

Swim Instructor Bios and Contact Information

Hollie Hardwick:



Hi, I'm Hollie Hardwick. I've been teaching swimming for 34 years, specializing in beginner swimmers, and the pre-school set. I use patience, songs and games, plus gentle humor to produce the swimming skills needed. I'm a grandmother of 3, an elementary PE teacher during the school year, and a life-long water enthusiast. My educational background includes a Master of Science in physical education. I am a triathlon and open-water water participant and have triathlon instructor experience, including stroke-work.

Hollie is loved and trusted by many RVR families! She is available for privates and semi-privates (2 swimmers close in age and ability), ages 3 and up.

She is available for lessons starting Monday, June 17, through Friday, August 2.

Call/text at (818) 621-4407.

George Soukup:



My name is George Soukup. I am 18 and it's my 3rd summer as a lifeguard and swim instructor here at RVR. I just graduated from Colorado Rocky Mountain School, and I'll be attending University of Utah next year. I have been a swimmer my whole life and swam for the Sopris Barracudas swim team for five years. I love to teach people of all ages and abilities. Because of my background in swimming, I can also teach kids a variety of skills from their first time getting comfortable in the pool to more advanced techniques like the butterfly, back, breast and crawl strokes. I am open to private and semi-private lessons (2 people of similar ages/skill levels). I am a resident here in RVR too. Please reach out, I would love to hear from you!

My email is george.soukup@crms.org and my number is **970-309-1236**. I will be on a senior camping trip and can start receiving requests June 4.

Leah Shafer:



My name is Leah Shafer, and I was born and raised in Carbondale! I graduated from Roaring Fork High School in 2023 and just finished my first year at CU Boulder. I love to swim and am very comfortable in the water. I swam competitively for many years and know first-hand the value of kids feeling comfortable in water and being able to swim! I am an American Red Cross certified lifeguard and I have lifeguarded for many years. I also taught swimming lessons at the Carbondale Pool last year and really enjoyed seeing kids progress in their swimming skills. I am comfortable with teaching both semi- private and private lessons and can teach any age or level. I am excited to help your child, whether it is their first time in the water, or they are just wanting to improve their technique! I am available for lessons in late May, June, and early August.

My phone number is **970-948-1147** and my email is leahmarie5255@gmail.com.

I look forward to hearing from you!