

regulations

Water Slides at Rice Pool

Swirling through the water and gliding down any of the three water slides at Rice Pool is an experience unlike any other. At Rice Pool you may choose a 180-foot slide, a 220-foot slide or an inner tube slide where individuals sit in inner tubes and coast 200 feet to the pool below. Rules for slides are posted at the pool. **Water slides are free with daily admission or season pass!**

Admission to the Pool

- You must present a Wheaton Park District Photo I.D. to be admitted at the park district resident rate.
- The daily fee allows admittance to the pool for the day. A readmittance pass is provided for those who paid a daily fee to enter and wish to leave and return later in the day. Please ask for the readmittance pass at the admissions counter before you leave.
- Admission to the pool may be refused to any person with a contagious infection, condition or disease.
- Any person under the influence of alcohol or exhibiting erratic behavior is not permitted in the pool area.
- **There is no paging.** The public address system is for official use only.
- The management is not responsible for loss or theft of personal belongings.

Play Toys/Swim Devices

- Play toys are restricted to the baby pool and the sand play area.
- Inflatable swimming devices and flotation jackets may be used within an arm's reach of a chaperone.
- **Balls of all kinds are not permitted.**
- Masks, snorkels and fins are allowed with the manager's permission.

Personal Conduct

- All persons are encouraged to take a shower before entering the pool area.
- **Girls older than six years should use the Women's Locker Room.**
- **Boys older than six years should use the Men's Locker Room.**
- Only clean footwear is allowed in the pool area and bathhouse.
- Swim suits only please. Leotards, cut-offs and colored T-shirts are not allowed.
- Children who are not toilet-trained **must** wear double diapers and tight fitting plastic pants.
- **Please** – no spitting, spouting water or blowing the nose in the water.
- Do not drink the pool water.
- Boisterous, rough play and running are not allowed.
- Persons violating personal conduct regulations, written or verbal, may be subject to disciplinary action or asked to leave without a refund.
- All other state and local health laws apply.

Supervision of Children

- **Parents or guardians must be responsible for supervising their children. Lifeguards are on duty to enforce rules and to respond in case of an emergency.**
- **Children ten and under must be accompanied by a chaperone at least 14 years old.**

Diving/Lap Swimming

- Please do not dive into less than five feet of water.
- Please use the diving boards with caution. **Weaker swimmers may be required to pass a swim test before using the diving boards.**
- Swimming lanes are designated for lap swimming at Rice Pool. Swim to the right of the line in your lane.
- Lap swimming is allowed at specified swim times at Northside Family Aquatic Center. Use lanes 1, 2 and 3, and always swim to the right of the line in your lane.

Food/Beverages/Lounges

- Personal lounges and chairs are allowed in designated areas.
- Food and beverages are available at the concession stand. **Food may not be brought into the facility.**
- Eating and drinking are permitted **only** on the concession deck.

Safety Concerns

- Smoke-free facility.
- Chewing gum is not allowed in the pool.
- Oil products may not be used before you enter the pool.
- Glass containers of all kinds are not permitted in the pool area.
- Please do not sit or climb on rocks and fences.
- Rules may be added or waived by the management when appropriate.

Lifeguard Staff

The **Wheaton Park District Lifeguard Staff** begins another season under the top national waterpark safety program, Ellis & Associates. The guard staff must complete and pass a 20-hour training program which includes lifeguard rescue skills, emergency procedures and community CPR. The guards must also attend weekly in-service training sessions and participate in surprise simulations. Throughout the season, auditors from Ellis & Associates conduct three unannounced visits to audit staff performance. The Wheaton Park District staff received the "Elite" National Aquatic Safety Award for the last fifteen years.

Lap Swim Etiquette

- Swimming lanes are set aside for lap swimming at Rice Pool. Swim to the right of the line in your lane. Lap swimming is allowed for all ages during specified swim times at Northside Family Aquatic Center. Always swim to the right of the line in your lane.
- Lap lane entry:
 - Rice Pool & Water Park:** Participants enter from the side closest to the bathroom.
 - Northside Family Aquatic Center:** Participants enter from the shallow end of the pool.
- Swimmers may exit lap lanes from either end of the pool.
- Lanes are divided into slow, average, and fast.
 - *Slow* swimmers are defined as those swimmers who will be changing strokes in order to complete their swim.
 - *Average* swimmers are those with the ability to swim 100 meters or more, all front crawl.
 - *Fast* swimmers are those who can swim 25 meters on a 30-second interval in sets of 10 or more.
- Racing in lap lanes is allowed only by permission of lifeguards.
- Staff reserves the right to move a swimmer if he or she is not swimming at the appropriate speed.

Outside Food and Beverages

Wheaton Park District rules specify that **no food or drink may be brought into the pools.** Food and beverages are available at the concession stand, or persons may leave the pool, eat their food in the park at Northside or on the observation deck at Rice, and be readmitted to the pool. For more details, please see the notice posted at each pool. The aquatic facilities are a smoke-free environment. Smoking is only permitted outside the facilities.

Concessions – "Oskar's Oasis" and "The North Pole"

Concession stands at both Northside Family Aquatic Center and Rice Pool & Water Park are open daily. Hot dogs, pizza, soda, popcorn, ice cream, nachos and slurpees are featured at reasonable prices. **Concession stand may close if weather or attendance warrants. Food may not be brought into either aquatic facility.**

Closing Procedures

Wheaton Park District regulation states that "pools may be closed if the air temperature is 68 degrees or below, or at the manager's discretion based on inclement weather, low attendance or unusual circumstances." Air temperature is a factor in the closing of pools; however, other factors are considered such as rain, weather forecasts, lightning, mechanical breakdown, low attendance, and swim meets. Whenever weather is questionable or attendance is low, the managers are first directed to cut back on staff whenever possible without compromising safety. After that, the decision about whether to close a pool is the manager's. **Sections of either pool may be closed if low attendance warrants. Refunds or prorated fees are not provided if this occurs.**

Did you know...

The lifeguards at Rice Pool & Water Park and Northside Family Aquatic Center have received the "Elite" National Aquatic Safety Award for the last fifteen years!

Avoid Accidents!

Most pool accidents occur on the deck and in shallow water through simple carelessness, horseplay and running. Please obey all pool rules. They ensure everyone's protection and enjoyment.

