

Make a splash at aquatic center

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Cool off and make a splash this summer at the Edgerton Aquatic Center.

Located at 310 N. Main St. in Central Park, the center offers many special features:

- The lower pool offers zero depth entry, which is of particular importance for smaller children and people with special needs. The grade of the pool is similar to that of a beach. Everyone is able to touch the bottom somewhere in the lower pool.

- The lower pool has a 25-foot water slide that ends in four feet of water, so people of all ages can enjoy the feature.

- The lower pool's depth goes from zero to 4.5 feet and is 'C' shaped.

- The 'L' shaped upper pool's depth is from three to 11 feet. Two low diving boards are installed above the deep end.

- The upper pool has stairs to enter into the shallowest area.

- A 'duck' slide (zero depth entry) for children five years old and under is available.

- The pool is surrounded by a grassy area, which promotes relaxation and aids sunbathing. There is also a small playground area and a volleyball area.

Summer 2018 Pool Hours

- The pool season runs

June 3 through Aug. 25.

- Open swim hours are noon to 5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m., Monday through Friday; and noon to 7 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. If the pool is rented for a private event, open swim hours will end at 5:30 p.m.

- Adult lap swim will be scheduled Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to noon, as well as 5-6 p.m. on Monday through Friday and 6-7:30 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday.

Daily Admission

- Admission is free for children two years and younger, and for people 60 and older. Admission for everyone else is \$4.

- Evening swim, ages 3-59, \$2. Dollar dip: last hour of the swim session for \$1. Aerobics or lap swim, \$1.

Season Passes

- For residents (must live inside the city limits or pay property taxes to the city): \$40 per individual. For non-residents: \$60 per individual. There is a \$5 discount on all season passes if purchased on or before June 3. Household season passes for family of four are \$120 for residents, \$150 for non-residents.

- By purchasing a "Rock County Super Pass" for \$10 extra, you can also visit pools in Janesville or Evansville.

Swimming Lessons

- The pool offers swimming lessons according

to the American Red Cross Standards.

Cost is \$25 per child per session with a season pass, or \$30 per child without a season pass.

Two evening lesson sessions will be offered this year for levels 1 and 2: June 4-14 and June 18-28.

Morning sessions (times vary depending on level) will be held June 18-28, July 9-20, and July 30-Aug. 10.

Lessons are held Monday through Thursday, with Fridays set aside for rain dates.

Otters Swim Team

For youth (ages 18 and under) looking for a little swimming competition, the Edgerton Swim Team is the place to be. Participation costs \$60 per season.

Practice runs Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. or 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Children need to be able to swim 25 meters to participate.

Pool Rental

The pool is available for rental on Saturday and Sunday evenings from 6-8 p.m. Cost is \$150 for 25 people or less. Additional people cost \$1 per person.

Water Aerobics

Water aerobic sessions are held Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to noon and/or Monday through Thursday 5-6 p.m.

For more pool details call 608-884-3232.



A procession of tractors and other antique farm equipment form the Threshere's "Parade of Power" at last year's festival. (Photo by Jack McLaughlin)

Rock River Threshere rolls back in time

This annual event has been rolling for more than six decades and counting.

The 62nd annual Rock River Threshere will be held on Labor Day weekend, Aug. 31-Sept. 3 at Thresherman's Park, 51 E. Cox Road, halfway between Edgerton and Janesville.

The Threshere is an exhibition of farm equipment and techniques from the late 1800s and early 1900s, including hundreds of antique tractors and other machines.

Steam will once again be the order of the day, from the roar and the whistle of the Rock River Cannonball locomotive to the sooty huff and whirring iron flywheels that mark

the massive steam traction engines that dominate the event.

Each day at 2 p.m., during the "Parade of Power," steam traction engines manufactured by J.I. Case, Minneapolis-Moline Power Implement Co., Advance Rumley, and Nichols & Shepherd Co. roll through the park.

Other attractions include a flea market with 300-plus vendors; daily steam pile driver demonstration; blacksmith, wheelwright and wood carving demonstrations; corn shelling; antique car and truck displays; live music; a steam calliope; a museum of agriculture and industry; and much more.

Also, this year the

Threshere will be featuring Massey equipment and Stover Gas engines.

The Threshere is an outdoor event in a rural setting. You'll be doing a lot of walking if you come, so plan on wearing comfortable shoes and clothes. Don't wear white clothes, especially if you plan on riding the Cannonball — they'll probably get dirty. Admission is charged but parking is free.

In 1961, the Rock River Threshere bought the first parcel of land for what would become Thresherman's Park. In 1965 the organization obtained tax-exempt status.

For more information, call 608-868-2814 or visit www.threshere.org.



ROCK RIVER THRESHERE INC.

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Labor Day Weekend • Aug. 31 - Sept 3, 2018

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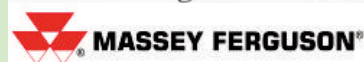
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Contact: www.threshere.com • For general info call: 608-868-2814 • Flea Market: 608-728-3407

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