



# SWIMMING FACILITY OF POSTON CAMP II



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Check those peg pants.

## Jim Sakamoto

The "ole" swimming hole of Camp II was built during the Winter of 1942/Spring of 1943, in conjunction with the construction of the irrigation canal. In essence, the swimming area was an enlarged area of the canal—"U" shaped in design. The bank was lined with cottonwood logs to reduce erosion. The deeper section measured approximately 50 yards long x 25 yards wide - 10' deep. Two shallow areas provided a play area for non swimmers. In the center of the land area, a long frame structure covered with arrowweed provided shade. This swimming area was located in the large fire break adjacent to Block 215 and the Administration Buildings.

Needless to say, the shallow area with dirt bottom created a very muddy condition—but was a mecca for the young during the hot desert summer days. Also with instruction from the Red Cross Water safety instructor, many learned how to swim. Lifeguard water safety instructors were: Kuni Iwo, Junichi Yamamoto, Jim Sakamoto, Jigs Oka, Minoru Yoshida, Kats Sakamoto, Mas Morimoto, Shinji Dote, Minato Kawaguchi, Yasuichi Koike, Wille Takahashi, Hiroshi Ichiki to name a few. With dedicated water safety managers, a safe water program was provided.

