

SPECIAL EVENTS

Night Waves Pool Party

Get out of the house and hang with your friends at the GAC for a night! Admission will get you a hot dog, chips and a drink. DJ Phil will be poolside playing your favorite music!!

Dates: June 13 - For kids going into Grades 3-5
June 27- For kids going into Grades 6-8

Time: 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Fee: \$6.00

Father's Day Celebration

Celebrate Father's Day at the Gardner Aquatic Center! Bring your dad, and he will get in for FREE. First 50 dads will also receive a FREE 22 oz. drink at the concession stand.

Date: June 16

Time: 12:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Fee: \$8.00 for children, Dad gets in free with child's paid admission

Summer Splash

Join us for music, entertainment and much more! We will be serving free hot dogs while supplies last between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. The day will also include some cool giveaways. Join us as we celebrate another fun summer!

Date: June 22

Time: 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Fee: Price of Admission (\$8.00)



Flick 'N Float

Watch a movie under the stars! (All guests in the water must be on a tube during the film.)

Date: July 11

Time: 8:00 p.m. until the end of the movie

Fee: \$5.00

July 4th Celebration

Kick off your holiday events at the Gardner Aquatic Center! For the first 200 guests who enter the facility, there will be treats and giveaways. In honor of July 4th, all military (with valid ID) and Veterans will be allowed into the GAC for free!

Date: July 4

Time: 11 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. - **Special Hours!**

Fee: Price of Admission (\$8.00)

Age: All Ages

Duck Races

*benefiting Gardner Gold Special Olympics

Release the Quackin'! Join the Gardner Gold Special Olympics team for a Duck Race around the Lazy River. Buy ducks in advance at local events or during race week at the GAC. Spectators with paid admission are welcome. You do not have to be present to win.

Date: July 12

Time: Race begins at 2:30 p.m.

Fee: Price of Admission (\$8.00)

Age: All Ages

GAC Membership Appreciation Night

Let us show you how much we appreciate you! The Gardner Aquatic Center would like to show our appreciation to all members by having a pool party. The party will include a free ice cream sundae bar and DJ Phil will be spinning family friendly tunes for young and old alike! All GAC pool membership holders are welcome to come out and enjoy the fun!

Date: July 25

Time: 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Fee: Free to members

Age: All Ages, Kids 15 and under must be accompanied by an adult

AQUATICS CLASSES

Adult River Running

A cool way to run or walk in the heat! This class is for adults only to spend some time in our Lazy River. Must be at least 5 ft. tall. Aqua running shoes are recommended, but not required. Water weights are available for you to customize your routine with cardio, strength training and toning. Use the natural resistance of the water to ease your joints. There will be nothing lazy about your workout! There will be a lifeguard on duty but no instructor! **Note: Management has the right to cancel classes if attendance is too low.*

Dates: Monday-Thursday and Saturdays
June 3 - July 27
(excluding June 22 and July 4)

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Ages: 18 and older

Fee: \$4.00 per class OR \$70.00 pass for all classes

Toddler Time

This time is set aside especially for your little swimmers. Toddlers will have the opportunity to swim and play in the Splash Playground and Baby Pool. Parents are required to stay the entire time.

Dates: Every Friday (weather permitting)
June 7 - July 26

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Ages: 6 months- 6 years with Adult

Fee: \$6.00 per child; no charge for adult accompanying child

Junior Lifeguard Program

Students will receive instruction in water safety, facility operations, water exercise, teamwork, leadership skills, basic work skills, life-guarding skills (including in-water rescue, conscious & unconscious), CPR & First Aid. There is not a certification earned for completing this class. This is a great way to get an introduction into lifeguarding

Dates: July 1 - 3, 5

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (M-W)
1 hour shadow 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Fri)

Ages: 11-15

Fee: \$65.00

Instructor: Pool Management

Bring daily: bathing suit, towel, t-shirt/sweat-shirt, snacks, water bottle, whistle (any kind) and goggles if needed.

Low-Sensory Swim

Join us for these special swim times set aside for those with sensory concerns.

Dates: June 9 (Sun)
July 20 (Sat)
August 2 (Fri)

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Fee: \$6.00 per entry



POOL RENTALS

The Aquatic Center is a great location for your next birthday party, family reunion or any fun occasion! We offer three great options to fit any age. Call 913-856-0936 to make your reservation today! Reservations must be made and paid for 72 hours in advance.

