

Desert Recreation District Awarded Funds for Operation Splash

Indio, CA (May 2, 2019) Thanks to a \$84,150 grant from Kaiser Permanente Foundation, Desert Recreation District (DRD) will be able to continue providing children living in the Coachella Valley free swim lessons for the next two years. Swim lesson scholarships will be awarded to children as part of Kaiser Permanente's Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) program. DRD encourages and supports healthy lifestyles, and our pools offer a great way to stay active during the hot summer months.

Applications for swim lesson scholarships will be accepted now through May 31, and are available for children ages 3 – 14 years old; applications are available at any of our DRD Community Centers in Indio, Coachella, Mecca, Palm Desert, La Quinta, Thousand Palms, Bermuda Dunes, and North Shore, at our Administrative office in Indio, or you can find the application online at MyRecreationDistrict.com and click the Swim & Water tab. Swim lessons will take place between June 17 and August 22.



Scholarship Award Letters will be distributed on June 8 at the Operation Splash Kick-Off Event which will be held at Bagdouma Pool, 84-599 Avenue 52 in Coachella. Qualified participants must attend this event and pick up their scholarship award at that time. The Kick-Off will feature open swim, a water safety demonstration with Lenny the Landshark, and a short presentation by Kaiser Permanente.

LIFEGUARDS NEEDED

For those who like providing a safe swimming environment, enjoy participating in an aquatics program and want to make a difference, then we may offer the ideal part-time position as a seasonal lifeguard for Desert Recreation District - we're hiring! Visit <https://myrecreationdistrict.com/about-us/careers> to apply.

DRD manages Pawley Pool Family Aquatic Complex in Indio, Bagdouma Pool in Coachella and Mecca Pool in Mecca. For more information, please call 760-347-3484 or visit us at MyRecreationDistrict.com.

About Desert Recreation District

[Desert Recreation District](http://DesertRecreationDistrict.com) (DRD) is the largest park and recreation district in California, covering over 1,800 square miles and serving more than 385,000 residents throughout the greater Coachella Valley. DRD manages, maintains or assists in maintaining over 30 parks and recreation facilities, creates and delivers quality programs and services and facilitates leisure opportunities through partnerships. This community collaborative approach provides barrier-free and safe recreational activities. DRD strives to ensure the public receives personal benefits such as physical fitness and revitalization; social benefits in the form of stronger and healthier families and enriching the lives for persons with disabilities, and economic benefits through more productive, healthier citizens and increased tourism.

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