

Aquatics Facility Rental – O’Neil Aquatics Center

Private Rental - Policies and Procedures

The pool is a great place to have a birthday party, group outing, or any other special occasion for you and your friends and family. We will supply the lifeguards and staff for your celebration.

O’Neil Aquatics Center is available for private pool rentals. Rental times are a minimum of two (2) hours, and the fee includes admission for up to 200 guests. Additional guests would be subject to fees and must be approved by the Program Manager in writing. All guests entering for the pool rental (swimmers and non-swimmers) are included in the head count.

Community Room Rental - Policies and Procedures

This area is perfect for birthday celebrations, family gatherings, or just to spend the day at the pool. The Community Room can be rented any day of the week during open swim hours. This room features an indoor air conditioning space, kitchenette, tables, and chairs.

Rental times are a minimum of two (2) hours, the time will include set-up and tear-down. The rental fee will also include admission into the facility (admission number includes adults and children, and swimmers and non-swimmers) for up to 30 guests. Each additional guest will be required to pay regular admission prices.

How to Reserve

To arrange a rental, reservation requests must be made online and by agreeing to this Rental Contract **at least five (5) business days** in advance of the requested date. *Reservation requests may be submitted starting the first business day in March.*

A damage deposit of \$25.00 is required by the Parks and Recreation Department. If the facility needs excessive cleaning or damage has been identified, the renter will incur additional costs based on recovery time and material.

Please Note: Payment must be received at the time of the final reservation booking unless otherwise approved in writing by the Recreation Program Manager. All Bloomington Parks and Recreation activities (programming, special events, staff training, etc.) shall have priority scheduling in all areas of the facilities.

Private Pool Rental Rates	
Aquatics Facility: O’Neil Aquatics Center	
Rental Information:	
<p>Lap Pool features an eight-lane, 25-yard pool with 2 diving boards (1m and 3m). Depth of the pool is 3ft 6in to 12ft 6in.</p> <p>Leisure Pool features a zero-depth entry with splash playground structure and water spray features. The depth of the pool goes to 3ft 6in connecting to the winding lazy river as well as the 30ft open body slide featuring a number of twists and turns.</p> <p>Full Facility rental includes both the Lap Pool and Leisure Pool.</p> <p>Concession stand rental offers a full-service menu of food, drinks, candy, snacks and ice cream options. Renters are allowed to bring in celebratory desserts. The concession stand rental includes the staffing cost only, renters will need to pay for any concession items purchased.</p>	
<u>Evening Rental Availability</u>	
<i>Leisure Pool & Lap Pool:</i>	
Sunday - Monday, Wednesday, Friday - Saturday: 7:00-10:00PM	
*Tuesday/Thursday evening rentals are unavailable due to staff training and teambuilding.	
Rental Type	Rates per Hour
Swim Team Groups (<i>Practices Only</i>)	\$55
Full Facility	\$400
Concessions Staffing	\$50

Community Room Rental Rates	
Aquatics Facility: O’Neil Aquatics Center	
<u>Rental Availability</u>	
Sunday-Saturday: 11:30AM-6:30PM	
<u>Birthday Package</u>	
<p><i>Rate includes admission for up to 30 guests and two (2) hours in the Community Room.</i></p> <p><i>Also included is a hot dog or chicken nuggets, chips, and drink for each child.</i></p>	
Rental Type	Flat Rate
Groups up to 15 people	\$200
Groups of 16 – 30 people	\$400

