

2023 ANNUAL LETTER

DEAR POOL MEMBER:

Like everything else in our lives prices are going up. We had increases in chemicals and increases in life guard rates among other expenses. We are increasing the costs by \$25 for families. All other rates have been increased. See the rate sheet on our website.

We also have changed our fee structure from a late fee to a discount. Because of that change, the price looks to be \$65 more than last year. But, if you pay on or before May 1 it will only be a \$25 increase. After May 1, the discount will only apply to new members.

2023 SEASON: The Pool hours for the 2023 season will be 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. We are looking to schedule Moonlight Swims Thursday evenings from June 15 through August 3 as weather and staffing permits. The Season begins Saturday, May 27th at 11:00 a.m. The pool will be closed during the week from May 31 through June 2, the last day of school for the Wilson School District. The hours may vary until the school year ends. Call the pool, visit our Facebook page, or check the website for updates to weekday hours.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETINGS: All active members are welcome to attend the semi-annual meetings tentatively scheduled on Sunday, May 7 at 7:00 p.m. at the LP pool and Sunday, December 3rd at 7:00 p.m., location to be determined.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS: A card system will continue this year. **Each Family member will have a card, which they will be required to individually hand to the attendant upon entering the pool.** The staff member will check each individual's card and return it to you to keep. A parent or guardian MUST accompany children under 12 years of age. We will be using the following procedures when members forget their membership cards: 1st and 2nd offense - patrons will be allowed to enter the pool and will be issued a warning, the 3rd offense patrons WILL NOT be allowed to enter the pool until showing their membership card. Members will be notified when the Membership cards will be available for pick up at the pool office.

GUEST INFORMATION: The 2023 guest fee for guests 3 years old and over is \$10.00 per person. Individual guests may come to the pool up to 5 times throughout the 2023 pool season. **The pool Member MUST be present BEFORE the guest is allowed to enter the pool.** If you have guests coming for an extended period of time, please see the pool manager. Special arrangements may be allowed. It may become necessary to limit the number of guests entering the pool on any given day. If you are planning to bring a guest, come early to ensure that your guests may enter. If the pool CLOSES early that day, a rain pass will be issued. If there is only a pool clearing or the pass is purchased during a severe thunderstorm warning, no pass will be issued.

PAVILION USE: The pavilion is available to all pool members on a reservation basis. All reservations must be made with the pool manager or assistant manager. The pavilion is not available for reservation on July 4th or other days designated by the manager. There is a fee of \$75.00 for a 4 hour pavilion rental, all non-member guests will be charged a discounted guest fee of \$5.00 whether the guest is swimming or not.

AGE REQUIREMENT REMINDER: Please note the change in the age requirement. Children under the age of 12 are not permitted at the pool alone. A parent, guardian, or babysitter must be present. If you will be dropping off your children, make sure they read and understand the LPSA Rules of Conduct (posted on our website). The manager in charge will handle any discipline issues.

SWIM TEAM: Please welcome Coach Gartner as she returns to head up our 2023 season. Look on our website or Facebook for updates regarding Swim Team Registration and staffing. All fees remain the same as last year. There is the \$60 assessment fee/family, which replaces fundraising requirements. And, the team fee, which is \$60 for the 1st swimmer,

\$40 for the 2nd swimmer, and \$40 for the 3rd swimmer. The maximum cost/family is \$200, so there is no fee for additional swimmers. Team suits are not required to swim. Swimmers may wear a black suit. Please check the pool FB page and website for updates.

The goals of our program will continue to focus on improving athletic skills, while emphasizing fun, sportsmanship, team work, and the development of positive self-esteem.

DUES: Please visit the membership tab on our website for more information. Payment of dues should be mailed and postmarked by April 30, 2023 in order to earn a discount. Dues paid and postmarked after April 30th will be assessed at the standard annual fee, which should be included with your payment. No cash payments will be accepted at the pool office, only checks.

VOLUNTEER FEE: In an effort to recoup some costs involved with opening, closing, and maintaining the pool throughout the season and to welcome members to donate time, rather than increase member fees, the volunteer fee is \$25.00. This is fully refundable in exchange for 2 hours of service at the pool. This fee will be included on your renewal bill and the \$25.00 will be refunded by mail to any member that volunteers their time. Dates will be offered throughout the season and communicated on FB and the website. Please make sure to neatly and accurately fill out the sign in sheet each time you volunteer in order for us to mail your check. Please visit the LP calendar on our website for upcoming "Muck Out" dates in April.

CORPORATE SPONSORSHIPS: We are offering fence line corporate sponsorships this season.