PRIVATE PARTIES

Lap Lane Private Pool & Shelter Rental

Available Mon-Sun 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

OR Sat-Sun 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

0-99 Participants \$215

100-250 Participants \$275

Splash Play/Family Slide Area & Shelter Rental

Available Sat-Sun 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

0-75 Participants \$215

Prices for private parties include admission for party guests. Private pool parties are not available after July 26, 2024.

PARTIES DURING REGULAR POOL HOURS

Party Shelter Rental

Available Mon-Sun 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

\$35.00 per hour (1-hr minimum) + Admission for you and your guests. The party shelter area is 60' x 20'.

Your guests must enter the pool by either paying the normal admission fees or using their passes. You may purchase admission tickets at City Hall (Mon-Fri) if you wish to give them a daily pass, or you can pay for them.

Reservations must be made at the Gardner Parks and Recreation Customer Service Center at City Hall, 120 E. Main. Facility requests can be made online at gardneraquatics.com.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

It is recommended that if you are a first time visitor to the Gardner Aquatic Center, that you familiarize your family with the following rules prior to your visit. To view a complete listing of the Gardner Aquatic Center Rules and Regulations, please visit our website at www.gardneraquatics.com

- Air temperature must be 72 degrees outside at the time of opening.
- To help us assure your child's safety, children ages 11 and under must be accompanied by a person 14 years of age or older.
- All persons entering the pool enclosure, including supervising adults, must pay the appropriate fees.
- Individuals who are under the influence of drugs or alcohol, or those using profanity or demonstrating erratic behavior, will not be granted entry.
- In case of rash, skin disease or open sores, a written statement from a physician will be required before admission is granted.
- Please do not enter the water if you have diarrhea to avoid spreading infectious germs. This is especially important for children in diapers.
- Coolers, jugs, food or beverages may not be brought into the facility, excluding private pool parties and shelter rentals.
- If a patron leaves for any reason, they must get a stamp to re-enter.
- Management reserves the right to change or shorten pool hours due to inclement weather. Refunds will not be given.
- Lifejackets are allowed in all areas of the pool, except on the slides. Arm floaties may be used in the kiddie pool only. All other flotation devices are prohibited. Water toys are subject to the approval of staff.

2024 POOL GUIDE



GARDNER AQUATIC CENTER

GENERAL INFORMATION



Opening Day
May 25, 2024

Closing Day
September 2, 2024



Hours of Operation

May 25 - August 4
Monday thru Sunday
12:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

After August 4
Weekends Only
12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Family Swim - Lap Lane Pool Only
Mon-Sun 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Special Hours
July 4: 11:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Address

Cornerstone Park
215 N. Center Street
Gardner, KS 66603

Contact

Aquatic Center 913-856-0962
Update/Weather Hotline 913-543-5305
Parks & Recreation Office 913-856-0936
gprd@gardnerkansas.gov

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ADA Information

The Gardner Aquatic Center is dedicated to providing ADA-accessible amenities. It is our goal to make reasonable accommodations for disabled persons, as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. The facility includes ADA-compliant pool access lifts. Please contact Gardner Parks and Recreation at 913-856-0936 to learn more about other Gardner Aquatic Center ADA accommodations.

ADMISSION PRICES

Daily General Admission

Ages 3-61	\$8.00
Twilight (after 5:30 p.m.)	\$6.00
Ages 2 & under	Free
Ages 62 & older	Free

(GAC accepts cash, check, Visa, MC, DS, Am Ex)

Daily Admission Tickets

Daily Admission Tickets are a great option for anyone wanting to prepay for admission to the pool. Those interested in prepaid admission to the pool can obtain tickets at City Hall at the Parks & Recreation counter, located at 120 E. Main. Hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tickets are non-refundable.

Daily Admission Ticket \$8.00 each

Gardner Aquatic Center Pass Policy Family Passes

Family Passes are for up to five* immediate family members living in the same household only. Immediate family is defined as: Two adults and their children, and/or stepchildren age 23 and under living at home. Dependents age 18-23 must be full-time students. *If more than five in a family, \$15 per person will be charged.

If an aunt, uncle or grandparent is the legal guardian of the child(ren), then they would be included; however, proof of guardianship and residency is required. If they are not the legal guardian, they would not be considered immediate family. Family members such as nieces, nephews and cousins are not eligible to be on the family's pass.

