

ANITA PURVES NATURE CENTER

{1505 N. Broadway, Urbana}

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The Anita Purves Nature Center, located at the north end of Crystal Lake Park, is an environmental education facility open free to the public. Next door you'll find Busey Woods, a 59-acre forest preserve with a boardwalk loop, seasonal ponds and more. The nature center is on the MTD gold bus line on weekdays and the silver bus line on Saturdays. For information about programs and services, please call 384-4062.

Hours: M-F 8am-5pm, Sa 9am-4pm
Closed for holidays: Dec 24-26
Closed for cleaning: Jan 1-8



PROGRAMS BY REQUEST

You can come to us or we can come to you! Reservations must be made at least two weeks in advance. Call 384-4062 for fee and scheduling information.

SPECIAL TOURS A naturalist will take your group on a tour of Busey Woods or Meadowbrook Park. Custom tours are available, including special tours designed for scout badges.

TRAVELING NATURALIST Invite a naturalist to visit your group for a one-time, weekly or monthly program. Choose from many topics or request one of your own.

What's inside the Anita Purves Nature Center?

Room	Details	Hours
Field Station	Discover the natural history of Illinois, its landscape, native animals and plants and ecosystems. Interactive and hands-on displays – including a working beehive and live education animals – showcase the diversity of Illinois and the local area.	Nature Center Hours
Wildlife Observation Room	No matter the weather, you can watch the birds and other wildlife at the outdoor feeders or curl up with a book. The wildlife habitat garden will be getting a new look – come by and check out the changes.	Nature Center Hours
Multipurpose Rooms	The Nature Center's multipurpose rooms are ideal for educational programs, parties or group retreats. Rooms feature views of the prairie garden and close proximity to Busey Woods. Available rooms seat between 25 and 75 people and include counter space and sinks. VCR/DVD, monitor, easels, and LCD available for additional fee. To request rental information, call 384-4062. Reservations must be made at least two weeks in advance.	Jun-Aug weekdays 7–11pm Jun-Aug weekends 8am–11pm Sep-May 8am–11pm
Audubon Nature Shop	Looking for a unique nature-related gift? This shop has a wide range of carefully-selected items including: bird feeders, binoculars, books for all ages, party favors and puppets. Operated by the Champaign County Audubon Society, this nonprofit shop donates all proceeds to local environmental education or conservation projects. Audubon members get a 10% discount on purchases. Cash, Check, Visa, MasterCard and Discover accepted.	M-Sa 9am–4pm
Educator Resource Room	Be sure to visit the Resource Room if you are seeking ideas for lessons, programs, activities, or need help identifying a bird, flower or tree. Devoted to assisting people who educate others about the outdoors, the Resource Room contains many reference guides, curriculum materials and videos. All items may be borrowed with a deposit. A wide variety of Educational Loan Boxes are available for a small fee. Call 384-4062 for availability, or just stop by and have a look.	M-Sa 9am–4pm

BROOKENS GYMNASIUM

{1776 E. Washington, Urbana} Corner of Washington & Lierman {Phone: 217-255-8601}

Brookens Gym is in the north pod of the Champaign County Administration (Brookens) Building. The gym is well-lit and has a reconditioned floor. Locker rooms are available to program participants. Locks are not provided. Ample parking can be found directly adjacent to the building accessible from the Lierman Avenue entrance.

Urbana Park District Event Hotline: (217) 367-9575

For information about program cancellations, including weather cancellations, and for updates about special events or other key happenings at the Urbana Park District, call the Urbana Park District Event Hotline at 367-9575. For evening sports programs, this line will be updated after 4:30pm on weekdays and one hour before the scheduled program or sports on the weekend. All other updates will be made as conditions change.



