



Research Brief

Fall 2013 Aquatics Center Survey Results from Student Respondents

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Purpose of brief:

The purpose of this brief is to analyze the results of the Fall 2013 CHC Aquatics Center survey completed by 97 student respondents. The survey prompted respondents to provide opinions about the use of the college pool.

Findings

- 94.8% of respondents indicated they would like access to the CHC pool.
- 91.8% of respondents indicated they would be willing to pay a \$2 fee per semester to get access to the pool.
- 69.1% of respondents indicated that they would not purchase a \$20 pool access card valid for 10 swims at various times.
- 67% of respondents considered themselves swimmers.

The **top three activities** students would like **to do in the pool** were:

1. Lap swim (78.4%)
2. Water exercise/aerobics (64.9%)
3. Lounge/wade (50.5%)

The **top five days and time slots** students selected for pool use were:

1. Saturday - 2:00-4:00 p.m. (67.2%)
2. Friday - 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (64.3%)
3. Wednesday - 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (60.9%)
4. Monday - 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (60.3%)
5. Tuesday - 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (60.3%)

Overview:

During the Fall 2013, Crafton Hills College (CHC) Aquatics Center administered an online survey to gauge staff, faculty and student opinions about the use of the college pool. This brief analyzes the result from 97 student respondents who answered the survey prompts.

Methodology

The online survey consisted of six multiple-choice questions and one open-ended question. The prompts asked respondents about whether they would like to have access to the CHC pool, if they considered themselves swimmers, if they were willing to purchase a \$20 pool access card for 10 swims at various times until a smaller fee became available, whether they would be willing to pay a \$2 fee per semester to get access to the pool, the type of pool activities they would like to do, to specify the days and time slots they preferred for pool access, and to provide any suggestions and/or comments.

Findings

Tables 1-4 illustrate the results of the online survey completed by student respondents. The following findings were compiled as a result of the survey:

- 94.8% of respondents stated that they would like access to the CHC pool.
- 67% of respondents considered themselves swimmers.
- 69.1% of respondents indicated that they would not purchase a \$20 pool access card valid for 10 swims at various times.
- 91.8% of respondents were willing to pay a \$2 fee per semester to get access to the pool.
- The top three activities respondents would like to do in the pool were:
 1. Lap swim (78.4%)
 2. Water exercise/aerobics (64.9%)
 3. Lounge/wade (50.5%)
- The top five days and time slots respondents selected were:
 1. Saturday - 2:00-4:00 p.m. (67.2%)
 2. Friday - 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (64.3%)
 3. Wednesday - 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (60.9%)
 4. Monday - 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (60.3%)
 5. Tuesday - 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (60.3%)

Table 1. Student responses to prompts about pool use.		
Responses to whether they would like to have access to the CHC pool.	#	%
Yes	92	94.8
No	5	5.2
Total	97	100.0
Responses to whether they considered themselves swimmers.	#	%
Yes	65	67.0
No	32	33.0
Total	97	100.0
Respondents' willingness to purchase a \$20 pool access card valid for 10 swims at various times until a smaller fee becomes available.	#	%
Yes	30	30.9
No	67	69.1
Total	97	100.0
Respondents' willingness to pay a \$2 fee per semester to get access to the pool.	#	%
Yes	89	91.8
No	8	8.2
Total	97	100.0

Table 2A. Respondents' preferred pool activities.	#	%
Water Exercise/Aerobics	63	64.9
Lap Swim	76	78.4
Lounge/Wade	49	50.5
Water Polo	25	25.8
Other	6	6.2
Total	97	100.0

Table 2B. Other pool activities respondents listed.
Fun activities like Marco/polo
Fun Stuff
Just wading
Life guard/ CPR certification
Marco Polo
Swimming lessons for different skill levels

Respondents were provided the opportunity to select from a list of days and time slots they preferred to use the pool. Table 3 illustrates the results from the day and time slots respondents selected. Respondents' selections were organized from the highest to least percentage.

