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Make-A-Splash program offers 3 days of free water safety classes at Indy Parks Pools, June 10-12

INDIANAPOLIS - FREE thirty minute water safety classes will be offered by trained lifeguard staff on June 10th, 11th and 12th at Indy Parks Pools through the "Make-A-Splash" program. Indy Parks and the USA Swimming Foundation are partnering to educate children and their families on the importance of safe water practices in pools and around open water. "Make- A-Splash" is an introductory water safety program, with each day presenting a different topic. *Indy Parks is making this free program available at 18 sites throughout the city!* **Participants can then stay, swim and enjoy the remainder of each day for free at that Indy Park pool.**

The presentation will begin at 11 a.m. each of the three days at these pools:

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| ➤ Broad Ripple Park | 327-7333 | 1450 Broad Ripple Avenue |
| ➤ Eagle Creek Park * | 327-7132 | 7602 Eagle Beach Drive (* Open Water) |
| ➤ Ellenberger Park | 327-7176 | 5301 E. St. Clair Street |
| ➤ Garfield Park | 327-7327 | 2345 Pagoda Drive |
| ➤ Martin Luther King Jr. Park | 327-7332 | 1701 Broadway Street |
| ➤ Northwestway Park | 327-7341 | 5253 W. 62 nd Street |
| ➤ Perry Park | 889-0825 | 451 E. Stop 11 Road |
| ➤ Sahm Park | 849-2227 | 6801 E. 91 st Street |

The presentation will begin at noon each of the three days at these pools:

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| ➤ Bethel Park | 327-7480 | 2850 Bethel Avenue |
| ➤ Brookside Park | 327-7331 | 3510 Brookside Pkwy. S. Drive |
| ➤ Gustafson Park | 327-7334 | 3110 Moeller Road |
| ➤ Indy Island | 862-6876 | 8575 E. Raymond Street |
| ➤ Krannert Park | 327-7389 | 605 S. High School Road |
| ➤ Riverside Park | 327-7272 | 2420 E. Riverside Drive |
| ➤ Thatcher Park | 327-7390 | 4649 W. Vermont Street |
| ➤ Willard Park | 327-7330 | 1700 E. Washington Street |

The presentation will begin at 1 p.m. each of the three days at these pools:

- Rhodius Park 327-7328 1720 W. Wilkins Street
- Douglass Park 327-7325 2759 Andrew J. Brown Avenue

The 2015 Open Pool schedule can be found at www.indy.gov/aquatics.

Drowning is the 9th leading cause of death in children age 14 and under. Why should your child learn to swim? Because learning to swim significantly reduces the risk of drowning. Whether or not you plan to head to a pool, water is all around us - in rivers, lakes, drainage ditches, even large puddles. Equip your child with this life skill and you'll also be giving him/her access to all the fun and fitness the water can provide.

Indy Parks Aquatics recommends taking these steps to be safer around the water:

- Learn to swim, no matter your age.
- Follow posted pool rules, and respect lifeguards' directions.
- Never swim alone. Use the buddy system and choose locations with certified lifeguards whenever possible.
- Do not bring a sick child to the pool. Remind children to not ingest pool water and to take regular bathroom breaks, always washing hands afterward.
- Wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket if you are a non-swimmer or out in an open body of water.
- If someone in the water is in trouble, "reach, throw, but don't go."
- Never leave children unattended.

Indy Parks encourages you and your children to learn to swim this summer. Indy Parks offers very reasonably priced group and private swimming lessons for children and adults. Qualifying financial aid is even available for swimming lessons. For more information, call (317) 327-PARK or visit www.Indy.gov/SwimLessons.

Parent and Me (Ages 6 months – 3 years)

This class is for parent and child to start discovering water and proper development of water skills and safety. Parents will help guide children into learning the fundamentals of swimming.

\$45 for 8 classes

Pre-School Learn to Swim (Ages 3 – 6 years)

This swim lesson program is based on the fundamentals of learning to swim while having fun. Children will be evaluated the first class and placed in the appropriate level.

\$45 for 8 classes

Youth Learn to Swim (Ages 5 – 14 years)

This program is designed for children to learn the fundamentals of swimming and water safety skills. Classes are taught by certified instructors to ensure proper stroke development and safety.

\$65 for 8 classes

Private Swim Lessons (All ages)

One-on-one lessons are scheduled at your convenience with one of Indy Parks' five-star lifeguards! To schedule private lessons at one of Indy Parks' indoor or outdoor pools call 327-PARK

\$75 for 5 lessons

Indy Parks Swim Team (Ages 6 – 16 years)

Take your swimmer to the next level and join one of the Indy Parks swim teams. Once your swimmer can complete 25 yards, let us help build up their endurance, self-esteem, coordination and self-discipline. Our swim team program is focused on fun and sportsmanship, while learning how to set personal goals and

teambuilding. Practice times vary by facility, but everyone is scheduled for 2 hours of practice per week. Meets will be held on the second Saturday of the month. Questions? Contact your park directly or call 327-PARK.

\$75 first child

\$50 additional children - same family

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