**2015 Greensboro Swim Program Report**

The Greensboro Swim Program, in conjunction with Hardwick Recreation Program and Orleans Southwest Supervisory Union’s REACH summer program, was able to bring swim lessons back to Caspian Lake’s beach this year.

Working cooperatively with Hardwick Recreation and REACH coordinator Nicole Miller, three Water Safety Instructors were trained by Just Ducky Aquatics to teach lessons. Thirty-seven swimmers attended lessons July 6-17; 70% of the pupils were 4 -6 years old. Our instructors were Samantha Friend, Aleia Augsberger and KaitLynn Lakus. None of them had taught lessons before, but Samantha brought her skills as a pre-school teacher and it has served the children well.

The kids and the instructors have all reported enjoying the lessons, and the warm weather. The very first day, the WSI got kids right into the water and commenced lessons, instead of evaluating each pupil separately. Students were engaged immediately, bringing higher success overall. More kickboards, hula hoops and pool noodles were used as learning aids - this illustrates once again that hands-on learning works.

We were thankful as well to have Jessica as our lifeguard, keeping a vigilant eye on our kids.

If you have suggestions, are interested in volunteering or know someone who would like to assist with lessons as earned community service (or they would like to be trained to teach next year), please let me know. REACH and Greensboro Swim also seriously considers reimbursing college students who take the WSI/lifeguard training at their schools or hometowns with the commitment to teach lessons in July 2016 for two weeks. We are already planning for next year!

Respectfully submitted,

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