

new splash

MAY 2017



FROM THE MANAGER . . .

Welcome to the 2017 season at the Otterbein Swim Club! I am looking forward to catching up with returning members and getting to know our new members. For those who do not know me, my name is Claire Enderson. I have been at Otterbein for many years as a lifeguard and as a manager. During the off-season, I teach special education for Baltimore County Public Schools.

This year you may notice new lifeguard stands. Although the chairs are new, most of the lifeguards from last year, have returned. I am excited to be working with a staff who are familiar with the members, pool rules and safety protocols. As always my guards will be held to the highest standards and view pool safety as their number one priority.

We have many exciting events planned such as Movie Night, Open-Mic Night and Kid's Day. To learn about upcoming events, please stop by the bulletin board as well as "Like" us on Facebook. Additionally we will send out periodic Mail Chimp email reminders.

See you all soon,
Claire Enderson

OUR STAFF

Pool Manager Claire Enderson
Otters Swim Coach Rachel Machesky
Guards:

Madison Blair
 D'Arcy Carlson
 Chelsea Cole
 Kate Cole
 Connor Hardy
 Ben Holt
 Ray Howington

Liz Irving
 Rachel Laciny
 Monica Salters
 Alayna Shadis
 Chloe Shadis
 Margaret Welling
 Cara Woolston

We will continue to send out schedule updates and newsletter information using Mail Chimp, so be sure to keep an eye out for email from us!

Please make sure your children are wearing shoes outside the club's grounds, especially when retrieving balls that go over the fence.

Tara Kirk Sells is an American Olympic Medalist and former world record holder in the 50, 100, and 200 meter breast stroke. We are excited to kickoff our 2017 Otters Swim Team season with a program by Tara, a member of the Federal Hill community, on **May 31 from 5-6 PM**

EVENTS

MAY

- Tue 23 Cy's Swim Team Suit fitting and Otters Swim Team Meet and Greet at OSC (4:00 - 6:00pm)
- Sat 27 Pool Opens! (10am)
- Mon 29 Memorial Day - holiday hours - pool open 10am - 9pm
- Wed 31 Otters Kickoff with Tara Kirk Sells (5-6pm) (NOTE: Pool will be closed to general swimming during this event)

JUNE

- Sun 4 New Members Wine Party (4pm)
- Mon 5 Just for FUN! Kids Reading Club - Book Selection and kickoff (3:15pm)
- Fri 9 Music w/Aaron Shadis (6pm)
- Wed 14 Just for FUN! Kids Reading Club - Book Chat (half-read-through point) (3:15pm)
- Sat 17 Swim Meet OSC@Hunting Hills (warm-up at 8:30am; 9am start)
- Sat 17 Movie Night@dusk (Movie TBA)
- Sun 18 4th Annual Fathers Day BBQ Night
- Sat 24 Swim Meet - Cedarwood Cove @OSC (warm-up at 5:00 pm; 6:00 pm start)
- Mon 26 Just for FUN! Kids Reading Club - Book Chat (swap and recommend books to friends for July) (3:15pm)
- Wed 28 Swim Meet - Rolling Road @OSC (warm-up at 8:30am; 9:30am start)

JULY

- Tue 4 July 4th-Swim Club CLOSSES AT 8PM
- Sat 8 Swim Meet v. Cedarwood Cove @OSC (warm-up at 9:00am; 9:30am start)
- Wed 12 Swim Meet OSC@Rolling Road (warm-up at 5:00pm; 6:00 pm start)
- Fri 14 Music w/Aaron Shadis (6pm)
- Sat 15 Tri-Club Swim Meet - Cedarwood Cove & Rolling Road@OSC
- Sat 15 Movie Night@dusk (Movie TBA)
- Wed 19 Record Breaker Swim Meet and Pot Luck Celebration Dinner

AUGUST

- Sun 6 Kids Day (12noon - 3pm)
- Fri 18 Music w/Aaron Shadis (6pm)
- Fri 25 Glow Night

SEPTEMBER

- Mon 4 Labor Day - holiday hours - pool open 10am - 9pm

Look for updates and other exciting events and activities this summer in email-blasts and on the bulletin board at the pool.

SWIM TEST WRIST BANDS

Remember that all kids 10 and under need to take a swim test in order to be in the deep end of the pool by themselves.

GUEST PASSES & PARKING PASSES ARE ENCLOSED WITH THIS NEWSLETTER

Each membership receives a **Guest Pass Card** with 4 free guest passes to be used anytime during the summer. Fold the Card in half and put it into your purse or wallet so that you have it handy next time you want to bring a guest. To redeem one of your free passes, simply present your Guest Pass Card when you sign your guest in at the front desk. Please be sure to keep your Guest Pass Card in a safe place because **we will not replace lost or misplaced Guest Pass Cards.**

for your INFORMATION

THE SWIM TEAM

Our swimming program is structured as a fun introduction to the sport of swimming (for kids ages 6 and up), which includes working to improve endurance and stroke technique. If interested, be sure to sign up and attend Cy's swim suit fitting at OSC on Tuesday, May 23 from 4:00pm - 6:00pm. Swim Team members receive a team t-shirt, a swim cap, and a lot of fun! If you are new to the team and/or have questions, please contact Coach Rachel at rachelmachesky@yahoo.com.

