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TUCSON PARKS AND RECREATION AND AMERICAN RED CROSS TO OFFER \$2 SWIM LESSONS TO THOSE WHO QUALIFY

The American Red Cross and the Tucson Parks and Recreation department invite you to a press conference at the Catalina Pool, 2005 N. Dodge Blvd., on Tuesday, May 7, at 11 a.m., to kick off the American Red Cross Centennial Water Safety Campaign. The campaign launched in 2014, marking a century of swimming safety education to reduce the number of drownings in 50 major cities with high numbers of drownings. Since 1914, Red Cross water safety education has reduced the number of accidental drownings by 90%. Tucson has been selected as a focus city due to the high risk of drowning.

The Southern Arizona chapter of Red Cross is partnering with the City of Tucson Parks and Recreation department to reduce the number of drownings by offering \$2 summer swim lessons to the first 1,400 registered children (6 months to 17 years old) who qualify for the Discount Program. Those who already are qualified for the Discount Program in the system can register online at www.EZEEreg.com beginning Thursday, May 9, at 9 a.m. for session 1. If not pre-qualified for the Discount Program, you must apply in person at any recreation center or administration office prior to registration. Find out if you qualify by viewing the Discount Program guidelines at tucsonaz.gov/parks or by calling 791-4877.

For those who do not qualify for the Discount Program, swim lessons will be \$15/session. Lessons are offered in four, two-week sessions, with eight lessons per session during June and July. There are 20 pools throughout the city open from May 30 through July 31. For more information on how to register and to find a location near you, visit our website at www.tucsonaz.gov/swimlessons.

Swim Lessons \$2

THANKS TO A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE AMERICAN RED CROSS AQUATICS CENTENNIAL PROGRAM WE WILL OFFER \$2 SUMMER SWIM LESSONS AVAILABLE TO THE FIRST 1,400 REGISTERED WHO QUALIFY FOR THE DISCOUNT PROGRAM.

TO FIND OUT IF YOU QUALIFY, VIEW THE DISCOUNT PROGRAM ON OUR WEBSITE: TUCSONAZ.GOV/PARKS OR CALL 791-4877.

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If participants require an accommodation or materials in accessible format or require a foreign language interpreter or materials in a language other than English for any event, please call Tucson Parks and Recreation, 791-4873, at least five business days in advance