

Destin Beach Safety Junior Lifeguards 2022 Information

The Destin Fire Control District is proud to hold the 16th year of the Junior Lifeguard program. We are thankful for the parents and participants who have supported this program over the years, and we look forward to once again providing a quality learning experience for the youth of our area.

There has been a change to the goals of the program, which will better reflect the needs of the Destin Fire Control Districts Beach Safety Division. Below are the main points of the changes for you to consider before deciding if this is the right program for your child this year:

1. The program is a “**Not to Learn**” swim program.
2. The top ten (10) swimmers in the following age groups will be offered the option to register for either/or both session(s) to participate:

Age Groups:

- Group 1 – 8 year old’s
- Group 2 – 9–11-year old’s
- Group 3 – 12–14-year old’s
- Group 4 – 15-year old’s

3. The swim test will consist of a timed swim, covering the distance of 100 yards for all age groups.
4. First year participants in Group 1 and 2 will have the opportunity to participant in a Scuba class held at the Emerald Coast Scuba Center.
5. Parents will be notified no later than April 29, 2022, if their swimmer has qualified for one of the 10 spots, and will receive an email with the registration package.
ONLY swimmers who qualify will be sent registration packages.

6. Swim Test Dates (swim tests will ONLY be conducted on these dates)

- **April 2nd** **9:30 am Destin Aquatic Center**
- **April 9th** **9:30 am Destin Aquatic Center**
- **April 23rd** **9:30 am Destin Aquatic Center**

The attached General Release form for Emerald Coast Fitness Foundation must be signed by the legal guardian or parent and presented the day your child participates in the swim test.

What are the dates and times of the program?

The program will take place at Henderson Beach State Park, located in Destin, Florida. Program dates and times are as follows:

- Session I – June 13th to June 30th (Monday through Thursday from 8am to 12pm)
- Session II – July 11th to July 28th (Monday through Thursday from 8am to 12pm)

How much does the program cost?

The total cost of each program session is \$400 per participant. This includes the cost of any field trip and a uniform. Payment can be made by Discover/MasterCard/Visa, cash or check made payable to: Destin Fire Control District. ***If paying by credit card a convenience fee of 2.5% with a minimum of \$2.00 will apply.***

Session fees are refundable (less a \$50 per session registration deposit) up to 2 weeks prior to opening day of the session.

- **Emergencies:** If you have a medical or family emergency and are unable to attend the program, please contact us as soon as possible. We will do our best to accommodate you, however refunds are at the discretion of the program director.
- **Last minute cancellations:** If and only if we have a waiting list and can fill your spot, will we provide a refund (less the \$50 per session registration deposit).
- **Refunds will not be given if:**
 - A participant is sent home due to behavioral issues
 - A participant drops out of the program or leaves early/before the end of the session
 - The participant is sick and either stayed home from, or was sent home from the program due to fever or other ailments
- **Refund request exceptions must be made in writing and include supporting documentation (i.e., doctor's note).**

Scholarship opportunity – available to Group 4 selected participants ONLY:

There will be six (6) academic scholarships available to student enrolled in the Okaloosa County Public School District. The top six (6) 15-year-old swimmers in Group 4 with the best times, who are also able to meet the below may apply:

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| a) Attend both Sessions | e) <u>*Complete & Pass Florida Boater Safety Course</u> |
| b) Attend Scuba Days – June 24 & July 22 | f) Complete Course Report |
| c) Attend Competition Day – July 23 – All Day | g) Complete & Pass Final Exam |
| d) Requires completion of timed swim test | h) Receive Instructor Evaluation Participation score of 80 or higher |

Upon successful completion of above, student will receive one (1) High School Elective Academic credit (½ Water Safety & ½ Intermediate Swimming), reported to their respective high school.

Important Note:

Scholarship recipients are required and must be able to attend both sessions to meet the “seat time” requirements (166 hours) of the Okaloosa County School District.

The goal of the scholarship award is for the participant to be able, upon age 16, to have received the skills and training necessary to qualify them to become a USLA Lifeguard in the Destin Fire Control District's Beach Safety Program, after having received training in all skills, swimming, running, First Aid/AED, Beach 4Wheeler & Jet ski operation of the USLA organization.

* Boater Safety Course Hours for completion:						
Boater Safety On-Line Hours	Hours	Cumulative	Boater Safety On-Line Hours	Hours	Cumulative	
Setting up Account	0.5	0.5	Research Report	3	26.5	
Chapter 1 - Read/Review	2	2.5	Lifeguard Shadowing/Pool	3	29.5	
Chapter 1-Test	1	3.5	Final Program Exam Prep	2	31.5	
Chapter 2 - Read/Review	2	5.5	Final Program Exam Test	1	32.5	
Chapter 2-Test	1	6.5				
Chapter 3 - Read/Review	2	8.5				
Chapter 3-Test	1	9.5	Total Program Scholarship Hours		32.5	
Chapter 4 - Read/Review	2	11.5				
Chapter 4-Test	1	12.5				
Chapter 5 - Read/Review	2	14.5				
Chapter 5-Test	1	15.5				
Chapter 6 - Read/Review	2	17.5				
Chapter 6-Test	1	18.5				
Final Exam Review	2	20.5				
Final Exam Test	1	21.5				
Certification Attachment	2	23.5				

My child has passed the swim test, I have registered and paid in full, and my child has a uniform, then what?