GO OTTERS!!



SWIM TEAM PRACTICE TIMES

June 5 - June 14 :

Monday and Wednesday Evenings

4:00pm - 4:45pm ages 7-8

4:45pm - 5:15pm ages 5-6

5:15pm - 6:00pm ages 9 and up

Starting June 19 - July 19:

Monday and Wednesday Evenings, unless there is a Wednesday Meet

4:00pm - 4:45pm ages 7-8

4:45pm - 5:15pm ages 5-6

5:15pm - 6:00pm ages 9 and up

and

Tuesday and Thursday Mornings

8:15am - 8:45am ages 5-6

8:45am - 9:30am ages 7-8

9:30am - 10:15am ages 9 and up

SWIM LESSONS

If you are interested in having your child take swim lessons, please email us at swim@otterbeinswimclub.com. so that we may coordinate all of your requests for lessons and forward them out to Brian and Claire. Typically the cost is \$25 for a half-hour private lesson, but lessons of any size can be arranged if kids have buddies they'd like to swim with.



JUST FOR FUN! KIDS READING CLUB

Excited to try new books, read stories and swap them with your friends?

Join our Just For FUN! Kids Reading Club. Eat delicious food and share your opinion about books you've enjoyed. Choose anywhere between one and five books from our selections June 5 at the club launch; pre-order and pick your books up at the pool. We will have many choices available for reading levels 3rd-10th grade. Come discuss the ins and outs of plot twists at our two June parties. Stay tuned and swap books with friends for July's Just For FUN! Kids Reading Club.

PARTIES

Regular Guest Fees apply. Weekends and holidays, Adults are \$7 and Kids up to age 12 are \$5; Monday to Friday, Adults are \$5 and Kids up to age 12 are \$3. There is a minimum charge of \$25 (or \$50 if the pavilion is reserved). To book your party email us at claire@otterbeinswim.com.

Please note that the following applies:

1. Parties can be held any day except holidays – we do not take reservations for parties on Memorial Day weekend, July 4, Labor Day weekend, or on "Ravens pre-season game" evenings.
2. The pavilion can only be reserved for up to 3 hours. Guests can stay longer, but the pavilion needs to be opened up to the members or for other parties after that time.
3. We will reserve either the pavilion (or part of that area) or the picnic tables under the trellis for you. The pavilion area can only be reserved for groups of 10 or larger. There is no charge for the pavilion, but there is a \$50 minimum.
4. Parties are not guaranteed parking – on weekends we cannot provide guest passes for the lot. Other guests must park on the street or use Martini Lutheran Church if it is available.
5. No more than one weekend party reservation/month per membership
6. Parties must be paid in full at the end of the party. We do not have "charge" accounts.



TO THE 2017 POOL ADVISORY BOARD:

Pete Bickford, Cathy Brock, Andy Flacks, Michele Rackey, and Jess Sharfstein

There will be no Parties scheduled during Ravens Pre-Season Games (i.e., Thurs. Aug 10 & Sat. Aug 26)

GOOD TO KNOW...

- When you enter the pool, please stop by the front desk and sign-in yourself and your guests.
- No glass on the deck around the pool. All beverages from glass containers must be poured into plastic cups.
- Children must be potty-trained to go in the big pool. Also, please take your kids on frequent bathroom breaks.
- Do you have to pay guest fees for babies? If the baby is going into the baby pool – then yes!!

- How many times can you I invite the same guest? **A NON-MEMBER MAY BE A GUEST A GUEST ONLY TWICE IN MAY/JUNE, TWICE IN JULY, AND TWICE IN AUGUST/SEPT. (NO MATTER WHO IS INVITING THEM). ADULT GUESTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO SHOW I.D. EACH TIME.** If you have a special situation (e.g., out of town relatives visiting for a week), please check in with the Manager and special arrangements can be made.
- Can my guests park in the back lot? Unfortunately, we have so little room in the back so guests cannot use the lot unless it is an obviously quiet day. We do have 2-hour parking in front of the club and on Henrietta Street.

- Does the pool ever close? The pool will close for at least 30 minutes in the event of lightning and thunder.
- How many guests may I have on a Holiday Weekend? There is a limit of 10 guests per day / per holiday weekend / per membership.
- Do you really need a parking permit to park in the swim club lot? **YES!** Parking permits will be checked on a regular basis so please display your parking permit as instructed.

LAP SWIMMING REMINDER:

The two lap lanes are available for swimming laps throughout the day. These lanes are reserved for lap swimmers only. Children swimming laps should be supervised and accompanied by an adult.



PEANUT ALLERGIES

We have some members with severe peanut allergies. Please keep the baby pool area peanut free. If your family eats peanuts/peanut butter, please wipe your hands and faces (and table) before jumping into either pool so not to expose our allergy children.

**REMEMBER: New Members Wine Party
Sunday, June 4, 2017 @ 4:00 PM**



baby pool reminder . . .

Please make sure that all children in the baby pool are accompanied by an adult. The baby pool area is reserved for children under six years old.

Thank you!