Rental Policies

1. Persons applying for private rental must be 21 years of age or older.
2. Groups with minor participants (ages 13 and younger) must have one adult (18 years of age or older) in attendance for every 10 minors.
3. The renter must be present during the visit and is responsible for all actions and behavior of all members. The renter should also have emergency contact information available for all members.
4. All pool rules and Illinois Department of Public Health Guidelines must be followed.
5. Any group that does not have adequate supervision, fails to maintain discipline, or does not follow the facility rules/regulations will be asked to leave. Refunds will not be issued and BPRD reserves the right to cancel future scheduled visits.
6. Private rental shall always provide adult supervision. Lifeguards are not substitutes for supervision.
7. Your group may be asked to provide BPRD with a certificate of insurance prior to the visit.
8. BPRD is not responsible for articles lost/stolen or money left unattended in the Aquatic Facility.
9. **Per Bloomington City Code – Chapter 31 – Section 801 – There is no vending or peddling in city owned parks.**
 - a. Concessions and items may only be sold with the prior approval of the Director. Please contact Bloomington Parks and Recreation for the contract form. In accordance with department rules, a percentage of gross sales must be paid to the Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department; 20% for profit and 10% non-profit.

Damage Deposit

1. A damage deposit of \$25.00 is required at the discretion of the Parks and Recreation Department. Damage deposits are due at the time of the reservation and if eligible for a return, it will be issued after the event is held.
 - a. *The most efficient way to have your deposit returned is to put it on a credit card; once your deposit eligibility is determined the amount will then be issued as a refund to the credit card. If you pay the deposit by check and you are determined to be eligible to receive a refund of the deposit, we must request a check for the refund, and it will take up to four (4) weeks for the funds to be returned to you.*
2. If the facility needs excessive cleaning or damage has been identified, the renter will incur additional costs based on recovery time and material.

Outdoor Aquatic Facility Closing Procedures

1. If thunder is heard or lightning is seen, the pool and deck will be cleared for 30 minutes. All patrons will be asked to move into the locker rooms. The pool will reopen once the all-clear is given by pool management and thunder and lightning has not been seen or heard for the past 30 minutes.
 - a. Depending on the time and type of storm, private rentals will be extended by 30 minutes.
 - b. The Aquatics Facility uses AcuRite Weather for lightning tracking and detection.
2. The pool will be closed if a tornado warning has been posted by the National Weather Service.
3. If the air temperature is unfavorably cold (below 70 degrees) the pool may be closed.
 - a. The pool is heated and is kept between 81-84 degrees.
4. BPRD will make reasonable efforts to notify the renter in the event of a pool closure due to inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances during the scheduled swim time.

Important General Pool Rules

1. Rental time will not be extended if the renter is late to own private rental. Your rental time includes setup and take down times.
2. All people on the pool deck and/or swimming in the pool must have proper swim attire. Those not in proper swim attire will be asked to exit the water.
 - a. *Street clothes, revealing and/or transparent swim wear, cut-off jeans, jeans, skirts, shorts, sport bras, leotards, leggings, dri-fit wear, undergarments, compression shorts and compression shirts are prohibited.*
 - b. All people must rinse off in the shower before entering the water.
3. Per City of Bloomington Codes and Ordinances:
 - a. Smoking (including e-cigarettes and vaping), alcohol, concealed weapons, and drugs are prohibited in the aquatic facilities.
4. Any person under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or exhibiting erratic behaviors shall not be permitted in the Aquatic Facilities.
5. Locker rooms are for changing clothes, showering, and for using the toilets. Rough housing and loitering are not permitted.
 - a. Cameras and photo-taking in locker rooms are prohibited.
6. All water toys (i.e., rings, snorkels, balls, water guns) must be used in an appropriate manner. Pool management has the discretion of not allowing certain toys or when toys are not being used appropriately.
 - a. Private rentals are allowed to bring in pool floats and noodles, please put names on all items.
7. Boisterous, rough play and running are not allowed (i.e., dunking, sitting on shoulders, pushing, riding on backs).
8. Persons violating personal conduct regulations, written or verbal, may be subject to disciplinary action or asked to leave without a refund.
9. Personal Flotation Devices (PFD) must be Coast Guard Approved; non-inflatable and securely attached to be used in the water. Those in life jackets must be in arm's reach of an adult.
10. Weak swimmers may be required to pass a swim test before using the slides.
 - a. Lifeguards will perform swim tests.
 - b. It is the private renter's responsibility to make sure those who do not pass the swim test stay out of deep water.
11. Waterslide Rules
 - a. Swimmers must be at least 48 inches tall, less than 300 lbs., and able to swim one width of the pool.
 - b. Must ride on bottom with feet first. Hands must be kept inside the waterslide while riding. No standing, stopping and headfirst sliding are strictly prohibited.
12. Diving boards must be used with caution.
 - a. Jump straight off the end of the diving board.
 - b. One bounce per person, no backward rotations or inward dives, and no goggles are allowed.
13. Lazy River Rules
 - a. One rider per single tube. Riders must always remain in tubes. Floaters must always follow the direction of current.
 - b. No horseplay on tubes (pushing, rocking, hitting, etc.). No stopping or standing in the river area.
 - c. *PFDs are only permitted if a child is accompanied by an adult.*
 - d. *No swimming or walking is allowed in lazy river unless participating in an aquatics program.*
14. Rentals can NOT bring outside food and drinks except for celebratory desserts.
 - a. Concessions are available to rent for an additional \$50/hour to staff the area.

