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Aquatic Center Takes to the Basketball Courts and Ball fields

The Charlotte Aquatic Center is a great place to visit if you would like to go for a swim, but did you know that community recreation is also facilitated through the Aquatic Center? In addition to swim lessons, SCUBA, Tiger Sharks Swim Team, water exercise classes and open swim and more, the pool has begun to branch out and offer team-oriented activities for the area.

While summer baseball has been taking place for years, this past summer marks the first time that the program was facilitated through the Aquatic Center office. 187 kindergarteners through third- graders participated, and the program has grown from year to year with former CHS star, Brian Lautzenheiser, leading the effort. With the growth of the baseball program, the Aquatic Center noticed that there may be opportunities to provide other sporting outlets to the community.

The most recent addition to recreation programs outside the pool has been youth basketball. For the past six weeks, Bill Newhouse, CHS Varsity Basketball Coach, along with several high school student-athlete volunteers worked with third through sixth grade girls from the community on a broad range of basketball fundamentals and drills. Area boys in grades three through six will be able to participate in a Saturday morning basketball program beginning in December with CHS boys coach, Steve Ernst, and several student-athlete volunteers. "I am excited, to work together with the CPS Recreation Department, to provide a winter boys basketball program, "said Coach Ernst. "Future Oriole stars for years developed in this same cooperative program."

For more information regarding community recreation programs, please visit our website at registration.swimcharlotte.org , or call the Aquatic Center office at 517-541-5740.