

Arthritis Foundation Exercise & Aquatic Program Update

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Dear Arthritis Foundation Program Leaders/Instructors and Facility Partners:

Thank you for your dedication to the Arthritis Foundation Exercise and Aquatic Programs! You have helped us to increase the reach of our programs to people with arthritis. We appreciate your dedication and commitment and hope you continue to offer these programs!

The Arthritis Foundation is excited to announce we have formed a new partnership with the Aquatic Exercise Association (AEA). Effective December 1, 2014, the Aquatic Exercise Association will assume all operations and management of the Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program and the Arthritis Foundation Aquatic Program. As you know, the Arthritis Foundation made the decision earlier this year to discontinue our direct role in training and certifying leaders and managing these programs, but we were committed to exploring third parties to manage the programs to ensure their continuation. We selected AEA over several other qualified candidate organizations because we believe AEA's philosophy and approach will allow our branded programs to not only continue, but to thrive and grow at the community level. Although all aspects of program management will be transferred to AEA, the names of the programs will remain the same.

AEA was established as an educational and certifying organization for fitness professionals in 1987, and has a reputation as a leader in the fitness industry. They have been involved in past updates of the AF aquatic program, and they have expressed the same level of commitment to our land-based program, with plans to thoroughly review and update it to ensure its currency and consumer relevance.

All instructor, trainer and facility records will be transferred to AEA, and additional correspondence will soon follow from AEA. In the meantime, we have compiled a list of questions and answers to assist you in understanding the changes and how to move forward with the Arthritis Foundation Aquatic and Exercise Programs. Please review the information carefully. **If you then have specific questions you may contact AEA by email at info@aeawave.com or corporate@aeawave.com. Additionally, please add these emails to your address book to assure future correspondence is received from AEA.**

Thank you again for your commitment to the Arthritis Foundation Aquatic Program and the Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program!



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