



LOWDEN AQUATIC PARK PROJECT, Inc.
P.O. Box 2881, Weaverville, CA 96093

Dear LAPP Supporters,

2009 was a great year for LAPP and the Lowden Park Pool, with completion of the new pool and a highly successful swim season!

Over 12,000 user days occurred last summer in a season that lasted for only 90 calendar days. This is about 25% higher than in any previous year! The Weaverville Swim team had a great season with 90 kids participating. The first swim meet in the new pool was held as a dual meet in June 2009, which brought dozens of out-of-town families to Weaverville for the event. Free swim lessons were once again provided in June to children under 5 through funds provided by the Trinity County First Five Commission. School use of the pool, water aerobics, and lap swim were also popular activities.

Even with this success, much remains to be done. A portion of the facility is still bare dirt where the splash play area and sand volleyball court will be located. In addition, a new bath/shower/locker room building is planned to be constructed adjacent to the existing ones, which will then be converted into storage. Although funds for these remaining facility elements are presently limited, we did get a \$15,000 grant towards the new building from the Block Grant Program. We are hopeful that with modest fundraising and continued volunteer support progress will continue in 2010 towards achieving our goals.

LAPP held various fundraisers in 2009, including the 4th annual Big Splash and the 3rd annual LAPP Luau. We also had a booth at the salmon festival in October and plan to continue with the tradition of the holiday wreaths and swags in Nov-Dec.

Beyond planned new construction, LAPP contributes substantially to operation and maintenance of the new facility. Almost all community pools operate at a loss and are subsidized by the community or City/County funds. In 2009 LAPP contributed over \$17,000 (out of a budget of about \$60,000) to the Weaverville-Douglas City Park and Recreation District for pool operations (staff, lifeguards, chemicals, utilities [the new electric heaters are awesome and save about 50% from the previous propane heaters, but still cost about \$5,000 for the season] insurance, etc.)

Please clip the form on our newsletter to continue your support for LAPP, being as generous as possible for our construction or O&M funds, and remaining part of the grassroots effort to create and sustain a new, modern pool facility with activities for all ages in our beautiful mountain community.

Sincerely,

Lowden Aquatic Park Project Board: Graham Matthews, Brandt Gutermuth, Noreen Doyas,
Scott LaFein, Joanne Harper