Season Passes*

Family Pass	\$160.00**
Adult Pass	\$85.00
Youth Pass	\$70.00
Nanny Pass	\$70.00

*For daily general admission only. Does not include Special Events, Aquatic Classes, Swimming Lessons or anything outside of regular pool hours.

**Maximum of 5 family members, additional persons \$15 each

Adult Passes

An adult pass may be purchased for any adult ages 19-61 years.

Youth Passes

A youth pass may be purchased for ages 3-18 years. NOTE: Children ages 11 and under must be accompanied by someone at least 14 years of age.

Nanny Pass

Families who employ a nanny/babysitter who is 14 or older may purchase one nanny pass in addition to their family or youth pass for \$70.00 (Limit one nanny pass per household.) Nanny Pass must be purchased in conjunction with a family or youth pass. Pass is only valid for whom pass is issued.

Purchase your pass thru May 1, 2024, and receive \$20 off a Family Pass, \$10 off an Adult Pass and \$5 off a Youth/Nanny Pass!

SWIMMING LESSONS

Swim lessons will run Monday - Thursday. Fridays will be used for make-up classes in the event of inclement weather.

1. PICK YOUR CLASS

Session 1: June 3 - 13	
Private Lessons	Varies
Parent/Toddler	7p
Fins I	7p
Session 2: June 17 - 27	
Parent/Toddler	9a, 10a, 11a, 7p
Fins I	9a, 10a, 11a, 7p
Fins II	9a, 10a, 11a, 7p
Fins III	9a, 10a, 11a, 7p
Fins IV	9a, 10a, 11a, 7p
Fins V	9a, 10a, 11a, 7p
Session 3: July 8 - 18	
Parent/Toddler	9a, 10a, 11a, 7p
Fins I	9a, 10a, 11a, 7p
Fins II	9a, 10a, 11a, 7p
Fins III	9a, 10a, 11a, 7p
Fins IV	9a, 10a, 11a, 7p
Fins V	9a, 10a, 11a, 7p
Fins VI	9a, 10a, 11a, 7p
Session 4: July 22 - August 1	
Parent/Toddler	10a, 11a, 7p
Fins I	10a, 11a, 7p
Fins II	10a, 11a, 7p
Fins III	10a, 11a, 7p
Fins IV	10a, 11a, 7p
Fins V	10a, 11a, 7p
Fins VI	10a, 11a, 7p

3. REGISTER YOUR CHILD

Swim lesson registration will open on Monday, April 1 at 8:00 a.m. online and at City Hall, 120 E. Main, Gardner, KS. **Students who have a current GAC pool pass membership will receive \$5 off their lessons. No Refunds or discounts will be given if buying pass later.**

Two Ways to Register

- **Online at gardneraquatics.com.** Avoid long lines and register online beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, April 1.
- **Walk-in at City Hall.** Starting at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, April 1.

Please Remember...

- Registration is done on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Parents are allowed to register their children only. Waivers must be signed by a legal guardian.
- One class per child.
- Some classes may need to be combined due to the number of students.
- Parents are not allowed to participate in class unless they are in the Parent/Toddler class.
- Parents will be asked to sit under one of the umbrellas during the entire class period.

Private Swimming Lessons

Age: 5 and older

Maximum participants: 30

This is your chance to receive that extra special one-on-one instruction. Our certified instructors will help improve those important swimming skills at all levels. Private lessons will be offered for those 5 and older. Children and adults are encouraged to sign up for this program.

Private Lessons will be scheduled during Session I (June 5-15) and registration begins April 1. There will be limited dates and times available for other sessions. These will be on a first-come-first-served basis. Each student's schedule will be arranged with the Swim Lesson Coordinator. Expect to receive a call from the Swim Lesson Coordinator the week prior.

Day/Time Will be set up with instructor

Location Gardner Aquatic Center

Age 5 and older

Fee \$125.00 (four 45-minute sessions, one 30-minute session)



LESSON DESCRIPTIONS

Parent/Toddler

Age: 18 mos. to 4 years

Maximum number of participants is 15 in the morning classes and 8 in the evening classes.

