

Winchester Clark-County Parks & Recreation

MEET OUR SWIM

instructors

WCCPR is an affiliated Red Cross teaching facility, meaning all our instructors are WSI certified to teach swim lessons. We follow a detailed curriculum which includes multiple different levels and skills taught for anyone aged 6 months and up! Our primary focus is to teach water safety and help students gain confidence and comfort in the water. Once this is achieved, students may move on to improve stroke technique and work on other skills to help them while swimming. We try to provide a fun and exciting learning environment to help aid in drowning prevention. We are all so excited to meet and work with your family!



About Me

Austin Bellamy is one of WCCPR's WSI Coordinators. She can be found teaching group lessons, private lessons and coaching swim team throughout the year. She has been working at WCCPR for the last 5 years. She coaches for Swimchester Sailfish, Winchester Country Club, and GRC High School Swim Team.



Water Safety Instructor Coordinator

Her passion is educating students the proper technique of each stroke. Her previous coaching experience include LCA and Dunbar High School swim teams, as well as Beaumont YMCA Barracudas, all in Lexington. The love of teaching and coaching began in 1998 when she started with summer swim lessons and a summer league team for LFUCG Parks and Recreation. She went on to become WSI Coordinator and Meet Director for the Aquatics Department at Parks and Recreation, helping to bring many improvements. Athletically, Coach Austin swam for Wildcat Aquatics in Lexington, KY and Signature Club. She currently resides in Winchester with her husband, Robert, and their 4 children.



About Me

Parker Kearns is one of WCCPR's WSI Coordinators. She can be found teaching group and private lessons throughout the year. She has worked at WCCPR for the last 3 years and was an integral part in launching the Swim at the Gym swim program for Clark County's Preschool. These classes provide free swim lessons to the preschool students (ages 4-6) of Clark County Public Schools, thanks to funding from Friends of Parks & Recreation.



Water Safety Instructor Coordinator

Her passion is creating a fun and safe atmosphere for her students, with a primary focus of teaching water safety. Parker has been a certified WSI and Lifeguard, teaching swim lessons for over 8 years. Her previous experience includes teaching swim lessons and coaching a summer league team for 5 years at LFUCG Parks and Recreation. She recently partnered with Octavia Everette & ISR to help provide private swim lessons to families at their homes in Lexington and Versailles. Athletically, Parker swam competitively for 8 years. She resides in Lexington, KY and is the STEM teacher at Wellington Elementary where she teaches grades K-5. She's also currently earning her Masters in Teaching at the University of the Cumberlands.





Water Safety Instructor

About Me

Grace Harder has been teaching swim lessons for a year. She specializes in teaching the basics of swimming as well as proper technique. She grew up in a family of 8, so she has experience with all ages. Grace also has two years of experience traveling and teaching children ages 8-11 through Life Action Ministries. She especially loves teaching kids ages 5 and up.



Water Safety Instructor

About Me

Ella Cravens has been teaching swim lessons for 3 years. On top of teaching swim, Ella also works as a lifeguard and is currently in Nursing School. She has always had a love for the water and loves spending time with kids of all ages while teaching them how to swim.





Water Safety Instructor

About Me

Emily Warner has been swimming competitively for six years and life guarding for nearly three. She loves seeing confidence grow in the water as new swimming skills are mastered. She is excited to share her knowledge and love of swimming to learners of all ages!



Water Safety Instructor

About Me

Naomi Harder has been teaching swim lessons for about 1 year. She loves teaching all ages, but specifically loves teaching ages 5-9. Naomi specializes in teaching kids the basics of swimming and more. Her favorite part about teaching swim lessons is getting to interact with children and learning how best to improve her swim instructor skills and abilities.





Water Safety Instructor

About Me

Kalina Callahan is a certified TRX and WSI. She has been teaching swim lessons for the last year. She is currently teaching the Clark County Preschool Aquatic swim lessons throughout the week, on top of teaching private swim lessons. She's been working in the WCCPR facility for almost 3 years. Other activities she enjoys are TRX, reading, spending time with friends and being outdoors.



Water Safety Instructor

About Me

Lydia Jirak is currently in high school and attends a homeschool co-op in Lexington, KY. She comes from a large family (number 4 of 7!), all of whom are very active. In addition to swimming regularly, she also enjoys weightlifting, reading, lifeguarding and volunteering in the nursery at her church. She has a passion for teaching kids how to swim and enjoys seeing her student's progress.





Water Safety Instructor

About Me

Libby Taylor has been a competitive swimmer for eleven years now. Additionally, she has taught private swim lessons and been an active lifeguard for the past two years. She loves teaching children from ages 2 and up all different skills in the pool while also having fun. She believes that swimming is an extremely important skill, and everyone should have an opportunity to learn.

