings.
- Provide swimming opportunities to daycare providers similar to those for Kids Club. This would fill a typically low enrollment slot.
- In fall, 2009, added preschool class "Bobbers" for students age 4-6 who have no swimming experience.
- Will send promotional coupons to preschool sites advertising parent/tot program at a reduced rate.
- Offering aquatics classes for Boy Scouts beginning Winter 2010. This includes Aquanaut (Webelos), Class 1 and Class 2 information and signing off of skills.