Once paid in full, you will be issued a DESTIN JR. LIFEGUARD parking sticker. This is to be displayed on the driver’s side window of your vehicle. While driving in Henderson Beach State Park **please adhere to the speed limit.** Henderson Beach State Park is a wonderful venue for us to host the program, and we would hate to lose it. When entering the park, please stop at the guard gate, wave and let them recognize your window sticker before proceeding to drop off your child.

What should my child bring each day?

Please label all items with your name. *The District is not responsible for lost, stolen or misplaced items.*

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refillable Water bottle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hat or sun visor
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removable shoes (such as crocks or flip flops) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Towel
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunscreen (Apply before coming and reapply during program. Must be able to apply themselves.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy snack (such as oranges, grapes, watermelon, etc. Please try and stay away from salty items.)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bag to keep your items in 	

Next is to let your child learn all there is to know about the aquatic environment and have the best summer ever! Once again thanks for your efforts and for participating in our awesome summer program.

Destin Fire Control District



**Emerald Coast Fitness Foundation, Inc.
GENERAL RELEASE, INDEMNITY, AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT**

I, _____, the undersigned participant or parent/guardian of _____ (minor child; (the "Participant"), who participates in any program or event at the Aquatic Center in Destin at 4345 Commons Drive West, Destin, Florida (the "Facility") acknowledge that by signing this document, I am releasing Emerald Coast Fitness Foundation, Inc., Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation, Inc., their officers, agents and employees, including instructors and coaches, (the "Releasees") from liability. This is a contract with legal consequences. I have been advised to read it carefully before signing and I acknowledge I have the right to have legal counsel review it before participating in the program.

IN CONSIDERATION OF, AND AS A CONDITION TO MY ENTERING, BEING PRESENT OR PARTICIPATING IN ANY PROGRAM OR EVENT AT THE FACILITY, I HEREBY KNOWINGLY AND INTENTIONALLY RELEASE, WAIVE, DISCHARGE AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE, the Releasees from any and all claims, causes of action, suits, controversies or liabilities of any kind whatsoever against any of the Releasees which in any way directly or indirectly arise from or are connected with my entry, presence or participation at the Facility, or to the risks associated with a swimming pool, including, without limitation, any claim or cause of action involving death, mutilation, bodily injury, emotional distress, or loss or damage to property whether caused by the active, passive or grossly negligent act or omission of Releasees, myself or any other person or entity, and further, from any and all liability to me, my personal representatives, assigns, and heirs for any and all loss or damage, and any claims or demands therefore on account of injury to me or resulting in my death, whether caused by the negligence of the Releasees or otherwise, while I am present at the Facility or while participating in any activity at the Facility.

I HEREBY AGREE TO INDEMNIFY, DEFEND AND HOLD HARMLESS the Releasees from any and all loss, liability, damage, or costs, including attorney's fees and costs, as a result of any claims, demands, actions, causes of action, damages, or judgments, that Releasees may incur arising out of, claimed on account of, or in any manner predicated upon my use of the Facility and/or while participating in any activity while at the Facility including any and all loss or damage to property, personal or otherwise, personal injury or death of any person, which occurs as a result of me, my guest(s)'s or my family member(s)'s use of the Facility or while participating in any activity at the Facility, even where the loss, damage, personal injury or death is caused or contributed to by the Releasees, whether caused by their negligence or otherwise.

I FURTHER HEREBY HOLD EACH OF THE RELEASED PARTIES HARMLESS from and against all of the above described claims, and hereby indemnify each of the Releasees with respect to any claim, cause of action, suit, controversy or liability of any kind whatsoever arising from my own acts or omissions in connection with my entry, presence or participation at the Facility, or to the risks associated with a swimming pool, whether my acts or omissions are actively, passively, or grossly negligent or intentional. I hereby covenant and agree to indemnify, protect, defend, hold and save harmless the Releasees, from any and all claims, actions, lawsuits and demands of any kind or nature arising out of this Agreement. For and in consideration of the opportunity to participate in swimming and related activities at the Facility, I, my heirs, successors and assigns, forever release, hold harmless and indemnify the Releasees from any and all liability whatsoever for any personal property damage or for any personal injury that may result from said participation.

I agree, for myself, my heirs, successors and assigns, that the above representations are contractually binding and are not mere recitals, and that should I, my Personal Representative, heirs, successors or assigns, assert any claim in contravention of this Agreement, the asserting party shall be liable for the expenses (including reasonable attorney fees and costs) incurred by the other party or parties. This Agreement may not be modified orally, and waiver of any provision shall not be construed as a modification of any provision herein or as consent to any subsequent waiver or modification. I am at least 18 years of age and suffer from no physical, mental, legal or other disabilities that prevent me from fully understanding the terms of signing this Agreement.

PARTICIPANT (OR GUARDIAN) SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____
PARTICIPANT NAME (printed): _____ PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME (if participant is under 18): _____
ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
TELEPHONE: _____