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THIS MONTH'S  
TOP STORIES

## Rocky River Pool

by **Annie S.**

This summer I took swimming lessons at the Rocky River (RR) outdoor pool.

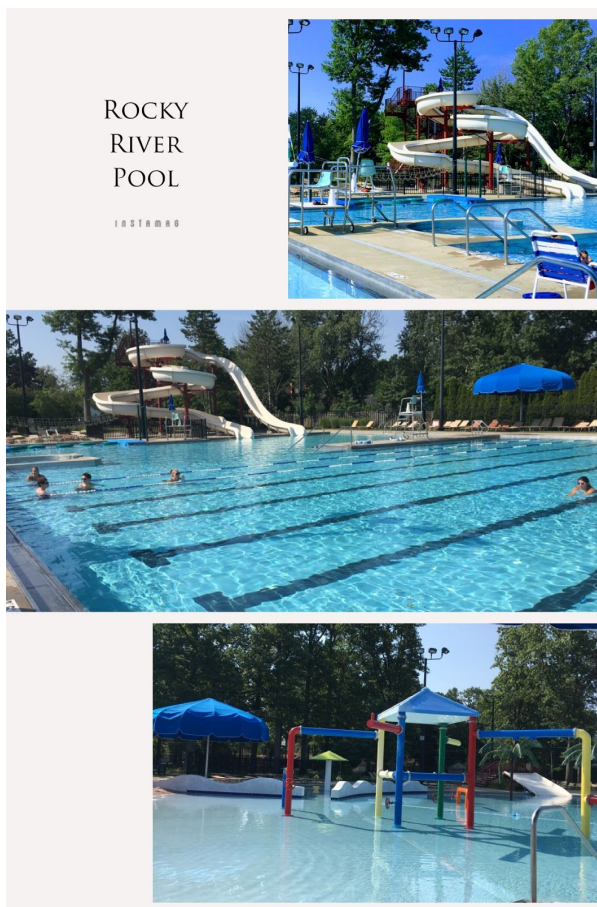
The pool goes from 2 feet to 6 feet, and it's 25 meters long. It has water slides and 2 lanes used for certain swimming lesson levels. There's a baby/toddler pool and also a splash zone. The RR outdoor pool has a lot of fun sections!

There are six different levels in swimming lessons. They are based on your skills. There are four sessions in a summer. All of the levels except for level one have lessons for forty-five minutes. The lessons all go from Monday to Thursday for two weeks.

I took three levels of lessons this summer. They are level three, level four, and level five. In level three, I had two instructors. There were about ten students in that class. We first flutter kicked across the pool, on our stomach and on our back. Then we tried front stroke/freestyle. We learned and fixed our rotary breathing, which is basically taking one side of your head out of the water and breathing before putting it back in. We reviewed backstroke and treaded water- where you go into a deep end and try to stay afloat on top of the water. Next we learned breaststroke, a stroke when you look kind of like a frog! Lastly we learned ANOTHER stroke called elementary backstroke (it's almost like breaststroke on your back).

In level four, there were two students in the class. There was one instructor. For level four, we used the lane lines. First we reviewed all of the strokes and stuff from level three, then we learned more strokes. I also passed that level. In level five, we learned the open flip turns and improved our strokes. We also had to tread for five minutes without stopping. I succeeded in that level!

Taking swimming lessons at the Rocky River outdoor pool is amazing!



# SUMMER READING PROGRAMS

By Alex G.

All Kensington students were invited to a summer reading program at the Rocky River Public Library. There was also one in Lakewood. I liked Lakewood the most because the library looks good and has cool prizes. Rocky River did a better job emphasizing their theme: Build A Better World. Lakewood's theme was We Are Family. One benefit of doing a summer reading program is that it helps for your summer reading requirements for school. The table below shows how the two programs are alike and different.

<b>Comparisons</b>	<b>LPL</b>	<b>RRPL</b>
Theme	We are Family	Build a Better World
Prizes	yes	yes
Wild Flour cookie coupon	no	yes
8oz Menchie's coupon	yes	no
River dog coupon	no	yes
Bowling coupon	yes	no
Chipotle coupon	no	yes
Monsters tickets coupon	yes	yes
Entry in drawing for basket of books	yes	no
How many books to check in	5	5
Total books	30	25
Name displayed	yes	yes
Free book	yes	yes

# 2017 Rocky River Rec Day Camp

by Marko Dzodzo

The Rocky River Recreation has made a nice camp for kids from the age of 5 to 13. The Rocky River Rec Day Camp offers a nice place for kids to play and have fun. Kids also do sports tournaments, and go to the gyms in Rocky River. Also there are a lot of crafts and different group games organized weekly.

One thing that I like is that we have fun field trips and you can see your friends from school. The field trips are organized once a week and they go along with our weekly theme. Some of the places we have been to were the Lake Erie Crushers game, Good Times 3 boat trip, Great Lakes Science Center, and the Rocky River Nature Center.

Another thing the kids do is go to the Rocky River splash zone. Every kid goes to the pool at noon. They have their own reserved spot at the pool. Some kids take swim lessons at the pool too. All kids go to swim for 3 hours. I really enjoyed the day camp this year and I hope to be back next year too!

## Solar eclipse!!!

by Alex G.

Did you hear about the solar eclipse on the 21st? Let me tell you all about it.... A solar eclipse occurs a few times every year-but not always a total one like this time! An Eclipse is when the moon gets in the way of the sun. A total eclipse is when the moon is *just* the right size and at *just* the right angle. Speaking of size, sometimes the moon appears to be too small to cover the whole sun. This is an *annular* eclipse. The next annular eclipse is on 12-26-19! But, there will also be a total eclipse where Cleveland will be in the path of it! It will be on 4-8-24.

Let me tell you what my experience was like...



Most of you probably saw exactly what I saw. It got darker, even though it wasn't dark. Crickets started chirping. The temperature dropped. I used a pinhole method to view the eclipse, shown in the picture on the left. The tree leaves also created kind of a pinhole effect as you can see in the picture on the right.



If you are interested in learning more, I learned a lot about solar eclipses from the *Muse* magazine July/August 2017 issue, and found really exciting information about this solar eclipse at the following website:

<https://www.vox.com/science-and-health/2017/7/25/16019892/solar-eclipse-2017-interactive-map>

Cartoon section!

Cartoon of The Month by Alex G.

