



City Council Report - April 2024

March 2024 began with a 6 hour in-service training for the lifeguards and staff of RAC. Best practice is to get a minimum of 2 hours of in-service training each month where we go over our lifesaving skills, CPR and first aid. The staff at RAC is looking forward to assisting Chief Perry and his team at the First Aid stations located throughout Russellville during the Eclipse events.

We continued our American Red Cross Learn-to-Swim lessons with WSI certified instructors Matt Rheinhart and Raeleigh Sims. Swim Lessons are one of the most popular programs at RAC, alongside our water aerobics.

The water aerobics classes have such a strong following that wait lists grow each session. We are researching how to host an AEA Aquatic Fitness Professional Certification class in the fall in order to grow our instructor base. The demand is greater than the supply at this time.

Lifeguard instructor Zoe Keen taught a weeklong intensive lifeguard certification class with 8 participants. Janna Martin and Brandon Warner are now certified to teach LG courses. We estimate we will have about 60 trainees over the course of May and June.

Special Events:

- 03/08/24 - 2nd Friday league night - first ever match of water polo. This is a new monthly event that we hope to see grow over time.
- 03/15/24 - Perryville School District reading reward field trip - 197 grade school children
- 03/16/24 - Special Olympics Swim Meet with area teams spanning from Northwest Arkansas to South Central Arkansas. Our very own SOAR 17 Dolphins and Hector Wildcats competed.
- 03/30/24 - In-Water Egg Hunt with over 100 children in attendance

New memberships = 147

Day passes = 1,484 (Spring Break)

Party Rentals: 27

Learn-to-Swim Donations = 11 lessons donated