Sports Officials

Urbana Park District youth and adult sports programs provide an excellent training ground for individuals interested in officiating sports. Officials are needed for youth basketball and soccer. Officials must be 16 years or older. Certified officials are encouraged to apply to assist in maintaining a high-quality program, and to help develop and train less experienced officials. Certified officials are preferred for baseball, softball, and adult basketball. The pay rate varies with the age of competition and sport. Applications are available online at www.urbanaparks.org. Deadlines for application are as follows:

Sport	Deadline	Pay Rate/Game
Adult Volleyball	January 6	\$15-\$17
Youth Soccer	March 9	\$10-\$12
Youth Baseball/Softball	March 9	\$35
Adult Kickball	May 18	\$9

Volunteer Coaches Needed

The Urbana Park District is looking for adults to coach youth sports programs such as baseball, soccer, and T-Ball. The return on your investment of time is immeasurable. The first time a child scores a goal, makes a basket, or smiles and says "thanks coach," you'll know that the 3-4 hours per week spent coaching is very rewarding. UPD volunteer coaches make youth sports programs happen for thousands of kids each year. Volunteers are not required to have an extensive knowledge of the sport. Training sessions and resources are provided for each sport including discussions on skills, strategies, and policies. Anyone interested in helping should call 255-8601, or fill out a Volunteer Application at Brookens Gymnasium or the Phillips Recreation Center. An application is also online at www.urbanaparks.org.

LAKE HOUSE IN CRYSTAL LAKE PARK

{206 W. Park, Urbana} 217-367-1544 {Rental Information}

The Lake House is a cozy spot for birthdays, anniversaries, retirement parties, bridal and baby showers, rehearsal dinners, family reunions, corporate trainings, meetings, retreats, graduation and holiday parties. Add the fireplace for atmosphere!

Tucked away in Crystal Lake Park, the Lake House offers a beautiful view of Crystal Lake and easy access to pavilions, playgrounds, and boating opportunities in the park. The rental room can seat 50 people or accommodate up to 60 standing people. There is a two-hour minimum for all rentals. Please make your request at least three weeks in advance.

Every rental includes use of a prep kitchen with counter space, small microwave, sink, and ice machine as well as a refrigerator and freezer. In the warmer months, your party could benefit from a private group boat rental at a discounted rate. Also available at a small cost are an easel, TV/VCR, movie screen, and LCD projector (computer not included), and use of fireplace.

Now's the time to begin wedding plans! The Lake House is a fantastic location for an intimate wedding or other celebration. Call Janet at 367-1544 ext. 207 to talk about set-up options and accommodations for a larger party. Quite often, groups rent additional tables and chairs to complement our indoor set-up for an outdoor ceremony. We'd be glad to help you plan your day!

Room Rental \$50/hour | \$65/hour with upper terrace
All rentals require a \$75 deposit. Additional permits and/or fees are required when requesting to serve alcohol at your event or if you are charging an entry fee to the public. Please make all requests at least three weeks in advance.

Extras
 LCD projector \$20 | DVD/TV \$10
 Fireplace \$10
 Lower Terrace tables moved aside \$50

Plan Your Next Meeting with Us

Are you looking for a unique setting to hold your next half- or full-day company training or agency retreat? The Lake House offers a relaxing setting that your staff and your budget will appreciate. For only \$35/hour, you'll have access to all the Lake House features. Call Janet at 367-1544 ext. 207 to see if your meeting qualifies for our seminar rate.

Skiing and Sledding

Crystal Lake Park is a great location for winter activities when the weather permits. Cannonball Hill is perfect for cool, steep sledding fun. The hill lights are on until 9pm. Cross country skiers will enjoy the brisk weather while skiing through the park's trails.

Ice skating is no longer allowed on Crystal Lake. The lake acts as a drainage basin for Crystal Lake Park and the surrounding neighborhood and is continually receiving new water all winter. This means there is no guarantee that the lake will freeze evenly to a depth of six inches. Illinois Department of Natural Resources regulations require this uniform depth for safe skating. Call our Planning and Operations office at 344-9583 if you have questions.



GARDENS & FEATURES

Koishikawa Garden | **Crystal Lake Labyrinth** | **Timpone Family Ornamental Tree Grove** | **Sensory Garden**
Wandell Sculpture Garden | **Hickman Wildflower Walk** | **Walker Grove** | **Herb Garden**



Koishikawa Garden

The Urbana Park District maintains a number of unique garden spaces throughout Urbana. We invite you to visit to take away ideas for your own gardens, or to admire the beauty and variety of garden types.

Crestview Park

Koishikawa Garden is a product of a partnership between the Urbana Rotary Club and a sister Rotary club in Japan—Tokyo Koishikawa Rotary. The two clubs have donated money in their own cities for gardens that reflect traditional landscapes of the other club's country. The garden is in a transitional phase and it will soon become a dry, Japanese-themed garden. The new, minimalistic landscaping will still mimic the feel of a water garden even though there won't be any water present.