Eight 30-minute classes \$65.00 per child

Children must be 18 months old as of July 31, 2024. This class is designed for the parent and toddler. The class will focus on getting the children familiar with the water, ways to hold your child in the water, and preparation for Fins 1. With parent interaction, our certified lifeguards will teach swimming readiness through blowing bubbles, working on back float skills and the beginning of front crawl. Your child will gain coordination and confidence in the water.

Fins I

Average Age: 4-6 years old

Must be 4 by July 31, 2024 to participate

Maximum number of participants is 8

Eight 30-minute classes \$65.00 per child

- Blowing bubbles
- Immersing face fully for three seconds
- Flutter kick front and back
- Introduction to front crawl arms
- Introduction to back crawl arms
- Front and back float, 5 seconds
- Front and back glide, 5 seconds
- Walk in chest-deep water
- Encounter deep water (6 ft)
- Reach assistance
- Safety tips and water safety skills

Fins II

Average Age: 6-8 years old

Maximum number of participants is 10

Eight 45-minute classes \$75.00 per child

- Immersing entire body for 3 seconds
- Shallow water bobbing
- Capture objects in chest-deep water with assistance and open eyes
- Jump into chest-deep water and recover
- Front and back float, 15 seconds
- Tuck/rock and jellyfish float, 10 seconds
- Front and back glide, 10 seconds
- Turning over front and back with assistance (Log Roll)
- Flutter kick front and back
- Introduction to rotary breathing
- Front crawl with rotary breathing, 5 yards
- Back crawl, 5 yards
- Encounter deep water (12 ft)
- Simple lifesaving and water safety skills

Fins III

Average Age: 7-10 years old

Maximum number of participants is 10

Eight 45-minute classes \$75.00 per child

- Captures objects in chest-deep water, without help and eyes open
- Deep water bobbing
- Encounter deep water by jumping from diving boards
- Front and back glide, two body lengths
- Turning over front and back without assistance (Log Roll)
- Front crawl without help, rotary breathing, 10 yards
- Back crawl without help, 10 yards
- Elementary backstroke, 10 yards
- Introduction to treading water with all kicks, 2 min.
- Dive from side of pool using kneeling and compact positions
- Simple lifesaving and water safety skills

Fins IV

Average Age: 7-10 years old

Maximum number of participants is 10

Eight 45-minute classes \$75.00 per child

- Front crawl, rotary breathing, 25 yards (length of pool)
- Back crawl, 25 yards
- Elementary backstroke, 25 yards
- Breaststroke, 15 yards
- Sidestroke, 15 yards
- Butterfly, 15 yards
- Open turns
- Feet-first surface dive
- Dive from side of pool using standing position and 3-step approach
- Introduction to long, shallow diving from side of pool
- One completed dive from standing position from the diving boards
- Encounter 12 ft with extension pole
- Tread water with scissors, breaststroke, and rotary kicks: one minute each
- Lifesaving and water safety skills

Fins V

Average Age: 9-12 years old

Maximum number of participants is 10

Eight 45-minute classes \$75.00 per child

- Front crawl, rotary breathing, 50 yards
- Back crawl, 50 yards
- Elementary backstroke, 50 yards
- Breaststroke, 25 yards
- Sidestroke, 25 yards
- Butterfly, 25 yards
- Swimming underwater, 10 yards
- Open and flip turns
- Using the feet first surface dive, retrieve brick from 6 foot depth
- Encounter 12 ft. with extension pole
- Introduction to 3-step approach from diving boards, using 3-step approach with dives
- Complete tuck and pike jumps from diving boards
- Long, shallow diving from diving boards
- Tread water using all kicks, 5 minutes continuous
- Lifesaving and water safety skills

Fins VI

Average Age: 9-12 years old

Maximum number of participants is 10

Eight 45-minute classes \$75.00 per child

- 300 yard continuous swim (6 laps)
- Front crawl, 100 yards
- Back crawl, 100 yards
- Elementary backstroke, 100 yards
- Breaststroke, 50 yards
- Sidestroke, 50 yards
- Butterfly, 50 yards
- Swimming underwater, 25 yards
- Perfection of open and flip turns during lap swimming
- Using the feet-first surface dive, retrieve brick from 12 foot
- Refine 3-step approach from boards, used with all diving
- Refine tuck and pike dives
- Treading water using all 3 kicks, 8 minutes continuous
- Lifesaving and water safety skills

For more information, visit us at gardneraquatics.com