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THIRD GRADERS GEAR UP FOR A WEEK OF FREE SWIM LESSONS & WATER SAFETY INSTRUCTION

SKY LAKES MEDICAL CENTER AND THE CITY OF KLAMATH FALLS PARTNER TO MAKE
KLAMATH COUNTY YOUTH WATER SAFE!

Klamath Falls, OR – The *Everyone Swims* program provides ALL third graders in Klamath County the opportunity to participate in a week of FREE swim lessons. Participants receive individualized instruction, develop skills, build confidence, and learn life-saving skills, all while having fun with their peers in the water.



Through a partnership of Sky Lakes Medical Center and the City of Klamath Falls, the *Everyone Swims* program makes an exciting return to Ella Redkey Pool this spring. All lessons will be conducted at the Ella Redkey Pool this April and May.

Klamath County third grader Kennedy S. was asked about participating in the *Everyone Swims* program and stated, “I

am most looking forward to swim lessons being lots of fun and it will help me for the rest of my life.” Kennedy continued, “I am hoping to learn how to swim since I don’t know how yet.”

Sydney D., a local third grader shared, “I am most looking forward to going down the water slide and being at the pool with my friends. I am hoping to learn how to improve my butterfly and dive deeper.”

When Phoenix K. was asked about Everyone Swims, he responded, “The thing I am most looking forward to

during swim lessons is learning how NOT to drown. I am hoping to learn how to keep underwater and not get water up my nose.”

Sky Lakes Medical Center and the City of Klamath Falls honor the legacy of Ella Redkey through the *Everyone Swims* program. Redkey strongly believed that every child should be water safe. *Everyone Swims* teaches youth how to protect themselves in the water in the event of an emergency and shares the fundamentals of swimming. The program consists of four 40-minute swim lessons over the course of a week.

For more information on the *Everyone Swims* program please visit, ellaredkeypool.com or email ellaredkeypool@klamathfalls.city.

Everyone Swims is subject to change dependent on Covid-19 precaution requirements and recommendations.

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Sky Lakes Medical Center Sky Lakes Medical Center is a not-for-profit, community-owned, internationally accredited acute-care teaching hospital dedicated to the people it serves. It is licensed for 176 beds and offers a full range of inpatient and outpatient services, a home health agency, a primary care clinic, and a variety of specialty physician clinics. The Sky Lakes family also includes the award-winning Sky Lakes Cancer Treatment Center and Center for Total Joint and Spine Care, and the Cascades East Family Medicine Residency and clinic. Sky Lakes is proud to be help make our community a healthier place to live through partnerships, investments and leadership.

The City of Klamath Falls is a united community with healthy, welcoming neighborhoods where citizens aspire to live, thrive and enjoy the quality of life afforded by our surroundings, opportunities and values.

Friends of Ella Redkey Pool is nonprofit organization that provides advocacy and support for the Klamath Falls City Pool, with an emphasis on pool programs that increase water safety awareness, improve health, and provide both recreational and competitive sporting opportunities for people of all ages.

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