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### Columbia pools set to open for the summer

**COLUMBIA, MO (May 24, 2005)** -- Summer is right around the corner and so is the opening of Columbia's public outdoor aquatic facilities. The Oakland Family Aquatic Center will open May 28 for Memorial Day weekend and the rest of the facilities will open June 3.

Following are pool schedules and amenities for the 2005 summer. Pool hours may change late in the summer:

**Oakland Family Aquatic Center**--Oakland will be open from 12 to 6 p.m. daily between May 28 and June 3. Starting June 4, the facility will resume normal summer hours through Aug. 19: 12 to 8 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays and 12 to 6 p.m. on Sundays.

Located at 1900 Blue Ridge Road, the Oakland Family Aquatic Center offers a children's interactive play area with sprinklers and a water slide. There is also a concession area and a large deck area with shade umbrellas.

**Lake of the Woods**--The outdoor pool at Lake of the Woods will open June 3 through Aug. 14 with the following hours: 12 to 6:30 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, and 12 to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. The Lake of Woods facility is set on the golf course at 6700 St. Charles Road. Its features include a water slide, shade umbrellas and concession stand.

**Douglass Family Aquatic Center**—The Douglass pool will open June 3 through Aug. 14 with the following hours: 1 to 7 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, and from 3 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The facility is located at 400 N. Providence Road and features a double loop water slide, wading pool with raindrop and a shaded shelter.

**Pirates' Landing**—Located at Twin Lakes Recreation Area, the facility includes Little Mates Cove and the swimming lake. Little Mates will be open starting June 3 through July 31 with the following hours: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays and from 12 to 6 p.m. on Sundays. Between Aug. 1-14, Little Mates will change its weekday hours to 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. The kiddie water park features slides, sprinklers, water cannons and waterfalls.

The 6.5 acre lake will be open June 3 through July 31 from 12 to 8 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and 12 to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Between Aug. 1-14, the lake will be open 12 to 6 p.m. daily. The lake offers a sand beach, a large shallow area and dock with slides and diving boards. Paddle boats are also available for rental.

Fees for the summer are \$2 for youth between 2 and 15 years of age, \$3.25 for adults 16 and older, and free for infants. Coupon books for the 2005 season are available at a cost of \$30 for youth and \$49 for adults. The books cover 20 visits and expire Sept. 5, 2005.

For more information, call 884-7700 or 874-7460.