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Access to our 25-meter recreation pool 3.5 feet to 4.6 feet depth and 84-86 degrees year-round.

(Includes up to 50 attendees)

🎈 Your 2-Hour Party Includes:

- Exclusive use of the Recreation Pool
    - Life jackets, as needed
- Access for set-up and clean-up:
    - 30 minutes before and 30 minutes after your reservation
- A dedicated **Party Host** to:
    - Ensure the pool deck is ready
    - Greet guests and collect waivers
- Equipment & Amenities:
    - Reserved Gazebo
    - 4 Tables
    - 20 Chairs
    - Bluetooth Speaker

👯 Guest Size

- **Capacity:** 50 total attendees
- Pool parties must remain within the guest capacity in order to maintain the proper ratio with guests to lifeguards.
- If you exceed 50 attendees without pre-purchasing a larger party option, a fee will be collected at the end of your event.
- Please provide an estimate of how many **children and adults** will attend.

🌊 Recreation Pool Swim Test & Rules

- To use the recreation pool, all children shorter than height stick (water's depth, i.e.: 4'11") may check out a life jacket, take a swim test, or be accompanied by an adult.
- This swim test includes an approximately 15-meter swim in the recreation pool (4ft deep) and then flipping on to one's back and floating for 10 seconds.
- Children 5 years old and younger **must** be accompanied by an adult in the water

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➕ Add-Ons

Amenities

- Dive Board: $150 Fee
  - **Restrictions Apply:** In order to use the dive board, the participant must pass an additional swim test or be at least 4' tall and wear a life jacket.
  - The **additional swim test** is 25-yard swim in the competition pool (7ft-13ft deep) and one minute of treading water.
- Wobble Bridge: $190 Fee
  - If no other amenity has been purchased, the wobble bridge will be set up in the recreation pool unless otherwise established with the Party Coordinator.
- Bundle Price for both amenities: $305
  - If the bundle has been purchased, the wobble bridge will be set up in the competition pool, and the children must pass **the additional swim test** stated above.
  - If the bundle has been purchased and you would like to have the wobble bridge set-up in the recreation pool, please contact the Party Coordinator.
- All amenities listed above must be reserved **one week prior** (by Thursday)

Extra Guests & Additional Seating

- 50–60 attendees: Purchase a $30 spillover fee
  - Maximum of 50 swimmers are allowed in recreation pool at one time.
  - The $30 spillover fee can be purchased on the day of your event with the host.
  - If there are between 51-60 people at your event and the spillover fee has not been purchased yet, the host will approach the party parent at the end of the event to collect the $30 payment.
- 60–70 attendees: Purchase a $50 mid-tier spillover fee
  - Maximum of 50 swimmers are allowed in recreation pool at one time.
  - The $50 spillover fee can be purchased on the day of your event with the host.
  - If there are between 61-70 people at your event and the spillover fee has not been purchased yet, the host will approach the party parent at the end of the event to collect the $30 payment.
- Up to 100 attendees: Purchase a $135 large party fee
  - No more than 75 swimmers are allowed in the recreation pool at one time.
  - Includes 2 additional tables and 20 chairs
  - Must be purchased one week prior (by Thursday)
  - If you have over 65 attendees, and the $135 large party fee was not purchased before your event, the host will approach you at the end of the event to collect a $150 payment.

Extra Time

- Add 30 minutes for $60 or 1 hour for $120

- Must be reserved **one week prior** (by Thursday)
- Extra time is not guaranteed prior to purchase and depends upon the availability of the recreation pool.
- Extra time cannot be added to the beginning of pool parties.

On Site Food Prep / Food Truck

- Onsite food preparation is not allowed on or near the pool deck.
- If you would like to have onsite food preparation, please contact the Party Coordinator to discuss alternative accommodations.

Entertainment

- Face-painters, balloon artists, performers, and similar entertainers are welcome (no extra fee).
- Provide a copy of their business license before the event weekend.

👫 Staffing & Safety

- All staff are background-checked, trained in child abuse prevention, and mandated reporters.
- A signed waiver is required for **all children** (completed at check-in).
- Parents must supervise their children at all times — the host assists but cannot monitor every activity simultaneously.
- Upon arrival, aquatics staff will review pool rules with all swimmers then an adult chaperone will escort swimmers to rinse off in our outdoor showers. All children shorter than height stick (water's depth, i.e.: 4'11") may check out a life jacket or take a swim test.
- Party Hosts are not permitted to accept tips. In lieu of a tip, please consider donating on the Salvation Army Kroc Center San Diego website: Donate to San Diego Kroc Center - General Donations.

📞 Day-of Contact

If you need assistance during your event, please call Gym Guest Services: (619) 269-1472.

⏰ Access Times

- Entry for setup: 30 minutes before your reservation
- Clean-up: 30 minutes after your event
- Please respect the start and end times so our hosts can prepare for the next group.

🍕 Food Guidelines

- Only store-bought or restaurant-prepared food is permitted (no homemade items).
- No refrigeration available – bring a cooler if needed.
- Adults handling food must wear gloves (provided).
- No gas-powered chafing dishes or open flames.
- No alcohol or smoking anywhere on Kroc Center property.
- Please do not bring any glass!

🐶 Service Animal Policy

- Only service animals trained to perform tasks for a person with a disability are permitted.
- Pets and comfort animals are not allowed.

Additional Rules & Regulations

- Please see the "Pool Party & Field Trip Rules" document for additional information regarding water toy usage, pool etiquette, etc. The document can be found on the birthday parties page of our website under pool parties: Birthday Parties & Corner Zone - The Salvation Army Kroc Center - San Diego

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📍 Directions

San Diego Kroc Center Recreation Pool
6753 University Ave, San Diego, CA 92115
A utility cart is available for bringing in items

❌ Cancellation Policy

Please visit our FAQ page for cancellation and date transfer details:

👉 Kroc Center Policies

📧 Contact

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