MAXIMIZE YOUR POOL PROGRAMMING THIS SUMMER!

1. **Look to the land to maximize your space.** Anything you can do in a family community center you can do on deck. The key is to get creative. Ideas might include:
* Pool-side health and wellness workshops
* Games (mah jong, chess, bocce ball, etc.)
* Line dancing
* Walking clubs
* Story time
* Outdoor Paint Night
* Look to your community to find experienced, knowledgeable individuals (artists, instructors) who can become partners to lead land-based activities.
1. **Dive In Movie Night:** watch a “water” themed movie while floating in the pool (“Jaws”). Have everyone bring something to float on. (note copyright laws apply)
2. Pool Theme Nights:
* "Caribbean Summer Night." Each staff member dressed in their parrothead costumes with Jimmy Buffett/Caribbean music playing and palm trees swaying. A coconut relay and limbo contest were some of the activities planned for the evening.
* "Walt Disney Night," where classic Disney Cartoons were shown on a screen situated by the pool with staff dressed up like Mickey, Goofy and other Disney characters.
* "Country Music Night," local country music radio station broadcasted live at the pool. Here again, staff members that were not lifeguarding would wear cowboy hats and western wear.
* "Nostalgia Night" transform pool into a '50s drive-in or sock hop. Have Elvis on site.
1. Programming for teenagers: Theme Nights for teenagers: music, contemporary movies and sports play an important part in the life of a teenager. Theme Nights for teenagers can include a "Rapper Night," with an open mike. "Top 40 Night", where a local disc jockey had a live broadcast at the pool and gave away t-shirts and other items.
2. Group Fit classes: Paddle Board Yoga and recreation/intramural programs such as Canoe Battleship and Inner Tube Water Polo.
3. Pool Scrabble with large sponges
4. **Summer Luau:** Don’t underestimate the popularity of the age ol’ Hawaiian themed pool party with grass skirts, coconuts and tiki torches.
5. Splash and sprints, carnival days
6. variety of Sports clinics-synchro, speed swimming, diving etc.
7. Celebrate National Drowning prevention week with activities all week long.