

Destin Beach Safety Junior Lifeguards 2024 Information

The Destin Fire Control District is proud to hold the 18th 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.

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 May 6, 2024, 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 20th 10:30 a.m.
 - April 27th 10:30 a.m.
 - May 4th 9:30 a.m.

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 in Destin, Florida. Program dates and times are as follows:

- Session I – June 10th to June 27th (Monday through Thursday from 8am to 12pm)
- Session II – July 8th to July 25th (Monday through Thursday from 8am to 12pm)

How much does the program cost?

The total cost of each program session is \$575 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 3.5% with a minimum of \$3.50 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 two (2) academic scholarships available to students enrolled in the Okaloosa County Public School District. The top two (2) 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 – date to be determined | f) Complete Course Report |
| c) Attend Competition Day – date to be determined – 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				

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