Crystal Lake Labyrinth

Crystal Lake Park

Crystal Lake Labyrinth at the corner of Church Street and Orchard on the west end of Crystal Lake Park. It was created with funds raised by the Baker Board, a donation from the Carle Foundation. This single winding brick path can be used for contemplation or quiet meditation. It is surrounded by a garden that features beautiful landscaping, custom-designed seating and a finger labyrinth for those who cannot walk it in the traditional manner. The garden was constructed with help from Parkland College horticulture students and staff.

Meadowbrook Park

You'll find the **Timpone Family Ornamental Tree Grove** south of the farmhouse in Meadowbrook Park. This grove of shrubs and smaller trees was donated by the Ray Timpone Family. It shows off many examples of colorful additions for your home garden. Ornamental trees are perfect for planting closer to buildings and provide interesting shape and color every year. Each tree is labeled, making it easy to come away with ideas you can use.



Sensory Garden

The **Sensory Garden** in Meadowbrook Park is adjacent to the Herb Garden and corncrib. This is one of the District's newest gardens, and will continue to evolve in coming years. As its name suggests, it is designed with the senses in mind. You'll notice texture, shape, sound, smell and surprise are all elements that work together to make a beautiful space.

Pieces in the **Wandell Sculpture Garden** dot the paths Meadowbrook Park's re-created tallgrass prairie. Works are on loan to the district from the artists, or have been purchased by the district or commissioned and are part of the permanent collection. New pieces are added regularly to this free outdoor gallery.



Wandell Sculpture Garden

The **Hickman Wildflower Walk** is planted along the path that leads from the Organic Gardens to the small loop in the center of Meadowbrook Park. It was created to feature some of Illinois' most colorful native wildflowers in honor of Peg Richardson Hickman. The garden comes alive each spring with colorful natives such as Black-Eyed Susan, Purple Coneflower and other seasonal wildflowers.

A savanna is a natural area that links prairie and forest. The **Walker Grove** savanna restoration is located at the south end of the park. It will showcase this less-common habitat.

The **Herb Garden** is managed by the C-U Herb Society. It is adjacent to the Sensory Garden and features herbs that can be grown in the home garden.

PAVILIONS & SHELTERS

North Woods Pavilion {Crystal Lake Park | \$85}

The North Woods Pavilion is a shaded outdoor site in Crystal Lake Park that offers barbecue facilities, nearby sand volleyball, electricity, lights on timers, restrooms, seating for up to 48 and nearby parking.

Large Pavilion {Crystal Lake Park | \$110}

The Large Pavilion is an open-air facility in Crystal Lake Park. The pavilion is accessible from Park Street and overlooks Crystal Lake. The pavilion has seating for groups up to 176. Nearby features include a large grill, electricity, water fountain, lights on timers, two horseshoe pits, playground and volleyball area with net. Portable toilets are available. Parking is easily accessible.

PrairiePlay Pavilion {Meadowbrook Park | \$85}

This pavilion is adjacent to PrairiePlay playground. Located in Meadowbrook Park, this pavilion is the perfect spot to hold a child's birthday party, family reunion or any group gathering as large as 48 people. Other features include electricity, water fountain, restrooms and lights on timers. No grills at this location.

Garden Pavilion {Meadowbrook Park | \$95}

This pavilion is located in the heart of Meadowbrook Park. Surrounded by hiking trails, an organic and herb garden and re-created prairie, it is ideal for any special occasion. The pavilion has seating for up to 64 people and also includes electricity, water fountain, restrooms, and lights on timers. No grills at this location.

Jean Driscoll Pavilion {AMBUCS Park | \$110}

The Jean Driscoll Pavilion is an open-air facility located in AMBUCS Park (formerly Woodland) on University Avenue. It can accommodate up to 120 people. Nearby features include a playground, restrooms, large round grill, water fountain and accessible parking. Electricity is available, with lights on timers.

Nick Santi Pavilion {AMBUCS Park | \$95}

This pavilion in AMBUCS Park (formerly Woodland) offers a large, double barbecue and seating for up to 64. Electricity is available with lights on timers. Adjacent are handicapped accessible play features and playground.

Jettie Rhodes Pavilion {King Park | \$95}

This pavilion is perfect for family reunions or other gatherings. It offers seating for up to 64 people and access to grills and seasonal restrooms. Electricity is available. Nearby features include tennis courts, playground equipment and a walking path.

