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City of Palmdale Invites Residents to Join World's Largest Swim Lesson Event

PALMDALE – The City of Palmdale's recreation & culture department's aquatics division is joining forces with the nation's top water safety and training organizations to present The World's Largest Swimming Lesson™ (WLSL), at 10 am on Thursday, June 18 at Drytown Water Park, located at 3850 E. Ave. S.

The swimming lesson is free. Ages 1 through 17 are welcome. Children under the age 4 must be accompanied in the water by a parent or guardian. Participants should arrive to the location at 9:30 am, as the maximum capacity is 200 participants. The lesson starts promptly at 10 am and all participants must be ready to begin on time.

“This is a fun event that helps build awareness about the importance of teaching children to swim to help prevent drowning,” said Aquatics Coordinator Jacki Nuss. “The City of Palmdale is joining forces with various waterparks, pools and other aquatic facilities around the globe that will simultaneously attempt to break the Guinness World Record all for a good cause,” she said.

In the last six years, the event has set six Guinness World Records for the WLSL™, with 36,564 swimmers from 22 countries participating in 2014. More importantly, the effort has spread the vital message Swimming Lessons Save Lives™ through more than 150 million media impressions.

“During the summer kids engage in all sorts of water activities,” Nuss said. “Swimming is a life-saving skill for children and a vital tool to prevent drowning, the second leading cause of unintended, injury-related death for children ages 3 through 14. Research shows if a child doesn't learn to swim by the third grade, they likely never will.

“The WLSL was created to serve as a platform to help local community aquatic facilities and the many different national, regional and state wide water safety and drowning prevention organizations work together to tell this important story on a local and national level,” added Nuss.

For more information, about the WLSL, please visit [www.worldslargestswimminglesson.org](http://www.worldslargestswimminglesson.org). For more information about the WLSL event in Palmdale, please contact the parks and recreation office at 661/267-5611 or by email at [aquatics@cityofpalmdale.org](mailto:aquatics@cityofpalmdale.org).

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