

### Course Is Planned for Youth

The Jackson County chapter of the American Red Cross is planning a Youth Aquatic Course to be conducted at Southern Oregon college and Emigrant lake from June 9 through June 15 for young people 15 years of age or more.

This is the second year that such a program has been carried out, and this year students from Douglas, Klamath and Josephine counties are invited to participate, according to Mrs. Roy Wilkes, director of the school.

Students whose skills qualify them for the program will live on the campus for one week, during which time they will have an opportunity to receive instruction in first aid, canoeing, basic boating, sailing, junior or senior life-saving, or training as water safety aides or water safety instructors.

Considerable interest has been expressed in the small craft program since it is the only chance the youth in this area have for such training. Certificates will be awarded during a graduation ceremony on the last evening of the program to those individuals satisfactorily completing courses, Mrs. Wilkes said.

The training program was established in an effort to qualify youngsters to serve as volunteers at youth camps, pools and recreation areas throughout the community. It was designed to help make individuals safe while in, on or about the water and train them to assist others in trouble.

Swimming and related aquatic activities rank high in the recreational pursuits of the average American family, and particularly in southern Oregon, Mrs. Wilkes noted.

Therefore it is imperative that everyone learn to swim as well as possible and know how to remain afloat and calm in emergency situations.

**Should Contact Office**

Young people 15 years of age or more, interested in increasing their aquatic skills by participating in the course, should contact the Jackson county chapter of the American Red Cross for application forms and additional information. Swimming ability tests will be arranged in advance of the program to determine the level of training each student will receive.

The Jackson County American Red Cross Youth Aquatic Course will be limited to 40 students this year, so anyone interested should contact the Red Cross office as soon as possible by telephoning 772-4405.

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