ABOUT REQUESTING A PAVILION

Reserving your space well in advance of your event offers you a wider choice of dates, times and locations. Please reserve at least 2 weeks in advance. Restrooms are available mid-April to mid-October. When restrooms are closed, portable toilets are located nearby. Prices listed are per time slot.

OFF SEASON PEAK SEASON PAVILION TIME SLOTS

Nov 1-Mar 31
Apr 1-Oct 31
9am-2pm
3pm-8pm

Call 367-1544 to inquire about a reservation.

Full payment required for reservation. All reservations must be made in person.

Off Season

Between November 1 and March 31, each of these pavilions may be rented at the off-season rate of \$50 per time slot.

Other Available Shelters

The following parks have shelters available for free on a first-come, first-serve basis: Blair Park | Crestview Park | Crystal Lake Park | King Park | Victory Park



The **PrairiePlay Pavilion** is one of several rentable shelters throughout the Urbana Park District. Our staff is happy to help you select the best location for your gathering.

PHILLIPS

RECREATION CENTER

{505 W. Stoughton, Urbana}

{Phone: 217-367-1544}

{Fax: 217-367-1592}

Stop by the Urbana Park District's recreation office and community center. This public facility has three multipurpose rooms, a senior lounge and a beautiful dance/fitness room. Experience the variety of exciting classes, programs and activities for all ages. The Phillips Center is the place to sign up for programs, rent a picnic pavilion or get your pool pass photo taken. We look forward to helping you enjoy all that the district has to offer.

Hours: M-Th 8am-6pm, F 8am-5pm, Sa 8am-Noon
Holiday Closures: Dec 24-26, Dec 31-Jan 2, April 7
Closed for Cleaning: Dec 19-Jan 2

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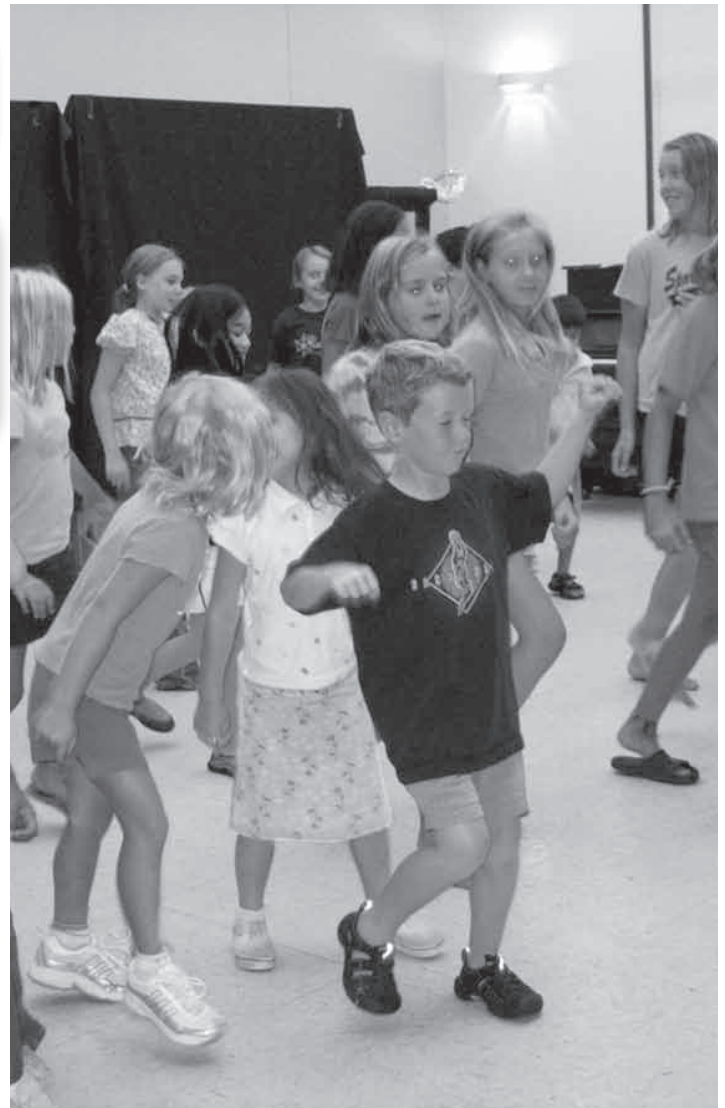
During this annual cleaning, we strip/sand and wax/refinish both the multi-purpose rooms and the suspended wood floor in our dance and fitness room. We appreciate your patience during those two weeks. Our staff will be glad to assist you at the Anita Purves Nature Center, 1505 N. Broadway Ave.

