

Springfield Swim Club

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Dear Member Family,

March 1st, 2015

We are excited to be kicking off our 60th summer at the Springfield Swim Club with you! Here are a few important highlights for the coming year:

IMPROVEMENTS THIS YEAR

We have continued our trend of making off-season improvements to our pool and grounds. Coming through the gate this year, you should quickly notice a new outbuilding and the conversion of the area behind the Pump House to a graded, grass surface to help with property drainage. We also made a few, less visible improvements: lighting improvements in building interiors, repairs to the Pump House's structural decking, and overdue pool piping and valve upgrades. We are excited to announce the migration to Photo ID cards for 2015. Photo IDs are being done to better control access to the pool facilities. Pre-season photo hour information is provided on the back.

OPERATING STAFF

We are thrilled to have Manager Jim Ryan, Snack Bar Vendor Cookie and Carmel, and Coach Josh Pace back for 2015. Jim's safety-minded attention to detail is a key contributor to the smooth, day-to-day operation of our facility and we can't wait to see this year's Snack Bar line-up from Cookie and Carmel. Coach Josh and the Swim Team Boosters will be heading up another exciting year of summer swimming. Whether you are a returning swim team family or interested in joining, please be sure to read the enclosed Swim Team Information Pamphlet.

SPRING WORK WEEKENDS

Each Member Family has the opportunity to earn a \$65.00 rebate for participating in four (4) consecutive hours of spring cleanup work. Additional work sessions are rewarded with a Family Guest Pass good for admitting up to 5 visitors for any day except Family Fun Day. This is a great opportunity to reduce your Maintenance Fee by more than half, see our off-season improvements first-hand, and contribute to the pool by helping make sure it's ready for Opening Day!

Spring Work Weekends occur each Saturday between **April 4th** and **May 16th**. Work times are 9 AM to 1 PM or 10AM to 2 PM. **Work sessions are for adults only – children under the age of 18 cannot take part.**

FOR YOUR SAFETY AND INFORMATION

Please take the time to review and update the contact information shown on your invoice. Along with having accurate information in the event of an emergency being essential, beginning this year we will be communicating event reminders, weather closings, and other important news with our members more regularly by email and by text. Any contact information changes or additions can be included with your invoice. Updates to contact information during the season can be made at the front desk.

Best Regards,
Jeffrey Merlino
President, Springfield Swim Club

HOURS OF OPERATION

EARLY-SEASON: Saturday, May 23th through the last day of school for the Springfield School District:

Saturdays: 10:30am- 9:00pm; **Sundays:** 11:30pm- 7:00pm; **Weekdays:** 4:00pm- 7:00pm
Memorial Day Hours: 10:30am- 7:00pm

REGULAR SEASON: First full day of summer for the Springfield School District through Monday, September 7th:

Saturdays: 10:30am- 9:00pm; **Sundays:** 11:30pm- 9:00pm; **Weekdays:** 10:30am- 9:00pm.

WEEKEND AFTER LABOR DAY HOURS: Saturday, September 12th and Sunday, September 13th:

Saturday: 12:00pm - 6:00pm; **Sunday:** 11:30pm- 3:00pm

DUES NOTICE

Member Dues and Maintenance Fees remain unchanged from last season. Questions regarding Member Dues can be directed to the Swim Club Business Manager (Mr. Joe Sillo) at businessmanager@springfieldswimclub.com or the Membership Committee at membership@springfieldswimclub.com. The Membership Committee consists of Noel Peranteau, Director (610-389-3479), Sharon O'Hara (610-505-3244), and Jeff Reynolds (215-380-6796).

