



## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Q. What are the Program Options available?**

A. We offer a Swim Lesson package that includes an Open Swim Season Pass Option for \$140; Tennis Only for \$50; Swim Lessons, Tennis Instruction and Open Swim for \$175; If only coming for Open Swim, the Season Pass is \$70 or \$5/person at the door. Swim Team is \$50.

### **Q. How long does the summer program run?**

A. The 2022 Summer Program is 8 weeks long, June 20 – August 12; The pool is open Monday – Friday with lessons in the morning and Open Swim in the afternoon. The pool will be closed on July 4<sup>th</sup>. During the weeks of July 6-August 5, we partner with Kingdom East School District Summer Camp and will have the pool open to only their campers from 12-2. We have a calendar online to help watch the upcoming events.

### **Q. I am not sure what level of lessons to sign my child up for?**

A. On the Online Registration link is a complete list of skills for each level. We also have a list on our website: [powerspark.org](http://powerspark.org) One of the most important requirements to begin Swim Lessons is that we require children be potty trained and out of swim diapers.

### **Q. Where can I get a list of the Pool Rules?**

A. Go to our website – [powerspark.org](http://powerspark.org) for a full list of the Pool Rules.

### **Q. It seems like the cost of the program is more than it has been in the past years. Why is that?**

A. We are not immune to the rising costs, like all other industries have been facing. This has also affected us from the cost of chemicals, summer staff salaries (who are keeping your children safe). We are a non-profit organization that does not have a paid board. The only staff paid are the staff during the summer program. The Summer Program rates reflect what it costs to operate and run the program. We do not make a profit but need not to operate in the red. We also apply for grants where possible. Last year we were blessed to receive a nice grant package from Vermont Afterschool. We applied again this year and did not receive grant monies. This would have helped to offset costs to participants like we were able to last summer. We have worked diligently to continue to keep the costs to you low because we believe in this program and the life-saving skill swim lessons provide. We are still one of the least expensive summer programs offered in this area.

**Q. The cost is too high for me to afford. What can I do?**

A. We have options available to help.

- On our registration site, there is the ability to sign up for payment plans. It does require billing information to be saved and it will allow payment to be broken up and completed by July 11.
- Northeast Kingdom Youth Services is very generous and has a Summer Central Scholarship available. It will cover up to \$100 if awarded. To apply, please contact them at 802-748-8732 or [nekys@nekys.org](mailto:nekys@nekys.org). There is a link to the application available on our website.
- We do have a few scholarships available through generous community donors. To apply, please write a letter of need and send it to the Powers Park Pool Board at [powersparkvt@gmail.com](mailto:powersparkvt@gmail.com) or PO Box 715, Lyndonville, VT 05851

**Q. My child is enrolled in the Kingdom East School District (KESD) Summer Program. Does that mean that I can also bring my child to any of the morning Swim lessons or Tennis Instruction?**

A. The KESD Summer Program is a separate summer program that is paid for by the school district for the time slots that it is reserved for in a four-and-a-half-week program. They are not paying for and are not charged for an 8-week program. If your child would like to participate in Swim lessons or Tennis instruction in the morning times, we invite you to buy a package for that time slot.

**Q. What if my child is enrolled in the KESD Summer Program but I want to send them to swim lessons and/or Tennis Instruction the two weeks before and the one week after the KESD Summer Program. How do I do that?**

A. We want to offer swim lessons to as many children as possible as we believe this is an especially important life-saving skill. With that in mind, we open our summer program registration June 1 to allow time for people to sign up for the 8-week program. One week before the summer program starts (June 12), we will open any remaining slots to those who participate in the KESD Summer Program to come for the limited time. We are estimating the cost of this to \$60.

**Q. How can I get involved for future Powers Park Programing and events?**

A. We are always looking for volunteers, community partners and board members. Please contact us at [powersparkvt@gmail.org](mailto:powersparkvt@gmail.org) or talk with one of the Board Members – Sarah Jewell, Heather Tanner, Sarah Lafferty, Dan Tanner or with Radha Heath, Summer Program Director. We would love to have more people involved.