Dance/Fitness Room

Our 2,000 square foot wood-sprung dance floor is easy on the joints when you dance or exercise with us. The Phillips Recreation Center is known for a non-intimidating atmosphere, so exercising here is convenient and comfortable. A wide variety of classes fits many schedules. Don't miss our flexible fitness option; buy a flexible fitness punch card and attend class when you can – they never expire! New students can try any dance or fitness class for free to see if it suits you. Stop at the front desk to sign a waiver and get details.

Room Rental

Programs of all types are held in our three multipurpose rooms—from preschool fine arts to family special events. During times when the rooms are not in use, they are available to rent. Rooms can accommodate 30-120 people, depending on room arrangement and needs. Rental rates range from \$40 to \$130 an hour, depending on how many rooms are rented. Each room is just over 660 square feet. Talk with Ted Kirts at extension 203 about room set-up and availability.



Phillips Center Birthday Parties

Make your child's birthday one to remember! We offer a wide selection of birthday parties where we provide everything your family needs to have a spectacular time. We have themes for every age and every interest, or we can create a custom theme just for you. See page 17 for a complete selection of our parties.

URBANA INDOOR AQUATIC CENTER

{102 E. Michigan, Urbana}

{Phone: (217) 384-7665}

{Registration Questions: (217) 367-1544}



URBANA INDOOR AQUATIC CENTER

The Urbana Indoor Aquatic Center is a partnership between the Urbana School District and the Urbana Park District. It is open to everyone during public swim time with a paid admission, punch card or membership card. During public swim hours, the water spray toys and water slides are turned on. Lap swim times are for individuals ages 15 and up who wish to swim for exercise. Attend Urbana Park District water exercise classes by registering and paying for a specific program.

The Urbana Indoor Aquatic Center is also home to the Urbana Park District swim lesson program and diving lessons, and PE programs. Local swim team practices and meets, special events, birthday parties and private rentals are also held here. The Urbana Park District is proud and grateful to have access to such an exciting facility. Take advantage of this great community pool—and bring a friend!

Public Hours:

Hours are subject to change. Look for postings on the Urbana Indoor Aquatic Center outer doors. *Refunds and/or credits are not given for closures of any kind.*

Winter Break Hours (DEC 16-30)	M-F 6-8am	Lap Swim & Water Exercise
	M-F 11am-1pm	Lap Swim
	M-F 1:30-9pm	Public Swim
	Sa 12-5pm	Public Swim
	Su 2-7pm	Public Swim
Spring Hours (JAN 2-MAY 31*)	M-F 6-8am	Lap Swim & Water Exercise
	M-F 10:30am-1:30pm	Lap Swim
	M-F 6-9pm	Public Swim
	Sa 12-5pm	Public Swim
	Su 2-7pm	Public Swim
	<i>* Hours subject to change due to varying school schedules.</i>	
Spring Break Hours (MAR 19-23)	M-F 6-8am	Lap Swim & Water Exercise
	M-F 10:30am-1:30pm	Lap Swim
	M-F 1:30-9pm	Public Swim
	Sa 12-5pm	Public Swim
	Su 2-7pm	Public Swim

Pool Features

- 5-Star rated guards and facility
- Zero-depth recreational pool equipped with water geysers, dinosaur slide and rain drop umbrella
- Drop slide and flume slide
- 25-meter x 25-yard competition pool
- 1-meter diving board
- Locker rooms and family changing area
- Party room



SCHOOL'S OUT! EXTENDED HOURS

PUBLIC SWIM	Day	Date	Hours
	F	Dec 16	1:30-9pm
	M	Jan 16	1:30-9pm
	F	Feb 10	1:30-9pm
	M	Feb 20	1:30-9pm
	F	Feb 24	1:30-9pm
	F	Apr 6	1:30-9pm
	F	Apr 13	1:30-9pm
	F	May 4	1:30-9pm
	M	May 28	1:30-9pm