1. Dues must be paid for every child born before May 1, 2013.
2. Caretaker Pass information and applications are available by contacting the Swim Club Business Manager.
3. Only family members who are full-time residents of Springfield, at the address of the membership, qualify as members. For questions or assistance contact the Swim Club Business Manager or the Membership Committee.
4. Corrections to family information on your invoice should be sent to the Swim Club Business Manager.
5. Dues paid before April 15th are eligible for an early payment discount of \$25.00. Dues paid after May 1st will incur late charges. Beginning May 1st, dues will be subject to a late charge of \$10 per week. Payment of dues will never be accepted at the pool.
6. Shareholders wishing to terminate their membership must do so before April 15th or be subject to forfeiture of ½ of the minimum dues rate, deducted from the actual share value. Shareholders withdrawing after May 15th will be subject to forfeiture of the minimum dues rate plus surcharges, deducted from the actual share value.
7. Both the Club's bylaws and share refund policy can be found on our website at www.springfieldswimclub.com

IMPORTANT POOL POLICIES AND INFORMATION

- **Members will require an identification picture on their membership card for the 2015 season. All members regardless of age** are required to have a new photo ID card. Prior to opening day, pictures will be taken at the pool office, 343 North Rolling Road on Saturdays 11:00 am - 1:00 pm beginning April 4th and Sundays 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm beginning May 3rd. Proof of residency is required.
- **Membership cards are not transferable. Violation of this rule will result in loss of membership.**
- **All members regardless of age** must present their cards each time they enter the pool and take them when they leave the pool. Cards can be picked up on or after May 23rd. All dues and fees must be paid before picking up membership cards. A teen or adult member must accompany a child under the age of 12 while at the pool.
- **New members** (anyone joining after Memorial Day of the previous year) will not be issued ID Cards until after they attend an orientation session at 7:00 pm on either Tuesday, May 19th or Wednesday May 20th at the pool. New families unable to attend must arrange an orientation appointment with the Membership Committee.
- If you are interested in earning **complementary guest passes** by volunteering to help at one of our social events, email social@springfieldswimclub.com. Our Social Committee conducts a variety of events and activities for all age groups throughout the summer. The social schedule will be posted online and at the pool when available.
- **Party arrangements** MUST be made with the Pool Manager at least one week prior to the event. Parties cannot be scheduled on weekends. The Pool Manager has the authority to close the pool at any time in the event of severe weather or safety-related situations.
- Please review the enclosed rules and regulations, including our Guest Policy, with all members of your family.

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RULES & REGULATIONS

These rules and regulations are for the protection and benefit of all the members and guests of the Springfield Swim Club. They have been established to assure the safe and sanitary operation of our pool and the surrounding facilities. The cooperation of all SSC members and guests is both needed and appreciated by the management in order to achieve this end.

The pool management staff is responsible for opening & closing the swim club, enforcing all rules and regulations, and supervising all activities which are held on the grounds of Springfield Swim Club. All member parents are expected to inform their children and guests to the rules and regulations of the Swim Club and are responsible for their children/guests in observing these rules and regulations in cooperation with the pool management. Any failure to comply with these rules and regulations may be considered as sufficient cause for suspension of pool privileges at the manager's discretion or possibly cancellation of membership. Judgment will be made at the discretion of the pool management staff in any and all areas not specifically covered under these rules and regulations. For the purpose of these rules and regulations, an *adult member* is any member 18 years of age or older.

POOL HOURS

Normal pool hours of operation during the regular season are: 10:30 AM – 9:00 PM, Monday through Saturday and 11:30 AM – 9:00 PM on Sundays. Early Season and Labor Day Weekend hours are listed in the May newsletter and available online at www.springfieldswimclub.com.

GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Membership cards are not transferable. **Violation of this rule will result in loss of membership.** Membership cards must be presented at the gate upon entering and must be taken back when leaving pool grounds. Please do not store your cards at the front gate. If a membership card is lost, damaged or misplaced, a new card must be obtained at the manager's office for a replacement charge of \$5.00.
2. Barbecues are to be used by adult members only.
3. 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 at the edge of the big pool even if accompanied by a parent/guardian). **Children in the baby pool must be supervised by a parent/guardian and this person must remain within the confines of the fenced area of the baby pool while the child is using the area.**
4. Glass or breakable articles that could cause injury to others are not permitted on pool grounds (this includes glass, baby bottles, soft drink containers, glass jars, etc.).
5. No pets are permitted on pool grounds.
6. No alcoholic beverages are permitted on swim club property.
7. All members and their guests are expected to use the trash receptacles provided and must make sure their area is clean before leaving the pool. Our pool will be as clean as our efforts to keep it clean.
8. A teenager or an adult member must accompany children under 12 years of age at the pool.
9. Adult swim periods are announced at the discretion of the pool management and are restricted to adults only.
10. Proper bathing attire is required by members and guests at all times (no cut-offs, undergarments or baby diapers).
11. Any misuse or damage of pool property may result in loss of pool privileges at the manager's discretion. Restitution for damages must be made before pool privileges are restored.
12. Recreational equipment will not be distributed to very young children unless accompanied by a responsible party.
13. All equipment (golf, shuffleboard, Ping-Pong, and basketballs) must be returned to the proper location upon completion of your game.
14. No food or drink is permitted on the immediate deck around the pools and lawn chairs are to be kept at a safe distance from the pools (this includes during swim lessons). Under no circumstances are lawn chairs to be put in the baby pool.
15. Springfield Swim Club is a smoke free environment.

GUEST RULES (including Springfield Days)

1. Guest fees for adults and children are as follows: All Day Pass: \$8.00 per Guest (must not be a Springfield resident) After 4:00 PM Monday through Friday: \$5.00 per guest
2. All guests must be registered at the front desk by an adult member only and must be accompanied by that adult member for the duration of their visit. Guests must leave the pool when their adult member leaves the pool. An exception to this rule is for certain Special Social Events as determined by the Board of Directors such as pre-teen Parties & Splash Dances.
3. Adult members are responsible for their guests and must advise them of the pool's rules & regulations.

4. Springfield Resident Guests:

- a. are not permitted on Saturdays, Sundays, & Holidays
 - b. are permitted on Mondays through Fridays only after 4:00PM
 - c. are permitted when Springfield days are scheduled with a pre-purchased Springfield Day ticket and only when accompanied by an adult pool member (Springfield Day tickets can be purchased at the front gate during the week prior to but not the day of the scheduled Springfield Day).
5. No guests are permitted on SSC Fun Day & SSC Family Picnic Day.
6. Any adult member may bring in guests; however, a reasonable number should be maintained. Please contact the pool management prior to the day that you would like to bring in more than 6 guests.

POOL PARTIES

1. Pool parties are scheduled on a first come, first serve basis at the discretion of the pool management, availability of open dates, and in keeping with SSC policy.
2. Parties can be scheduled on any Monday through Friday (after the pool opens full time in June) and not to be in conflict with any other pool function or activity which takes precedence. Only one party will be scheduled per day.
3. Members wishing to schedule a party must call the pool office and speak to the pool management at least one week prior to the party (dates go fast, so it is recommended that you call early to schedule).
4. Parties are limited to 15 guests (non-members) including adult guests and we must insist that you have a sufficient number of adults to help chaperone the children. Please provide the gate person with a list of guests prior to arrival time and guest fees be paid before your departure after the party.
5. In case of rain, the management will attempt to reschedule the party only if another date is available. Rain dates cannot be prescheduled which would tie up available dates for other parties.
6. Non-member Springfield residents are permitted only after 4:00PM so it is recommended that you schedule your party after this time if you are having non-member Springfield residents as party guests.
7. The host member must inform their guests of pool rules and regulations and are responsible for their guests during their visit to the swim club.
8. The party host is required to make sure that the immediate party area is clean and the picnic tables returned to their proper pre-party locations. Parties must be completed by **8:30PM** to insure sufficient day light for cleanup.

