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## Parrot Island to Host the World's Largest Swimming Lesson.

**Fort Smith, Ark – June 19, 2024** – Parrot Island Waterpark is taking action to prevent drownings and recreational water-related injuries and illnesses by hosting the World's Largest Swim Lesson on Thursday, June 20 from 8:30am to 10:00am. Children ages 3-17 and their parents are invited to this free event to help prevent drowning, the second leading cause of injury-related death of children.

"The World's Largest Swim Lesson highlights the critical importance of water safety for all ages. At Parrot Island Waterpark, we prioritize safety above all else, ensuring our guests enjoy a secure and fun environment." - Drew Peterson, General Manager at Parrot Island Waterpark.



### About The World's Largest Swimming Lesson™

More than 600 waterparks, aquatic centers and swim schools will host the life-saving lesson on Thursday, June 20th, providing more than 20,000 hours of water safety training to kids and families in a single day. Organizers anticipate more than 39,000 will participate in the 2024 global swim lesson happening in 19 countries on 6 continents over the course of 24 hours.

The World's Largest Swimming Lesson was created in 2010 as a platform to support public education about safer water practices and to build awareness about the critical importance of teaching children to swim to help prevent drowning.

### **About Parrot Island Waterpark**

Parrot Island Waterpark features the region's only 2-person tube slide, Flow Rider, wave pool and lazy river along with four awesome twisting turning water slides, an activity pool and a themed children's aquatic play area. The outdoor waterpark has over 410,000 gallons of aquatic fun and has a variety of amenities, including party pavilions, cabana rentals, food, and beverage concessions, 800 complimentary deck and lounge chairs, over 250 complimentary water tubes, expansive grass lawns for relaxing and much more, and is open Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Located at Ben Geren Park, residents and visitors can enjoy Parrot Island Waterpark along with miniature golf, go karts, playground equipment, outdoor picnic areas and pavilions, softball and soccer fields, tennis courts, a 1 ½ mile fitness and circuit walking trail, two 18-hole disk golf courses, over eight miles of paved bike trails, 11 miles of mountain bike trails, and an outstanding 27-hole county golf course.

For more information, please visit [www.parrotislandwaterpark.com](http://www.parrotislandwaterpark.com) . Parrot Island Waterpark is also on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/parrotislandWP](https://www.facebook.com/parrotislandWP) .

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