



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. **QUESTION:** Where are the interior pictures of the Aquatic Center?

ANSWER: Pictures of both the Aquatic Center interior current phase can be found on our website and Facebook page. [Andersen Phase I \(current phase\)](#)

2. **QUESTION:** When the Aquatic Center is done and operational is there a plan on who is going to run it and what the cost is? Will the tax that's been collected over the past 20 years stop? If the taxes continue then do the ones paying the tax get to swim for free? How will this all work if you have it figured out, please share with everyone.

ANSWER: The WECRD will oversee hiring qualified employees to run the day-to-day operations of the Aquatic Center to include Lifeguards/Recreation Coordinator/Maintenance Technician etc.... We have a Projected Maintenance and Operating Budget posted on our website for all to view. The Aquatic Center is not a private entity and will be built and sustained largely by property taxes. There will be no membership fees for the Aquatic Center, however people will be charged a modest daily use fee or can purchase passes.

<https://wecrd.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/WECRD-Aquatic-Center-Operating-Budget.xlsx-MO-Budget-2023.pdf>

3. **QUESTION:** Are donations tax deductible?

ANSWER: Donations to the Aquatic Center may be tax-deductible. Individuals interested in contributing can contact Betty Ashcraft, Chair of the Recreation Foundation of Elmore County (RFEC)—a 501(c)(3) charitable organization—by email at bsashcraft18@gmail.com or visit our website at wecrd.org for more information.

4. **QUESTION:** Why hasn't an AUDIT been completed?

ANSWER: An Audit is completed annually for the WECRD as required by the Idaho Code.

5. **QUESTION:** Why has the project taken so long to complete, and it still is not done?

ANSWER: Unfortunately, in the past funds were diverted away from the construction of the facility and the WECRD was left with big penalties for cancelled contracts. The current board is on track making the Aquatic Center a reality.

6. **QUESTION:** How will two pools benefit the Mountain Home community?
ANSWER: The Mountain Home City Pool is an outdoor pool and open for the hot summer months; the **WECRD Aquatic Center** will be open year-round. Giving the community a place to go year-round for physical activity and water fun.
7. **QUESTION:** Will there be programs offered at the Aquatic Center?
ANSWER: The Aquatic Center will offer a variety of programs such as swim lessons, water aerobics, school swim meets, lifeguard training, water physical therapy and much more.
8. **QUESTION:** How much will it cost to use the Aquatic Center?
ANSWER: The Aquatic Center is not a private entity and will be built and sustained largely by property taxes. There will be no membership fees for the Aquatic Center however people will be charged a modest daily use fee or can buy passes for multiple use. There is a projected maintenance and operations budget on our website. <https://wecrd.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/WECRD-Aquatic-Center-Operating-Budget.xlsx-MO-Budget-2023.pdf>
9. **QUESTION:** When will the Aquatic Center be finished?
ANSWER: Unfortunately, we do not have a timeframe of when the Aquatic Center will be open for use. The WECRD pays for projects based on what is received through taxes, grants, and donations.
10. **QUESTION:** How much will it cost to install the HVAC?
ANSWER: The HVAC system is comprised of two units for the entire facility and is estimated to cost around \$600,000-\$750,000. This is quite a big purchase, and the Foundation is working hard to raise funds for this item. The estimated cost will unfortunately increase the longer it takes to purchase. There is also a six-month lead time.
11. **QUESTION:** Will there be job opportunities once the Aquatic Center is opened?
ANSWER: Yes, we will offer positions for facilities manager, recreation coordinator, office assistant, lifeguards, front desk staff, maintenance technician. Some of these positions will be full-time and part-time.

12. **QUESTION:** Will you offer senior discounts? Or military discounts?

ANSWER: Yes, we will offer a variety of options; senior and military discounts, family packages, youth prices, punch passes, annual passes, and basic daily admissions.

13. **QUESTION:** Will there be rooms available to rent for parties?

ANSWER: Yes, we will offer multipurpose rooms for rent for events such as birthday parties, physical therapy sessions, business/group meetings and more...

14. **QUESTION:** Where will the money go that is earned from the day-to-day revenue?

ANSWER: Daily revenue will be used to support the Aquatic Center's ongoing maintenance and operations, as well as future projects and improvements. These may include additions such as a splash pad, pickleball courts, walking and biking paths, multi-sport game courts, and other community amenities.

15. **QUESTION:** How much more is required to finish the Aquatic Center?

ANSWER: Providing an estimated timeline or overall project cost at this stage would not offer reliable information, as these details are subject to change based on factors such as pricing, availability, and funding received. Because of these variables, any estimate shared now could quickly become inaccurate, which may lead to confusion or frustration if expectations are not met.

16. **QUESTION:** Why did the WECRD choose a SPRUNG building vs a brick and mortar?

ANSWER: The Sprung building has a faster build rate than a brick and mortar, minimal foundation requirements depending on the soil. The design has flexibility, non-corroding aluminum substructure and ultra-durable membrane which is built to last and has an almost indefinite lifespan. It is an energy efficient, robust tension system built to sustain extreme weather conditions. The attractive finish eliminates the need to refinish the interior/exterior walls, the superior airtightness of the building envelope increases the efficiency of the insulation and lowers HVAC and other operating costs.

17. **QUESTION:** What are the pool dimensions?

ANSWER: Pool dimensions and recommendations for a USA Swimming Certified Pool; The six-lane lap pool meets the requirements set by the National Federation of State High School Associations. It is 75 feet in length, 45 feet wide, and 12 feet deep.