WATER SAFETY RULES

1. While on pool grounds, the lifeguards are in charge. Please instruct your children/guests that what they say is the law!
2. The following are not permitted in or around the pool:
 - a. running, dunking, riding on shoulders, playing tag, horseplay or activity considered dangerous by a lifeguard
 - b. swimming in the diving area unless permission is given by the guard or during an adult swim
 - c. rafts, inner tubes, ball playing, or scuba equipment unless permission is given by the guard
 - d. toys or diving sticks in the big pool (they can be used in the baby pool)
3. Swimmies are permitted in the big pool only when an adult is in the water with the child.
4. **A child 11 or under** must pass the deep water test before being permitted to use the diving board or deep water area (please see the manager on duty to arrange a deep water test for your child).

DIVING BOARD RULES

1. Divers must dive or jump off the front of the board. Running off the board or jumping off the side of the board is prohibited.
2. Only one person at a time is permitted at each level of the diving steps with a line forming on the deck at the bottom of each ladder.
3. Only one jump is permitted before going off the diving board.
4. **Any child 11 or under** must pass the deep water test before being permitted to use the diving board (see pool management).

WATER SLIDE RULES

1. Slide users must have passed the swim test (wrist band visible).
2. The line will form on the deck at the bottom of the stairs.
3. Only 1 person can be on the stairs/platform at a time.
4. Do not go up the stairs until the person in front of you has hit the water.
5. No running up the stairs.
6. Last person down the slide must be clear from the landing zone before the next person goes down the slide.
7. Immediately exit the landing zone after your slide.
8. No one is permitted to hang on the landing zone markers.
9. No swimming in the landing zone unless permission is given by the lifeguard.
10. Horseplay or activity considered dangerous by the lifeguard is not permitted on the slide or the stairs

Cost 411:**Participation Fee:**

\$45 per swimmer

\$90 for families two or more swimmers

Payment Due: May 1

This fee assists in covering expenses of meets, fees, gifts, participation awards, and a team cap. Registration will begin April 1. Visit us in person at the pool Saturday April 18 and April 25 from 10-2 p.m. Please email the Boosters so we may provide you with Participation forms.

Payment 411:

We will be providing Participation Forms in April. Forms and payment must be presented to the Treasurer or a Booster Board Member (because this just makes good sense).

- ❖ Payment should *not* be made on deck
- ❖ The Coaching Staff cannot accept payment or registration material

Team Suit 411:

Something new! This year we will offer an affordable one-year suit

Cost: One-piece: \$34.50//Boys Jammer: \$30

Style: Echo by Speedo

If your swimmer prefers a brief or different style suit, you may purchase a Royal Blue solid to conform with the team suit -- it's all good!

Swimmers must be sized in person at:

AAPCO's Sports World

614-616 Secane Avenue, Secane

(near train station)

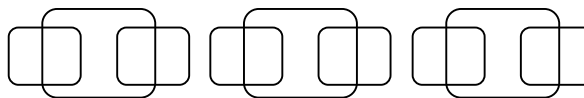
Tues-Fri 10:30 am to 7 pm

Sat 10 am to 6 pm

****Closed Sun and Mon****

or Saturdays in April ➡

Springfield Swim Team



We look forward to another great and exciting swim season!



Josh Pace will return this year as our head coach! Josh has been a Ridley Rays YMCA Coach since 2007. He is the head coach for the Girls Jefferson team. He is also the Head Coach for the Springfield High School Girls since 2011.

Spring Warm Up 411:

Warm ups will be held at Ridley High School in early May. The purpose of the spring warm-up program is to prepare swimmers for the summer season. First-time and current swimmers are encouraged to participate.

If you are thinking about joining the swim team for the first time, this is a great place for your child to start. If you are a seasoned swimmer, you know how much this helps in preparation for the summer season. Stay tuned for further information.

Registration 411:

Registration will be open in April. Visit us in person at the pool Saturday April 18 and April 25 from 10-2 p.m. Bring your swimmer - APPCO will be available for suit fittings at that time.

March 2015

Springfield Swim Team Boosters The 411

Summer swimming is an opportunity to have fun with your children, build relationships and enhance your community spirit!

Don't miss the 411...

New this season, we will use *Team Unify*, a swim team management platform. Everything will be in one place: attendance, email, job signups, meet declaration, calendar of events. Don't miss out on information about the season and upcoming events.

