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No Cost Swimming Lessons Available for Camden County Children

WOODBINE, Ga. – August 11, 2022 – The Camden County Board of Commissioners, in a partnership with the City of St. Marys, are providing swimming lessons to Camden County children at no cost to the participants. Camden County and the City of St. Marys each dedicated \$12,500 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) revenue loss funds to the program.

Lessons will be provided by the Camden County [Public Service Authority \(PSA\)](#) in their heated pool. Registration will take place September 1-15, 2022, by visiting the PSA at 1050 Wildcat Drive in Kingsland. The combined \$25,000 in funding will provide 200 children with no cost swimming lessons.

“We are excited to bring this program to Camden County’s children,” said Chairman Gary Blount. “As a coastal community, it is vital that our youngest residents are able to safely enjoy our natural resources by learning these lifelong skills.”

According to the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#), drowning is the second leading cause of accidental death for children under the age of 14. Each day in the US 11 children die of drowning and another 22 suffer non-fatal drowning injuries that can lead to permanent disabilities.

“This is a great opportunity for Camden County families to provide a significant, life-saving skill to their children,” said County Administrator Steve Howard. We are pleased to partner with the City of St. Marys and the PSA to provide this valuable resource to our community.”

About Camden County: Located in the extreme southeast corner of Georgia, Camden County truly is “Georgia’s Coastal Community of Choice.” Originally formed in 1777, Camden County is best known for its rich history, natural scenic beauty and Southern hospitality. Our vision is helping to make this the best place to live by preserving and enhancing the history and quality of life, while promoting smart growth and providing an efficient, effective and responsive government.

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