- i. Food will need to be purchased in addition to the concession's rental.
 - b. All equipment and décor must be removed from the premises on the same day.
 - c. Please use trash cans for waste and have your group clean up after themselves.
15. Music can be provided through the aquatics facility sound system if approved by management.
 - a. For safety reasons, music will be kept at a set volume. Music must not contain profanity.
16. Lifeguard Responsibilities: While your rental is at the facility, it is your responsibility as the private renter to watch the children you bring. Yes, we have lifeguards on staff. Their primary responsibility is to make sure that the water is always safe. Lifeguards are there to assist distressed swimmers, save patrons from dangerous scenarios and enforce rules and regulations. Lifeguards are not babysitters.
17. If there is an incident involving a person with your rental, here are the basic procedures that will happen:
 - a. The lifeguard will begin the Emergency Action Plan designated for the Aquatic Facility.
 - b. Once the patron is out of the pool safely, staff will complete necessary documentation.
 - c. If there is any extra care needed, the patron will either go into the guard office to receive further treatment or EMS will be contacted and the Paramedics/EMTs will provide care.
18. Rules may be added or waived by the pool management when deemed appropriate.
19. *Please review the complete list of the Swimming Pool Rules and Regulations located at admissions and online.*

Refund Policy

1. BPRD will do its best to notify the group if the pool closes for inclement weather and/or any other circumstances where the pool will be closed during private rental time.
 - a. *Other circumstances are defined as chemical imbalances, mechanical failure, and/or power outage.*
2. Refunds will not be given out if the renter decides to cancel their private rental.
 - a. Once rental is booked and paid for it is non-refundable.
 - b. No refunds will be given if the renter arrives late to rental.
3. Every effort will be made to reschedule cancellations due to inclement weather and/or any other circumstances.
 - a. All cancellations must attempt to reschedule before the refund process begins.
4. If weather prohibits (thunder and lightning) entry into the water before the rental starts and unable to reschedule:
 - a. A full refund will be issued minus a \$25 administrative fee.
 - b. If weather prohibits entry into water before the first half of rental concludes, a refund of 50% will be issued minus a \$25 administrative fee. After the first half of the rental, no refunds will be given.
 - c. If BPRD closes the pool for other circumstances, no administrative fee will be charged.
5. Each private pool rental will be reviewed on an individual basis for rescheduling and/or process of refund.

If you have any questions that have not been addressed or need additional information, please contact Bloomington Parks and Recreation administrative office at (309) 434-2260. By submitting payment, I acknowledge I have read and agree to the O'Neil Aquatics Center Private Rental Policies and Procedures Contract. I also understand the Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department will only communicate with the person named on the Rental.