

# City of Inver Grove Heights



## POOL PROJECT 2022

Hello Kids R.O.C.K. families,

This summer, the Aquatic Center pools here at the VMCC will be undergoing needed and necessary updates to the pool filters, pumps, and chemical feed components. This email is to inform you that the **lap pool, dive well and hot tub will be closed beginning July 1 through August 19, 2022**. The water park will remain open for open swim, fitness classes and swim lessons during this time. Beginning in the fall, our team will transition into the next phase of the project and complete these same steps in the waterpark. At this time, the lap pool and dive well will reopen.

Unfortunately, the timing of this essential project may impact Kids R.O.C.K. Below is a list of possible impacts and what our alternative plans are to provide your child with a well-rounded aquatic experience this summer:

1. Kids R.O.C.K. swim days will remain the same on Monday and Thursdays each week. Instead of ages 5-6 swimming in the morning and the older ages swimming in the afternoon, we will be altering our afternoon times to accommodate all Kids R.O.C.K. ages after lunch between 1 and 4:30 p.m. I have included the updated weekly schedule in the attached Parent Handbook (Pg. 8). We will not be utilizing the lap pool or dive well, but the waterpark will be fully operational, including the water slide.
2. Impacts to Kids ROCK Swim lessons:
  - a. Families that signed up for Kids ROCK Session 1 Swim Lessons will complete their lessons as scheduled.
  - b. Due to the pool closure, we must cancel the remaining sessions of Kids R.O.C.K. swim lessons. Sessions 2-4 are now closed for registrations.
3. If you are interested in signing your child up for swim lessons, you may review the online schedule, and I encourage you to register for regular scheduled lessons at [www.ighmn.gov/register](http://www.ighmn.gov/register). If your child does register for a swim lesson that takes place while they are attending Kids R.O.C.K., we will have a staff member bring them to and from their lesson. Please be sure to communicate this to us via email at [kidsrock@ighmn.gov](mailto:kidsrock@ighmn.gov). This is the same process we have used in past years. Lessons available include:
  - a. Preschool and Levels 1-2 swimming lessons will be offered this summer.
  - b. Levels 3, 4 and 5 classes, private and semi-private will not be offered due to the closure of the lap and dive pools. Those classes will resume in the fall.

We understand that the pool project may cause some inconvenience to you and your family's summer plans. It is very important to move this project forward to prevent an unplanned closure of the pool and the aquatics programs and services in the future. I understand that you may utilize the aquatic center outside of the Kids R.O.C.K. program, I have attached a FAQ document that may help answer other questions you may have.

If you have further questions, you may reach out to one of our team members below.

**Pool Project Questions:** Adam Lares, Parks and Recreation Director, [alares@ighmn.gov](mailto:alares@ighmn.gov)  
or 651-450-2587

**General Programming Questions:** Tammy Abrahamson, Guest Services Supervisor,  
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I am also available to answer any questions on how this may impact your child in the Kids R.O.C.K. program, or I can direct your question to the appropriate individual.

Thank you for your patience, and I look forward to a fun summer!

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