

Vacation Trends

Indoor Water Park Resort Makes Splash With Families

(NAPSA)—For those who consider even indoor pools passé, now comes...*the indoor water park resort.*

That's right, indoor.

As in 52,000 square feet of state-of-the-art giant water slides, a huge wave pool and a lazy river perfect for bobbing and floating with the kids. It's all part of a family-friendly condominium resort called Wilderness at the Smokies, fittingly located minutes from the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in Sevierville, Tenn.

"Family-friendly opportunities to own a vacation condominium are limited," explains Pete Heland," co-owner of Wilderness Development Corporation. "We've looked to change that. Homeowners access the indoor park directly from any of the 160 condominium residences. Plus, we offer other activities to suit family members of each generation—whether it's grandparents, parents or children."

If Sevierville itself rings a bell, it's probably because of its connection to Dolly Parton. The singer calls the sleepy frontier town home—perhaps contributing to its reputation for wholesomeness. It's also a popular stop on historic Highway 66, making it an ideal launching point for family road trips.

Planning For Families

While the water park will undoubtedly strike most as the development's main draw, its attractions don't end there. Families can hit the links on the 36-



Family vacationers can own condominiums linked to indoor water parks.

hole golf course, play in the resort's arcade, work out at the fitness center, relax in the clubhouse or visit one of the Wilderness shops and restaurants.

Family Ownership

Studio, one-bedroom plus and two-bedroom plus condominiums are offered with prices starting in the mid-\$100,000 range. These whole ownership opportunities allow for generations of families to more easily enjoy the mountain-style living.

The water park resort is designed by the Lucke and Heland families, successful tourism pioneers who helped turn the Wisconsin Dells into a vacation destination.

To learn more, visit the Wilderness at the Smokies Discovery Center in Sevierville, Tenn., call (877) 858-WILD (9453) or go to WildernessAtTheSmokies.com.