How do I get the 411?

Email us today (or as soon as possible):
boosters@springfieldswimclub.com

Provide us the following information:
Supply one parent as the primary contact/email address:

- Each Swimmer's First & Last Name
- Include Swimmer's *Middle Initial*
- Your First & Last Name as Primary
- Email address you wish to make the Primary
- Additional Email Addresses to add to the account - up to 3 total emails can be registered

Stay in touch! Questions?

Email the Boosters

boosters@springfieldswimclub.com

or contact Colleen Sullivan Newnam

610.328.4052//cas7575@aol.com

<http://www.springfieldswimclub.com/boosters.html>



2015 PRACTICE SCHEDULE

TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE:

AFTERNOON PRACTICES

TUESDAY, May 26th thru

WEDNESDAY, June 17th

4:15-4:45 PM (8s Only)

4:45-5:30 PM (10s and 12s)

5:30-6:30 PM (14s-opens)

MORNING PRACTICES

MONDAY thru THURSDAY

Starting June 18th

8:00-9:15 AM (Opens, 14s, some 12s)

9:15-10:00 AM (12s and 10s)

10:00-10:45 AM (8s and some 10s)

10:45-11:45 (Stroke Practice/Team)

10:45-11:00 AM (Tiger Pups: M/T/W/R)

*Tiger Pups is a program for our youngest swimmers

*Tiger Pups will practice four days/week

FRIDAY PRACTICES

MONDAY thru THURSDAY

Starting June 26th

9:00-10:00AM (12s, 14s and opens)

10:10:45 (8s and 10s)



Fund Raiser 411:

We have had great success and positive feedback about our fundraising efforts in past seasons.

This year we will have Spirit Wear, events, raffles, a Ladies Luncheon. We are just getting started, so stay tuned for more information.

Booster 411:

Everyone Belongs!

Parent Volunteers make all the difference. All swim team parents are part of the Booster TEAM. Together Everyone Achieves More! A wide range of volunteer opportunities are available - from staffing a station at a meet to creating your own committee and chairing one of our social events. The list below is just a few examples of positions we're hoping to fill this year:

- Senior Recognition Day Event Chair
- Snack Bar Staffing and Donations
- Team Pasta Party Event Chair
- Team Party Food Donors and Event Setup
- Ladies Luncheon Event Chair
- Awards Night Helpers
- Time Trial Pool Deck Help (Timers, Runners, etc.)
- Meet Pool Deck Help
- (Timers, Judges, Runners)
- 50/50 Raffle Sales Volunteers
- Many Others!

Please consider donating time during one of this year's meets and help us make this season one the kids will remember!

Some 411 for your Calendar

More dates to follow...

DATES Subject to change (of course)

- ☐ May 26 Outdoor Practice
 - ☐ June 13 Time Trial Meet/Picture Day
 - ☐ June 19 Friday -Team T-Shirt Tie-dye Day
 - ☐ June 20 Swim Meet
 - ☐ June 27 Swim Meet
 - ☐ July 6 Monday - Swim Meet
 - ☐ July 11 Swim Meet
 - ☐ July 18 Swim Meet
 - ☐ July 19 Sunday/Awards & Team Party
 - ☐ July 23 Rain Date / Thursday ⬆
 - ☐ July 25 Champions ships
- How about a Parent Party - July 18?!

Junior Varsity Meets

- ☐ June 24 Wednesday
- ☐ July 1 Wednesday
- ☐ July 8 Wednesday
- ☐ July 15 Wednesday
- ☐ July 22 Wednesday

Your Swim Team Booster Board is here to help

We'll be in touch with more 411

Committee Moderator	Colleen Sullivan Newnam
Assistant Moderator	John Murphy
Secretary	Sue Phillips
Treasurer	Maryann Apostolu
Social Chair	Amy Hackford
Fundraiser Chair	Rosemary Merlino
Communications Chair	Bernadette Kutufaris
Swim Team Liason	Marty Martorelli