- Need us to design/order a sign? An interior pool facing sign is \$200; a premium exterior street facing sign is \$300.
- Have a sign ready to display? An interior pool facing sign is only \$100 and a premium exterior street facing sign is only \$200. Please see the website for more information.

WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURES: If you decide the pool no longer serves your needs, you must notify the pool board in writing of your decision to withdraw. Withdrawal letters must be addressed to the Lincoln Park Swimming Association, Attention Membership Committee, P.O. Box 2339, Sinking Spring, PA 19608. They **must** be postmarked by April 30, 2023. Membership fees will be returned in accordance with the Constitution and By Laws. The board will review all requests for withdrawal and make a decision on the time frame for issuing refunds no later than the end of the corporation's fiscal year October 31, 2023.

FAILURE TO PAY DUES OR SUBMIT WITHDRAWAL NOTICE: Any member who fails to pay their annual dues or provide **written** notification of intent to withdraw by the required date listed above will be subject to forfeiting their membership fee in accordance with the Constitution and By Laws.

FAMILY FUN NIGHTS: Visit the LP calendar and event tab on our website for information about our tentative summer events that include an Open House for prospective members to check out and join, Moonlight swims, 4th of July festivities, Christmas in July, and more! Please note that if we cancel an event for inclement weather, we will not reschedule it. Instead we will look forward to the next event!

SNACK BAR: We are excited to welcome new faces to The Shark's Cove as we wish Norm the best this summer as his "real job" has pulled him away from us. Norm has assured us he will help our new crew as they work through their new adventure with us.. Please visit our website and Facebook page for updates.

TECHNOLOGY: In an effort to keep everyone as informed as soon as possible, we collect email addresses on your membership form. PLEASE include your email address. We want to enhance the effectiveness of our communication with the membership by means of email in addition to our usual channels (Facebook, website, snail mail). Throughout the season, we will periodically send email updates, which may include membership information. So, it is very important that we have your email address in our database. We will continue to offer free WiFi this year for a 10th season.

The pool website and Facebook will have up to date pool information including hours, closings and meetings. Make sure you like us on Facebook to see daily updates and Sharks Cove menus.

Please visit us at www.lppool.org or on Facebook at [Lincoln Park Swimming Pool](#).

Lincoln Park Swimming Association

Explanation of Rules and Policies - 2023

Parents' Responsibility:

- The American Red Cross guidelines state that a parent must stay within an arm's reach of any weak or inexperienced swimmer at all times. Provide close and constant attention to children you are supervising, even when a lifeguard is present, no matter how well the child can swim or how shallow the water. Avoid distractions including cell phones.
- The American Red Cross guidelines state that one should never leave a young child unattended near water and do not trust a child's life to another child; teach children to always ask permission to go near water.
- If a child is using a flotation device, a parent still needs to be within an arm's length. Placing a child in an inner tube and allowing them to float freely in the water is not permitted. The American Red Cross guidelines state one should not rely on the use of water wings, swim rings, inflatable toys, or other items designed for water recreation to replace adult supervision.
- The primary responsibility of the lifeguards is to enforce the rules and regulations to maintain a safe swimming environment. It is the parents responsibility to watch their children.
- If there's a question about a child's swimming ability, a swim test will be administered.
- Any child who doesn't follow the instructions of the staff will be asked to exit the water. For example: if the guards ask a child to remain in a certain area and the child continually leaves that area, they will be asked to exit the water.
- If a child continually puts themselves in a dangerous situation and needs assistance repeatedly, the family's membership may be suspended.

Guest Policy:

- Members may bring guests at the cost of \$10 per nonmember, ages 3 and over
- Each individual guest may come up to 5 times throughout the summer
- The daily number of guests is 20. If conditions require, guests will not be allowed to enter.
- Members may purchase guest passes in advance to ensure entrance on a given day
- Each member (family) may bring up to 8 individual guests at one time. More than that, members must book a party in advance.
- When the member leaves, their guest(s) must also leave

Alcohol:

- Alcohol is prohibited on Lincoln Park Property. That includes adult slushies.
- If a patron is discovered with alcohol, they will be asked to leave and the incident will be reviewed by the board of directors. The members involved may have their membership suspended.

Smoking:

- Smoking is only permitted outside the fence. This also includes vaping.

Bathing Suits:

- The mission statement for the Lincoln Park Pool *is to provide a safe, clean family aquatic environment for all to enjoy.* Please keep that in mind when selecting what suit to wear to LP.
- Proper bathing attire is required at all times. Gym shorts and a t-shirt are not appropriate swimming attire.
- Suits need to be made of a fabric that is designed for the aquatic environment

Changes for the 2023 season:

- Children must be 12 years of age to be left alone at the pool