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PIMA COUNTY, March 2, 2026 — Recreational swimming will be free at all Pima County aquatic facilities this summer.

As of March 2, 2026, [Pima County Parks & Recreation](#) has suspended daily admission fees for open and lap swim sessions at all of its aquatic facilities. Fees for the County's

other aquatics programs, such as [swimming lessons](#), the [Junior Lifeguard Program](#), and the [Swim Team Program](#), will remain unchanged.

“This modification to our fees will expand access to aquatic recreation and provide additional heat-relief opportunities for County residents during the summer,” said Parks & Recreation Director Victor Pereira.

“It also helps eliminate barriers to entry for low-income and underserved populations, which could increase participation in swimming and other aquatic activities.”

The change will immediately affect the County’s year-round pool at [Thad Terry Aquatic Center](#), 7770 N. Shannon Road. The YMCA of Southern Arizona will continue to collect an admission fee during morning pool operations at the center, consistent with its existing agreement with the County.

All other pools will open Saturday, May 23, for Memorial Day weekend.

Parks & Recreation manages nine pools and three splash pads, which saw more than 194,000 patrons during the last swim season.

Pima County [Parks and Recreation](#) operates and maintains 41 parks, 13 community centers, nine pools, three splash pads, nine dog parks, six shooting, archery and clay target ranges, four BMX/Skate Parks, The Chuck Huckelberry Loop and two Equestrian Arenas.

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