



# Rockwood Pool & Rec Facility

**Summer 2026 – Pool Opens May 23<sup>rd</sup>!**

*Hello, Rockwood friends!*

Summer at the pool begins Memorial Day weekend, but there is already a lot of activity around the Recreational Facility – inside and out – including completely renovated restrooms, wheelchair and walker accessible ramps into and out of the building and a multitude of new lounge chairs. The sidewalk now goes all the way to the park gate. The baby pool will be ready for your munchkins. *We hope to have you as a part of the Rockwood pool community this summer!*

General Manager Joe Hutchinson and Operational Manager Ashley Duntz, along with the staff of guards, coaches and instructors, are excited about the upcoming season and looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Beginning with the move to "school hours" in August, Rockwood will again have an adult (18 and over) member lap swim from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday with updated/additional hours announced in July. Guest policy still applies, and we are very strict on *no one under the age of 18 will be able to be inside the facility.*

*Don't forget about the patio room* which members can rent for private events - just get details from pool staff.

A paper membership form has been enclosed for your convenience. *For a paperless application process* - a fillable form, including link to electronic payment, is available at <https://rockwoodneighborhood.org/recreational-facility> at the Rockwood website. Just complete the application, email to Rockwood Pool and pay!

***Be sure to secure your membership before **April 20<sup>th</sup>** to receive the early-bird special of four guest passes for an even better value.***

*A reminder on our guest policy* - Anyone 18 and older may come as a guest only a total of five times. Please encourage your friends who are frequent guests to consider becoming Rockwood members this summer!

*Swim Team and Swim Lessons* - Swim team and swim lesson information is on the flip side! Joe oversees both of these youth swimming programs. Our coaching staff is ready to teach and encourage the kids to become faster swimmers. Our lesson program was bursting at the seams last summer so we are working to be able to expand our offerings. Kids must be Rockwood pool members in order to participate.

If you are new to Rockwood, and want an early peek of the facility, please contact a Rockwood board member for a tour (or just come to a monthly board meeting which is held in the patio room).

We are happy to answer any questions you may have. We, and our staff, will do our best to serve this community well and make this upcoming summer the best yet! Rockwood Pool is a great place to spend your summer! *We look forward to seeing you at the pool!*

Thank you,

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## Rockwood Swim Team

The 2026 Rockwood Swimming Team staff is excited as we approach the start of the upcoming season.

We are pleased to welcome new coaches Elijah DeFore and Jordan Kleeman to the team. Both are highly experienced swimmers and instructors and have worked alongside Coach Hutchinson for the past four years. Their knowledge and enthusiasm will be a tremendous asset to our program.

The overall structure of the season will remain consistent with previous years.

Practice starts June 1, 2026, concluding the second week in July.

Practices are Monday through Friday with the following schedule:

- *Senior 1* (ages 11 and up): 8:00 – 8:45 a.m.
- *Junior 1* (ages 10 and under): 8:45 – 9:20 a.m.
- *Junior 2* (ages 10 and under): 9:20 – 9:55 a.m.
- *Senior 2* (ages 11 and up): 9:55 – 10:40 a.m.

The competition schedule includes four Wednesday evening meets for Seniors (ages 11 and up) and four Saturday morning meets for Juniors (ages 10 and under).

The cost for the season is \$80 per swimmer, plus a \$10 championship meet fee (*to be collected at a later date*).

To register, please complete the form available at this link:

<https://forms.gle/pq1tMXVsG8wW9Zqt9>

Payment: <https://square.link/u/2Nk4zeAW>



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This year, Rockwood again offers a program to work one-on-one with any swimmer 6 years old or under or who has not swum competitively. Sessions are May 26/27 and May 28/29, cost is \$30/session. Please contact Joe for more information.

These sessions are a great way for young or new swimmers who are a little unsure of how swim team is to get a chance to be more comfortable with a swimming practice before we have bigger groups.

## Rockwood Swimming Lessons

The Rockwood Swimming Lesson Program is implementing an exciting new format designed to enhance the overall learning experience and improve swimmer outcomes. Beginning this summer, we will transition from small group lessons to shorter, individualized one-on-one sessions.

Research and experience have shown that individualized instruction is highly effective for swimmers of all ability levels. This format allows instructors to tailor lessons to each swimmer's specific needs, providing focused attention and creating a more comfortable environment, particularly for newer swimmers.

Three sessions are offered this summer:

- June 1 – 11
- June 15 – June 25
- June 29 – July 9

Lessons are scheduled in 15-minute increments with classes held Monday through Thursday:

- 11:00 – 11:15 a.m.
- 11:15 – 11:30 a.m.
- 11:30 – 11:45 a.m.

The cost for each two-week session is \$100.

The one-on-one model has been shown to be very successful for learners at all skill levels and more comfortable for newer swimmers.

To register, please complete the form available at this link. <https://forms.gle/wTfzsb28PN2mEKi86>

Payment: <https://square.link/u/lDgmXKmW>



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If you have any questions on swim team or lessons, please do not hesitate to reach out to Joe Hutchinson at [RockwoodPoolWichita@gmail.com](mailto:RockwoodPoolWichita@gmail.com).