

Recreation Pool Rental FAQs

What types of events can the recreation pool be reserved for?

The recreation pool can be reserved for birthday parties, class trips, family outings, and Residence Hall floor events.

When is the pool available?

The pool has limited availability. The pool is available on Saturdays 6:00pm - 8:00p and Sundays 6:00pm - 7:00pm. Other options are available on BU Holidays and breaks.

How many people can be accommodated in the pool?

The recreation pool can accommodate up to 75 participants. The hot tub can accommodate up to 15 individuals in it at once.

How do I get to the Fitness and Recreation Center?

Directions can be found at <http://www.bu.edu/fitrec/about/directions.html>

Where should I park?

There is an underground parking garage next door at Agganis Arena. [Rates](#) change between Event and Non-Event days.

Metered parking is also available along Commonwealth Avenue.

For more information about Agganis Events and possible parking conflicts, visit:

<http://www.agganisarena.com/events/calendar/calendar.asp>

****Parking is not guaranteed at the Fitness and Recreation Center. A parking validator is located within FitRec by our exit turnstiles****

I have decided on a facility rental, what is the next step?

1. Please complete the [Online Rentals Request form](#). This is only a request form. If your request can be accommodated, you will be required to complete a rental agreement and a deposit to hold the date.
2. Requests should be made at a minimum of 4 weeks in advance. Requests made less than 3 weeks in advance can not be accommodated.

Is there a waiver form that participants need to sign?

All non BU student participants must submit a waiver of liability (received through email via SmartWaiver). For anyone under 18 years of age, this form must be signed by a parent or guardian. Anyone without a properly signed form will not be allowed to enter the Fitness and Recreation Center.

What does the rental fee include?

The rental fee includes 1 hour of activity in the pool This also includes exclusive use of the recreation pool, lifeguards, and pool toys.

Lifeguards are for safety and supervision only. The lifeguards will provide small inner tubes for use in the lazy river, noodles, 2 basketball hoops at differing heights, balls, and diving rings

Is there a minimum age for the swimmers at a Birthday Party?

Swimmers must be at least 5 years old.

Are swim caps required?

Swim caps are NOT required during rentals.

Are towels provided?

It is recommended that all participants in a pool rental bring their own personal towel. Towels can be purchased for use only at our Pro Shop for \$1. They must be returned.

What do I do when I arrive?

Upon arrival, the host must check-in at the front desk and provide the Fitrec staff with a guest list. It is a good idea to invite guests to arrive 15 minutes before the actual rental time. That way, everyone is ready to play when the rental begins. The group will gather in the lobby and be escorted to the reserved area at the designated time.

Where can we get changed?

Locker rooms are located in the hallway next to the pool. Participants are encouraged to wear their swim suit under their clothing when attending a pool event. Children must use the appropriate locker room for their gender. Smaller family locker rooms are also available.

Do parents need to be in the water with their children?.

- For children ages 5-6 there MUST be 1 adult in the water for every 5 children.
- For children ages 7-10 there must be 1 adult in the water for every 10 children.
- Regardless of age, if the child is a non-swimmer an adult must be in the water with the child.

Is there a swim test?

At the beginning of a rental, a swim test will be administered. Participants will be required to swim one length of the pool (20yds). Anyone who wishes to skip the test will be directed to the shallow area of the pool (3'6" in depth). For their own safety, anyone unable to complete this test will NOT be allowed into the deep end or into the lazy river unless they are directly accompanied by an adult.

*****PLEASE DIRECT ALL OTHER QUESTIONS TO OUR RENTALS TEAM at rentfrc@bu.edu *****