CLOSURES:

No public activities after 3pm
(morning and lunch activities will continue)

HOLIDAYS	SWIM MEETS	Day	Date	ACTIVITY
		Tu	Dec 13	UHS Swim Meet
		F	Jan 20	UHS Swim Meet
		F-Su	Jan 13-15	HEAT Swim Meet
			Apr 15	Special Olympics
		Sa	Dec 24	Christmas Eve
		Su	Dec 25	Christmas Day
		Sa	Dec 31	New Year's Eve
		Su	Jan 1	New Year's Day
		Su	Apr 8	Easter
		<i>Holidays closed all day</i>		

UIAC Admission

- Youth up through age 10 must be accompanied by a paying adult any time they visit UIAC. This is for the safety and enjoyment of all pool visitors.
- Due to the inability to directly monitor spectators, everyone is required to pay an admission fee or show membership pass to enter the facility. If you have further questions regarding this policy, please speak with the Aquatics Shift Manager on duty.

Entrance Fee

\$3- Non-swimmers wishing to supervise swimmers (Must be 15 or older)
\$6- Swimmers
\$4- Thursdays (Swimmers)

Lap Swim Etiquette

Children under 15 are not allowed in the pool during lap swim times. Due to the popularity of lap swimming, lap lanes for the general public are not guaranteed during public swim hours. Early morning activities from 6-8am include lap swim, water aerobics and occasional swim team practice. Look for postings of lap lane availability at the pool.

MEMBERSHIPS

You may purchase a membership at either the Urbana Indoor Aquatic Center or the Phillips Recreation Center, but all ID photos are taken at the Phillips Recreation Center. Call 367-1544 to set up an appointment.

RESIDENT (UPD/USD #116)	3 months	6 months	Annual
Youth ages 11-17	\$65	\$110	\$188
Adult 18 and up	\$78	\$132	\$221
Family of 2-4	\$100	\$166	\$277
Additional family member	\$13	\$26	\$52

NONRESIDENT	3 months	6 months	Annual
Youth ages 11-17	\$78	\$130	\$221
Adult 18 and up	\$91	\$156	\$260
Family of 2-4	\$117	\$195	\$325
Additional family member	\$13	\$26	\$52

Youth memberships

Youth between the ages of 2 and 10 must have their memberships as part of a family pass. For the safety and enjoyment of all pool visitors, all youth members must be accompanied by a paying adult at all times during their visit to UIAC.

Family memberships (2-4 family members)

A family includes two adults and their dependent children under the age of 20 who are residing in the same household. Children under age 2 do not require a pass.

SCUBA Diving lessons

are offered in conjunction with:

Wild Country

2012 N. Prospect Ave. Champaign
351-4754

Please call for more information.

POOL RENTALS

All rentals include the use of the party room and swimming. An additional \$75 damage deposit is due at time of request. Call 367-1544 for information about reserving your party. Fifteen minutes of set-up and clean-up is included in the 2-hour time block. Your party may not enter until the starting time. The party room must be cleaned up and all attendees must exit by your scheduled ending time. Due to popularity, please reserve your party at least three weeks in advance.

Party Package

There is a special party room waiting for you at the Urbana Indoor Aquatic Center. Swim and use the room for a 2-hour time slot during public swim hours. When calling for reservations, ask about our discount for supervising adults. On the day of the party, please provide the pool cashier with a list of names of children that will be participating.

1-15 participants \$125

Please ask for details about having more than 15 participants at your party. Call 384-POOL.

Private Rental

Rent the Urbana Indoor Aquatic Center before or after public hours for your own private facility rental! Includes unlimited swimming, party area and use of facility. Lifeguards will be provided. An additional \$75 damage deposit is due at the time of request.

\$105/hour up to 15 guests

\$140/hour 16-30 guests

\$170/hour 31-45 guests

\$205/hour 46-60 guests

For groups of more than 60, please speak with the Aquatics Specialist at 384-7665. Lower rates are available for rentals that use only one pool in the complex (Recreational or Competition).

PUNCH CARDS

Purchase a punch card as a way to try the Urbana Indoor Aquatic Center before committing to buying a pass or give one to family or friends from out of town. Take advantage of this alternative that saves you \$1.50 per visit.

5-Visit Punch Card	\$23.00
10-Visit Punch Card	\$46.00

