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Special Sensory Swim session offered August 9 at Branson AquaPlex

BRANSON, Mo – The Branson Parks & Recreation Department will host its third Sensory Swim session at the Branson AquaPlex, located at 1501 Branson Hills Pkwy, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. on August 9 for individuals with Sensory Processing Disorders and differing abilities to enjoy the AquaPlex without the typical crowds and noise that come with a public pool.

This Sensory Swim session has many features designed for those with Sensory Processing Disorders in mind. The music and the fountain features will be turned off to reduce the noise level, the lifeguards don't use loud whistles and the number of participants is limited to provide a safe and calm environment for participants to enjoy. The water slides and playground will only be offered during the last hour of the event in order to provide adequate time for participants who enjoy decreased noise levels, and time for those who enjoy the more interactive features of the AquaPlex.

“A public pool can be an overwhelming experience, if not impossible, for people who have sensory processing issues or differing abilities. We are always looking for ways to be more inclusive and this Sensory Swim session is a great way for more people to get to have a fun and safe pool experience. It is also a great addition to our [Inclusive Playground at the Branson RecPlex](#) that is fully handicap accessible and is specially designed for emotional, cognitive, social and sensory development,” said Branson Parks & Recreation Director, Cindy Shook.

The event is free, but pre-registration is required due to capacity limits. A parent or guardian must be present with each participant in order to provide a safe and fun experience for all swimmers.

For more information on the [Branson AquaPlex](#) and to [register online](#), please visit our website at BransonParksandRecreation.com.