Summer Youth Swim Lesson FAQs

Q. Who can take swim lessons?
A. The Recreation Center's summer youth swim lessons are available on a first come, first-served basis for Recreation Center members only. Memberships are available to eligible affiliates of the Cal Poly community which include Cal Poly faculty/staff, enrolled students, alumni, retiree/emeritus, and spouses/registered domestic partners. Adult swim lessons are also available to Recreation Center members. Please inquire at the front desk.

Q. If I am an eligible Recreation Center member, what are my membership options?
A. The Recreation Center offers a variety of membership plans for the Cal Poly community:
   - 1-month
   - 3-month
   - Annual membership

Detailed membership and pricing plans are located on our Membership page.1

Q. When should I arrive for swim lessons?
A. It is recommended that you arrive 15 minutes prior to your lesson.

Q. Where is the swim lesson parking?
A. Parking services are not included in the price of the swim lessons, nor does the Recreation Center sell parking passes. For more information on parking, please visit Cal Poly University Police.2

Q. Where should we enter the Recreation Center for lessons?
A. Please enter the facility at the front entrance, as you will be asked to do so if you attempt to enter through the pool deck.

Q. Who can take my child to lessons?
A. The Recreation Center member must be present to take a child to the swim lessons inside the Recreation Center. Consistent with our guest pass policy, Recreation Center members may sponsor guests to attend and watch lessons, but the member must be present at the time of check-in.

Q. What does my child need to bring to lessons?
A. Your child should arrive to the lesson with a bathing suit, towel, and a bottle of water in case they get thirsty. We recommend that your child has plenty of sunscreen on and wears a hat if sun sensitive. If they prefer, they may bring goggles, but lifejackets and flotation devices are not allowed.

1 Membership page - www.asi.calpoly.edu/membership
2 Cal Poly University Police - www.afd.calpoly.edu/police
Q. Will there be time to speak with my child's instructor?
A. Our instructors teach back-to-back lessons in the mornings, so they may not have time to speak to you directly before or after your lesson. Feel free to approach them with any questions or concerns that you may have, but it is best to leave your contact information with one of our lifeguards or supervisors so the instructor can contact you directly at another time.

Q. Can my child swim at the pool before or after lessons?
A. Yes! Informal play in the pool aids in skill practice and comfort-building. Both private and semi-private swim lessons include a day pass for the child, so children are welcome to continue swimming on their own. If an adult would like to join them in recreating, the adult will need to either be a current member or be sponsored to purchase a day guest pass.

Q. Can I use the Recreation Center during my child's lesson?
A. The Recreation Center is available for members and guests to use, so feel free! Be sure to come through the Front Desk where you'll complete the registration process for access.

Q. Can I ask for a private lesson with my instructor outside of the lessons on Saturday morning?
A. We will not be allowing private swim lessons outside of our program's facility reservation time on Saturday mornings.

Q. Can I take photos of my children during lessons?
A. We will be allowing photography during swim lessons only. Recreation Center policy prohibits photography in the facility to protect the privacy of our students and members, but we understand the desire to document swim lessons. We ask that you please respect the other members and keep photography limited to your child.

Q. Tell me about swim diapers...
A. Swim diapers are required for all children younger than 3 years or who are not potty trained. They must be worn or your child will not be allowed to enter the pool. Swim diapers help maintain pool sanitation and reduce the risk of water-borne illnesses. Swim diapers will be available for purchase at the Recreation Center Pro Shop.

Q. Can I bring snacks for my children?
A. Food is allowed only on the grassy areas around the leisure pool. No food or drinks other than water can be consumed outside of the grassy area. Also, no glass bottles or jars are allowed anywhere in the pool area.

Q. Are bathrooms and showers available?
A. We have bathrooms located on the Leisure Pool deck, as well as a family changing room. There are outdoor showers on deck and an indoor shower inside the family changing room for your convenience.