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“What You Need to Know about the AquaVenture Water Park”



Get the swimsuits and towels at the ready. The new Memorial AquaVenture Water Park is open. This isn't Memorial Pool. Rules have changed. Hours of operation are changed. Here's a list of items to make sure your family is prepared for a summer of fun at the new water park:

Parking:

Soccer, football, and baseball fans have grown used to a variety of

locations for parking during games at Memorial Field. Now that park construction is completed, all parking is available for use. Just pull into the main entrance off of First Street into the park and choose from one of 525 spaces on the all-concrete lot. Parking is free.

Hours:

The Memorial AquaVenture Water Park will be open daily from 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m. until Labor Day.

Admission:

Everyone who enters the water park must pay an admission fee including any parents, grandparents, friends who come to watch swimmers. Children age 9 and under at the water park must be accompanied by someone over 16 years of age. Both must be dressed for swimming.

Because of the shortened season, prices are reduced this year than what they will be in the future. Daily admission for children age 4 and under is free. For ages 5-15 it will be \$6. For ages 16-54 it will be \$8.00 and for ages 55 and up it will be \$7.00. A family daily pass for parents and up to four of their children under the age of 19 is \$32.00.

Cost for a family pass for the season is \$150. An individual season pass for ages 5-15 is \$60. For ages 16-54 the cost will be \$70. For those age 55 and up a season pass is \$60. Season passes can only be purchased at AquaVenture and are good at AquaVenture and Liberty Bell Pool. Each family member will receive a pass card and have their photo taken. A person must have their season pass with them in order to enter the park. There will be a charge for replacement of lost cards.

What to Bring:

A swim towel is a must. Goggles are optional. Bring money for the concession stand which will offer hotdogs, pizza, hamburgers, nachos, pretzels, ice cream treats, slushies, candy and soft drinks. You can bring your own water just not in any glass receptacles. There are coin operated lockers to put your street clothes into. If you forget sunscreen, swim diapers for the baby or earplugs, you can purchase them at the concessions stand. Life vests are allowed at the water park.

What not to bring:

Don't bring food or pop. Floaties, arm wings and rafts aren't allowed. Don't bring an inner tube or other water play toys. No need to carry in a shade umbrellas as there are large cloth sails that provide shade around the pools. There will be plenty of lounge chairs so don't bring one from home. No gum and no sunflower seeds are allowed in the water park.

What to wear:

If you are there to swim, you must have swimming attire on. No cut off jeans are allowed. You can change from your street clothes into swim wear in a large changing area in the multi-purpose building. There are coin operated lockers to put your items into. If you are there to accompany a child age nine or under you must be wearing swim attire. Water shoes are optional.

Rules:

There is no running allowed in the water park as surfaces may be slippery when wet. To go down the tall slides, swimmers must be at least 48 inches tall. A raft must be used when going down the raft slide. There is a set of rules on each piece of play equipment that must be followed.

Children age 9 and under must be accompanied by someone 16 years old who is wearing swimming attire. A supervising adult must always be within arm's length distance of a child age 6 or under or a non-swimmer.

All children who are not toilet trained must wear a swim diaper. No person is permitted to use the pool without first having taken a warm water shower, using soap. No person having an obvious communicable disease, skin eruption, cut, sore or lesion, eye, ear, nose or throat infection, is permitted to use any public swimming area.

Safety:

There will be 12 lifeguards on duty at all times including five in the wave pool area. Again, no running in the water park and no rough play is allowed.

Inclement weather:

The temperature must be over 70 degrees in order for the water park to be open. If there is lightning in the area, the water park will temporarily close until all danger of lightning has passed.

Water Park Features:

The 54-inch diameter raft slide is 310 feet long. The 32-inch diameter body slide is 235 feet long. The wave pool has intervals when two foot waves will be created and times when the water will be still. A zero-depth entry pool includes a water walk, shooting geysers, a blow fish slide, dumping buckets and a "boogie woogie" keyboard. There is a play station featuring over 20 water features including two slides, water cannons, water curtain, dumping buckets and more. A recreation pool with lanes and diving boards is also available.

Fun Number Facts about the Park:

39 picnic tables
50 lifeguards and aids
3000 capacity for people at the water park at one time
12 lifeguard chairs
12' 2" deep is the recreational pool

80 staff at pool including concessions workers
20,000 cubic feet per minute air blower in the wave pool
7 park benches
21.54 acres at Veteran's Memorial Park
150 lounging chairs
\$16.4 million bond issue approved by voters for recreation improvements
12,950 square foot of space in the multipurpose building
16 trash receptacles
5 times a day pool chemistry is checked
350 gallons of water in the octopus play center
7 days a week the water park is open this summer
310 foot long raft slide
8 concession serving windows
525 parking spaces
200 inner tubes
360,000 gallons of water in the recreation pool.