Table 3. Preferred days & time slots respondents selected to use the pool.	#	N	%
Saturday - 2:00-4:00 p.m.	41	61	67.2
Friday - 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	45	70	64.3
Wednesday - 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	42	69	60.9
Monday - 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	41	68	60.3
Tuesday - 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	41	68	60.3
Thursday - 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	41	69	59.4
Friday - 2:00-4:00 p.m.	41	70	58.6
Saturday - 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	35	61	57.4
Thursday - 2:00-4:00 p.m.	39	69	56.5
Wednesday - 2:00-4:00 p.m.	38	69	55.1
Monday - 2:00-4:00 p.m.	37	68	54.4
Tuesday - 2:00-4:00 p.m.	37	68	54.4
Saturday - 4:00-7:00 p.m.	33	61	54.1
Saturday - 7:00-9:00 p.m.	31	61	50.8
Monday - 4:00-7:00 p.m.	34	68	50
Wednesday - 9:00-11:00 a.m.	34	69	49.3
Friday - 4:00-7:00 p.m.	34	70	48.6
Tuesday - 4:00-7:00 p.m.	33	68	48.5
Saturday - 9:00-11:00 a.m.	29	61	47.5
Thursday - 4:00-7:00 p.m.	32	69	46.4
Thursday - 7:00-9:00 p.m.	32	69	46.4
Monday - 9:00-11:00 a.m.	31	68	45.6
Monday - 7:00-9:00 p.m.	31	68	45.6
Tuesday - 9:00-11:00 a.m.	31	68	45.6
Tuesday - 7:00-9:00 p.m.	31	68	45.6
Wednesday - 4:00-7:00 p.m.	31	69	44.9
Friday - 9:00-11:00 a.m.	31	70	44.3
Wednesday - 7:00-9:00 p.m.	30	69	43.5
Friday - 7:00-9:00 p.m.	30	70	42.9
Thursday - 9:00-11:00 a.m.	29	69	42
Saturday - 7:00-9:00 a.m.	24	61	39.3
Monday - 7:00-9:00 a.m.	25	68	36.8
Tuesday - 7:00-9:00 a.m.	23	68	33.8
Wednesday - 7:00-9:00 a.m.	23	69	33.3
Thursday - 7:00-9:00 a.m.	23	69	33.3
Friday - 7:00-9:00 a.m.	23	70	32.9

Note: Respondents had the option to select multiple days and time slots.

Table 4 below includes open-ended comments and/or suggestions from students who completed the survey. In general, respondents indicated that the pool is underutilized.

Table4. Respondents' open-ended comments and/or suggestions.
A wave making machine would be great to have at Crafton Hills, it would bring in a lot of money to the aquatics center, for it would be the only one around the area, the nearest one is at raging waters. Take that into consideration.
Above you state that there is a swim club already in place. I have been a student for since 2002 and this is the first I have heard about it. That is really disappointing to me considering I played Water Polo and swam in High School. I would have loved to use the pool this past 11 years.

Dear CHC Aquatics: I am an amateur swimmer now but did plenty in high school and for RST. That Olympic pool is nice to have and am sure CHC will use well. I would be interested in paying the 20 dollars to use the pool throughout the year. Early morning or later at night would be nice. Maybe a P.E. class that was swimming. Something of that nature is worth looking into for those possibilities. Pools are expensive and not many JCs have them. Better to use it then just have it be there.

Enrollment with 12 or more units per semester at CHC should grant eligible students at least 4 hours of pool time each week.

I probably would have already bought a swim pass, if the hours that it was open were better. I have been looking forward to using the pool since it opened, but the hours just don't work for me and my schedule.

I think that it is only fair that college students get to use the pool that is at our college. I also think that we should have a class dedicated to swimming and conditioning

It seems frivolous to me that we have an amazing aquatics facility that is not open to students on a regular basis throughout the semester with exception to the meeting times of regular classes

It would be nice to be able to just hang out in the pool sometimes. I think you guys should go for it.

Maybe consider having where you can pay on an as needed basis.

Maybe you could offer a family and friends pass to be purchased. I would be more likely to go to the pool more often if I could bring my family and friends that don't attend Crafton.

Please offer more opportunities at the Aquatic center for CHC students. There are so many possible uses for the pool including fitness and recreational as well as learning opportunities. I would be ecstatic if there were more time slots offered for personal use of the pool and life guard/CPR certification programs.

Thanks for asking!!!

The pool should be available for students every day of the week from 7 a.m. through 9 p.m.

The pool should be rented out for public swim lessons, that money could be used to cover costs for CHC students. Please think outside the box on how to beat cover costs to CHC, the students are not a bank account.

We need a beginner swimmer class.