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Hyatt building water park at Huntington beachfront resort

\$4 million pool area will have slides, wading pool, Jacuzzi and restaurant.

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HUNTINGTON BEACH – The [Hyatt Regency on Pacific Coast Highway in downtown Surf City](#) is getting a miniature water park this year.

The resort and spa, famous for being a stone's throw from the beach, is building a \$4 million pool area to include three water slides, a children's wading pool, a Jacuzzi, fire pits, and restaurant and bar.

The new pool is to be completed this spring and will be the first of its kind in Orange County and Los Angeles, said General Manager Cheryl Phelps.

"When we initially started we didn't make the pool that big because we thought everyone would be at the beach, but people ... like to do both," said Phelps about visiting the beach and pool.

The new pool will take the place of a tennis court area that is at the southern part of the hotel near Beach Boulevard.

"I think the more amenities the merrier," said Mayor Keith Bohr of the hotel. "It is just one more way to mix it up and set themselves off from the Hilton or other hotels along the coast."

The water park will be marketed toward families with children and the resort's main pool is being re-themed to provide more of an adult, upscale atmosphere, Phelps said. Hotel officials came up with the idea of the new pool after they saw the congestion at the main pool that in some cases led to tourists fighting for the shade lounges.

"We asked, 'How can we better utilize all the space on the resort?' when we came up with the idea of a water playground," Phelps said.

The new area will be called "Slyders" with the "Y" as a slide with a child on it. The child's name is Shubee, which is surf slang for someone who acts, dresses and talks as if they are a surfer but "has never surfed a day in their life," Phelps said.

The new pool will have activities for children including hair braiding, temporary tattoos, movies and cookie decorating. There will also be poolside cabanas equipped with televisions and Internet access.

Visitors who are not staying at the hotel can get day passes to the pool during the offseason, Phelps said.

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