

# ***SPRINGFIELD SWIM CLUB E-NEWSLETTER***

July 2016

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### **1. Board of Directors' Open Forum Scheduled**

On Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup> the Board of Directors will host an open forum for members between 6:00 – 7:00 pm. We want you to ask questions, provide feedback, and make suggestions. We're interested to hear how you think the season is going, what's working well, and what you think needs to be improved. Put some constructive thought behind your questions and consider joining us for a bit a casual Q&A under the pavilion on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **2. Mid-Day Safety Drills Planned**

Every time a guard has to leave her or his ready position and enter the water to assist a swimmer, we consider it a rescue. We've recorded seven rescues at the pool so far this season . . . which is about seven more than we wanted. When the air horn is sounded and a guard enters the water your focus probably shifts to wherever the event is actually occurring. That means you're not seeing everything else that's been set in motion: other guards on-stand repositioning themselves to ensure proper coverage while members exit the pool, the staging of backboards and AEDs, the opening of gates in the case an emergency response team is needed to respond, preparations for 9-1-1 calls, and more.

**The really important take-away is that entire choreography begins with the prompt exit of all members from both pools. Please remind your swimmers that when the air horn is sounded, swimmers should quickly clear both pools and pool decks. Members should move safely but quickly to a grassy area until the all-clear is given.**

I've asked our staff to schedule a few mid-day drills, not only to increase our guard's preparedness, but also reinforce our member's responsibilities during a rescue. We'll be sure to pre-announce the drills and send out text alerts in advance to make sure all are informed when they're planned.

### **3. Upcoming Social Events and Sign-Ups**

This year's social program picks up steam in July with four more of your favorite special events.

**Ice Cream Social on Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup>** between 1:00 and 3:00 pm while supplies last.

**K – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Splash Party on Monday, July 18<sup>th</sup>.** The Splash Party runs between 6:30 and 8:30 pm. Water slides, water in the pool, water to drink (and other stuff too), cookies, games and prizes. There is a nominal fee of \$5.00 for all participants and non-member guests are welcome. Children participating in this event must be supervised by an adult. Since you're staying anyway please consider signing up [HERE](#) especially if you're staying for the event. Our social event volunteers receive complementary guest passes for helping out.

**10 & Over Flick & Float Night on Tuesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>.** Join us for Flick & Float Night on July 26<sup>th</sup> and enjoy late evening fun and treats including water ice, popcorn, and drinks while watching a movie from your float. Keep our Facebook page in your favorites leading up to the event and check it regularly for the movie title announcement. Gates open at 7:00 pm. The movie starts after sundown – around 8:30 pm. There is a nominal fee of \$5.00 for all participants and non-member guests are welcome. The pool gets crowded with floats – If your child isn't a strong swimmer, you may want to consider staying for this event.

Our **9 & Under Movie Night** will be held on **Monday, August 1<sup>st</sup>**. It's early enough in August that I'll mention it in this month's newsletter. Same details as the 10 & Over movie event with a more age appropriate movie title and we'll do our best to get the 9 & Under movie started as early as possible (8:10-8:15 pm). Children participating in this event must be supervised by an adult.

**Family Fun Day on Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup>.** Family Fun Day stays in August this year. Waterslides, canoe rides, cake, and treats add to the list of games and other activities planned between 1:00 and 7:00 pm. The grills will be fired up and we'll be serving dinner between 4 and 5 pm. As always, there's no cost to attend Family Fun Day. No guests please.

We could always use your help with everything from monitoring kids' games to shucking corn. Signing up to help out for 30 minutes [HERE](#) would be greatly appreciated.

#### **4. Policy Reminder – Waterproof Pants Mandatory for Non-Toilet Trained Swimmers**

We've already had a couple of inconvenient pool closings this season as a result of a few of our younger members not being properly (\*ahem\*) "bundled" while playing in the baby pool.

As much as that might prompt a smile and chuckle from some, Recreational Water illnesses (RWIs) are something we take very seriously. Our pool water is sampled and tested by a state-approved laboratory for RWIs weekly and we're extremely proud of our compliance record. You should you be too! *Help us avoid the member inconvenience of a pool closing and the extra effort that's required to restore it to acceptable water chemistry levels by simply following the rules:*

**Non-toilet trained children must wear waterproof pants and are restricted to the baby pool only. Non-toilet trained children are not permitted in or near the edge of the main pool even if accompanied by a parent/guardian.**

Waterproof pants are available for purchase in the Manager's Office every day.

#### **5. DYK: Guest Pass Discount Books Available at the Front Desk**

Even though we already have some of the cheapest guest rates in the area, you could obtain passes even cheaper. Books of 10 guest passes are available for purchase at the front desk for the discounted price of \$70.00. That's a savings \$10.00 off the single guest sign-in price!

#### 6. **Swim and Dive Teams Off to an Incredible Start!**

Our Swim Team (2-0) and Dive Team (3-0) are off to another incredible starts for 2016! In the water, the teams are performing great as it competes against some of the strongest summer swim clubs in the region. Combined, our swim and dive teams continue to do an exceptional job of accomplishing its mission of cultivating individual development and creating a fun environment that promotes a life-long interest in swimming. I continue to encourage you to support our swim and dive teams and get your family minnows involved. You can also show your support by participating in the **Spirit Night Fundraisers** scheduled for July:

**July 11<sup>th</sup> thru July 17<sup>th</sup> (the entire week) at Toni Roni's** (Pilgrim Gardens & N. Eagle Road locations)  
**Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at Chipotle Mexican Grill** (801 Baltimore Pike in Springfield)

Tell them you're there to support the Springfield Swim Team and a percentage of your bill is returned to the team!

Sincerely,

**Jeffrey Merlino**  
President  
SSC Board of Governors

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