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### **Charlotte Aquatic Center Sees Growth in Activities**

You may have noticed that you have to walk a little further from your parking space to get into the Aquatic Center. The reason for your extra steps is that overall participation in programs and memberships have been higher than in the previous half dozen years, and there is a plan in place to see this trend moving forward for years to come.



“It’s been the goal of Charlotte Public Schools along with the Charlotte Aquatic Center to engage our community and continue to grow the facility’s usage”, said Dan Christian, Aquatic Center Supervisor. “We’re building from the ground up. We have our Red Cross lessons which begin when a child is as young as six months old, to our multiple school and club swim teams, to our Red Cross Lifeguard training and even SCUBA for those up to the challenge.” Christian explained that swim lesson enrollments have been up by fifty percent from 2013 to 2014, and a professionally trained staff is a large reason for the successful program. The Aquatic Center now has staff that has over 50 years of collective experience teaching Red Cross swim lessons.

Lessons are not the only programs that have seen growth over the past several years. Water exercise classes, lifeguard training courses, and the Tiger Shark Swim Club have also grown from year to year. There is also the annual Daddy Daughter Dance, hosted by the Aquatic Center, which has attracted more and more couples each year. Last year’s Dance saw about 800 couples crowd the dance floor. This year’s dance is on both February 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. For more information, please contact the Aquatic Center at 541-5740.